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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2023 BOARD MEETING

**BOARD ROOM
BOARD OF REGENTS OFFICE
URBANDALE, IOWA**

Board Members

February 22, 2023

Michael Richards, President	Present
Sherry Bates, President Pro Tem	Present
David Barker	Present
Nancy Boettger	Present
Abby Crow	Present
Nancy Dunkel	Present
Jim Lindenmayer	Present
JC Risewick	Present
Greta Rouse	Present

Board Office

Brock Ascher, Mark Braun, Mary Braun, Kristin Bauer, Brad Berg, Rachel Boon, Aimee Claeys, Laura Dickson, Debra Johnston, Josh Lehman, John Nash, Jason Pontius.

SUI

Barbara Wilson
Rod Lehnertz
Kevin Kregel
J. Brooks Jackson
Kim Hunter
Mark Henrichs

ISU

Wendy Wintersteen
Shawn Norman
Jonathan Wickert

UNI

Mark Nook
Michael Hager
José Herrera

ISD

John Cool

The corresponding memorandum for each agenda item, an integral component of the minutes, is available on the Board of Regents website: <http://www.iowaregents.edu>. Copies of these memoranda can also be obtained from the Board Office by calling 515-281-3934. Audio of the meeting is also available on the website.

February 22, 2023

*The Academic Affairs Committee met at 9 a.m.
The Campus and Student Affairs Committee met at 9:53 a.m.
The Property and Facilities Committee met at 10:48 a.m.
The Investment and Finance Committee met at 11:18 p.m.*

Call to Order for February 22, 2023

President Richards called the meeting to order at 11:52 a.m.

Roll Call:

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

*The Audit and Compliance Committee met at 11:53 a.m.
The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee met at 12:01 p.m.*

Closed Session

- ✓ MOVED by BOETTGER, SECONDED by BARKER to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.I, to discuss marketing and pricing strategies or similar proprietary information in a meeting of a public hospital, where public disclosure of such information would harm such a hospital’s competitive position when no public purpose would be served by public disclosure; In accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.a, to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; and In accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.c, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and premature disclosure would likely prejudice or disadvantage the position of the Board.

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

*The Board convened in closed session at 12:41 p.m.
The Board reconvened in open session at 2:08 p.m.*

Consent Agenda

- ✓ MOVED by BOETTGER, SECONDED by BATES, to approve and receive the following CONSENT AGENDA items:
 - a) Minutes of November 9-10, 2022 Board Meeting
 - b) Minutes of January 10, 2023 Board Meeting
 - c) Meeting of February 22, 2023 Academic Affairs Committee
 - d) Meeting of February 22, 2023 Campus and Student Affairs Committee
 - e) Meeting of February 22, 2023 Property and Facilities Committee
 - f) Meeting of February 22, 2023 Investment and Finance Committee
 - g) Meeting of February 22, 2023 Audit and Compliance Committee
 - h) Meeting of February 22, 2023 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee
 - i) Personnel Appointments

- j) Span of Control Report
- k) Annual Human Resources Report
- l) Annual Diversity Report
- m) Semi-Annual Claims Activity Reports: July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022
- n) Resolution Authorizing Defeasance of Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series' U.N.I. 2012
- o) Proposed University Parking Rates & Violations / Sanctions for FY 2024

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

Board President Report

President Richards read a statement:

In her Condition of the State address last month, Governor Reynolds announced an effort to improve state government by aligning departments differently and making operations more efficient.

There are two areas that I want to address that affect the Regents Enterprise. The first is moving the Governor’s Iowa STEM Council from the University of Northern Iowa to the state’s Department of Education.

Governor Reynolds is co-chair, and there are countless people involved in this critical initiative. From the executive committee, the advisory council, regional network managers, operations staff, and various programs, this program continues to build a strong STEM education foundation. UNI has done an amazing job in building this capacity for the state of Iowa.

Changes to funding, programming, and operations are not expected. In fact, we are hopeful that programming may expand. The responsive STEM programming for young people and in local communities will continue.

The second thing I want to mention is governance of the Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Governor Reynolds recommends moving oversight of those two entities, also to the Department of Education.

The Governor’s proposal will streamline administrative efforts to make decisions for all K-through-12 students within one department. The D.O.E. already oversees K-through-12 education statewide, including those with disabilities, and has the expertise and background to add oversight of ISD and IESBVI. Our special schools already work closely with many D.O.E. and A.E.A. staff in their day-to-day work. This alignment makes sense, and will serve our deaf, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired students well.

The Board of Regents wants what’s best for the students and families that receive services through ISD and IESBVI. Everyone should know that existing programs and

services will continue; no services will be cut, and no employees will be laid off because of this proposed realignment.

This process is just getting started, so no changes are imminent. It will take time to go through the legislative process, and the Board will work with all stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition as things move forward.

We have solid leadership in place with Interim Superintendent John Cool. The Board has full confidence in him to assist with the transition.

In conclusion, let me also say that we know people are very anxious for news on a search for a permanent superintendent. We must pause on that for now, while the governance and oversight are addressed.

Thank you.

Reports from Institutional Heads

President Wintersteen, President Wilson, President Nook and Interim Superintendent Cool presented updates on their respective institutions.

Graduation and Retention Report

President Richards recognized Board of Regents Associate Chief Academic Officer Jason Pontius, who presented the 2022 Graduation and Retention report. Pontius noted that the Regents institutions produce the most degrees in the state, by far, and are near the top of national rankings in graduation rates.

University Peer Group Updates

Chief Academic Officer Rachel Boon introduced the provosts to share rationale on changing peer institutions for Iowa's public universities.

- ✓ MOVED by BARKER, SECONDED by BOETTGER, to approve the change in peer groups as outlined in the docket item.

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

Board Policy Manual Revisions

Board Counsel Aimee Claeys presented a first reading of proposed revisions to chapters 1.2 and 1.4 of the Board of Regents policy manual. The revisions seek to further clarify and define the composition, authority and structure of Board of Regents committees.

Public Comment

President Richards noted that public comment on issues that come before the Board is an important part of the Board's deliberations. Three scheduled presenters spoke to the Board electronically:

- Barb Stanerson, Physical Therapist at The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, spoke on worker issues at UIHC
- Darci Jackson, UIHC Staff, spoke on worker issues at the Stead Family Children's Hospital
- Emma Croushore, UI Student, spoke on graduate student worker issues at the University of Iowa

Adjourn

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.