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**MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2020 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING**

**ORIGINATED FROM BOARD OF REGENTS OFFICE  
URBANDALE, IOWA**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>April 1, 2020</b>
Michael Richards, President	Present
Patty Cownie, President Pro Tem	Present
David Barker	Present
Sherry Bates	Present
Nancy Boettger	Present
Milt Dakovich	Present
Nancy Dunkel	Present
Zack Leist	Present
Jim Lindenmayer	Present

**Board Office**

Brock Ascher, Kristin Bauer, Brad Berg, Rachel Boon, Mark Braun, Aimee Claeys, Stephanie Griffin, John Nash, Jason Pontius, Patrice Sayre.

<b>SUI</b>	<b>ISU</b>	<b>UNI</b>	<b>ISD/IESBVI</b>
Bruce Harreld	Wendy Wintersteen	Mark Nook	Steve Gettel
Montserrat Fuentes	Jonathan Wickert	Jim Wohlpart	
Rod Lehnertz	Pam Cain	Michael Hager	
Brooks Jackson			
Suresh Gunasekaran			
Brad Haws			

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. Video of the meeting is also available on the website.

**Virtual Meeting**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and resulting social distancing directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Board held its April 1 meeting virtually, using web conferencing software.

*The Property and Facilities Committee met at 9 a.m.*

*The Academic Affairs Committee met at 9:27 a.m.*

*The Investment and Finance Committee met at 10:10 a.m.*

**Call to Order for April 1, 2020**

President Richards called the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Leist	Lindenmayer	Richards
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

*The Audit and Compliance Committee met at 11:55 a.m.*

*The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee met at 12:18 p.m.*

**Consent Agenda**

- ✓ MOVED by COWNIE, SECONDED by BATES, to approve and receive the following CONSENT AGENDA items:
  - a) Minutes of February 5, 2020 Board Meeting
  - b) Minutes of February 17, 2020 Board Meeting
  - c) Minutes of March 17, 2020 Board Meeting
  - d) Meeting of April 1, 2020 Property and Facilities Committee
  - e) Meeting of April 1, 2020 Academic Affairs Committee
  - f) Meeting of April 1, 2020 Investment and Finance Committee
  - g) Meeting of April 1, 2020 Audit Committee
  - h) Meeting of April 1, 2020 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee
  - i) Personnel Appointments
  - j) Board Policy Manual Addition (Freedom of Expression)
  - k) Annual Diversity Report
  - l) Annual Report on Competition with Private Enterprise
  - m) Resolution Authorizing Defeasance of Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series' UNI 2010 and 2010B
  - n) Approval of University Parking for FY 2021
  - o) Proposed Residence System Rates for 2020-21 Academic Year
  - p) Strategic Partnership Commitment - University of Iowa
  - q) Iowa State University Professional & Scientific Compensation Plan
  - r) Ratification of Emergency Authorizations
  - s) FY 2021 Salary Policies

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Leist	Lindenmayer	Richards
Aye	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Absent				x					

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL with the following abstentions:

RICHARDS abstained from Item 2r: Ratification of Emergency Authorizations  
 DUNKEL abstained from Item 2f: Meeting of April 1 Investment and Finance Committee  
 BARKER abstained from Item 2o: Proposed Residence System Rates for 2020-21  
 Academic Year

**Election of President and President Pro Tem**

President Richards recognized Board of Regents Executive Director Mark Braun who opened nominations for Board President in lieu of President Pro Tem Cownie, who was experiencing technical difficulties. Cownie affirmed Director Braun’s actions following the vote.

- ✓ MOVED by DAKOVICH, to nominate Mike Richards as President of the Board of Regents for the term commencing May 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2022.
- ✓ Nominations were closed by general consent.
- ✓ ROLL CALL on the MOTION to approve Mike Richards as President of the Board of Regents for the term commencing May 1, 2020, and ending April 20, 2022.

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Leist	Lindenmayer	Richards
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

President Richards opened nominations for Board President Pro Tem.

- ✓ MOVED by RICHARDS to nominate Patty Cownie as President Pro Tem of the Board of Regents for the term commencing May 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2022.
- ✓ Nominations were closed by general consent.
- ✓ ROLL CALL on the MOTION to approve Patty Cownie as President Pro Tem of the Board of Regents for the term commencing May 1, 2018, and ending April 20, 2020.

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Leist	Lindenmayer	Richards
Aye	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Abstain				x					

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL.

**Board President Report**

President Richards read a statement:

*The spread of COVID-19 has affected everyone in our country, and in these unprecedented times, we have been forced to take unprecedented actions. None of the decisions we have made have been made lightly. We are in a state of national emergency, and we must all come together.*

*I want to personally thank Governor Reynolds and her chief of staff Sara Craig, the General Assembly, and so many others inside and out of state government that have worked with us to make decisions in the best interest of all Iowans. I also want to thank the leadership from our universities, UIHC, and our special schools, and the staff of the Board of Regents, especially Mark Braun and Rachel Boon. These individuals have been extremely diligent*

*with our Board. I also want to publically thank the members of our Board of Regents, who spent countless hours working on and thinking through our current problems. I cannot mention everyone, but it does merit special recognition the efforts by personnel on the ground having to deal with the daily challenges of the COVID-19 health crisis. In particular, the doctors, nurses, and healthcare staff at UIHC have done amazing work treating those who need urgent care. They do this selflessly. They, along with other first responders, are heroes and deserve our deep gratitude and thanks for going above and beyond to keep us safe and healthy.*

*Above all else, please know that the decisions we have made are in keeping the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff as our top priority. I have seen a tremendous spirit of cooperation from all of our Regents institutions to meet this goal.*

*We fully understand that decisions we have made have been extremely disruptive in some cases, and have frustrated many. Tough days remain ahead, and additional difficult decisions are likely. As a medical doctor, my emphasis has always been to think of the health of the patient first. That will continue to be my focus. We must continue to make decisions to protect the students, faculty and staff at our Regents institutions. Our students and employees are and must continue to be top of mind, and each institution will need to respond in the manner that treats the most students and employees in the best possible manner.*

*We must also make certain that our great universities and special schools are open and here today, but they will also be here 25, 50 and 100 years and more from now.*

*Even though we have had our spring and summer sessions disrupted due to the pandemic, we will eventually get through this crisis. Our decisions continue to be forward-looking. I want everyone to know that we are planning on full, normal operations of our universities for the Fall 2020 semester. This includes in-person classes, re-opening of residence halls and food service, and other campus services.*

*As we move forward together, we need to follow the guidance that we are given from our national and state leaders. We will continue to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Iowa Department of Health, as we consider how our Regent institutions will operate in this trying time. Together, we will weather this storm and come out stronger on the other side.*

### **Reports from Institutional Heads**

ISU President Wendy Wintersteen, Special Schools Superintendent Steve Gettel, UNI President Mark Nook and UI President Bruce Harreld gave reports on recent activities at their respective institutions.

### **Closed Session**

- ✓ MOVED by COWNIE, SECONDED by LEIST, to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.a to review and discuss confidential personnel records in the matter of an employee appeal. These records are authorized or required to be maintained as confidential in accordance with Iowa Code section 22.7.11. and in accordance with Iowa Code sections 21.5.1.a & e to review and discuss confidential student records in the matter of a student appeal. These records are authorized or required to be maintained as

confidential in accordance with Iowa Code section 22.7.1 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232(g).

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Leist	Lindenmayer	Richards
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL.

**Closed Session Vote**

MOVED by COWNIE, SECONDED by BOETTGER, to affirm the final institutional actions in their entirety in the matters of Employee A and Student A.

	Barker	Bates	Boettger	Cownie	Dakovich	Dunkel	Leist	Lindenmayer	Richards
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL.

**Adjournment**

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.