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MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2020 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

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

Board Members	July 29, 2020
Michael Richards, President	Present
Patty Cownie, President Pro Tem	Absent
David Barker	Present
Sherry Bates	Present
Nancy Boettger	Present
Milt Dakovich	Present
Nancy Dunkel	Present
Zack Leist	Present
Jim Lindenmayer	Present

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Brock Ascher, Brad Berg, Mark Braun, Aimee Claeys, John Nash.

SUI	ISU	UNI	ISD/IESBVI
Bruce Harreld Rod Lehnertz	Wendy Wintersteen Pam Cain	Mark Nook Michael Hager	Steve Gettel

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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 July 29 meeting virtually, using web conferencing software.

The Property and Facilities Committee met at 1 p.m.

Call to Order for July 29, 2020

President Richards called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda

- ✓ MOVED by BOETTGER, SECONDED by BARKER, to approve and receive the following CONSENT AGENDA items:
 - a) Minutes of June 4, 2020 Board Meeting
 - b) Meeting of July 29, 2020 Property and Facilities Committee
 - c) Personnel Appointments
 - d) Appointment of Chief Negotiator and Spokesperson
 - e) Iowa State University Retirement Incentive Program
 - f) Allocation of FY 2021 State Funding Cut
 - g) University of Iowa Master Lease Refinancings

	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

FY 2021 Budgets

President Richards recognized Board of Regents Chief Business Officer Brad Berg, who introduced the institutional heads to speak on FY 2021 budgets. Special Schools Superintendent Steve Gettel, UNI President Mark Nook, ISU President Wendy Wintersteen and UI President Bruce Harreld presented.

- ✓ MOVED by BATES, SECONDED by DUNKEL, to approve Regent university, special school, Iowa Public Radio, and Board Office FY 2021 budgets as presented in the docket item; amended FY 2020 budget for SUI's State Hygienic Laboratory presented on page 26 of the docket item; and for Iowa State University to authorize a temporary reduction in employer contributions by two percent (2%) for its defined contribution retirement plans effective during the period beginning September 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

	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

SUI Academic Building Revenue Refunding Bonds

Chief Business Officer Brad Berg recognized Elizabeth Bergman from Baker Tilly, the Board's municipal advisor. Bergman reported that (1) the Board had received four bids; (2) the winning bid was submitted by UBS Financial, Inc.; (3) the true interest cost was 1.12 percent and; (4) present value savings of \$1.5 million were achieved.

- ✓ **MOVED** by DAKOVICH, **SECONDED** by DUNKEL, to adopt a resolution providing for the sale and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$6,775,000 Academic Building Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2020, for the purpose of currently refunding the \$9,945,000 Academic Building Revenue Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2010, and paying costs of issuance.

	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

SUI Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds

Chief Business Officer Brad Berg recognized Elizabeth Bergman from Baker Tilly, the Board's municipal advisor. Bergman reported that (1) the Board had received seven bids; (2) the winning bid was submitted by Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.; (3) the true interest cost was 1.57 percent and; (4) present value savings of \$5.3 million were achieved.

- ✓ **MOVED** by BATES, **SECONDED** by BOETTGER, to adopt a resolution providing for the sale and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$20,910,000 Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2020, for the purpose of currently refunding the \$30,000,000 Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series S.U.I. 2010, and paying costs of issuance.

	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

ISU Academic Building Revenue Refunding Bonds

Chief Business Officer Brad Berg recognized Elizabeth Bergman from Baker Tilly, the Board's municipal advisor. Bergman reported that (1) the Board had received six bids; (2) the winning bid was submitted by Citigroup Global Markets.; (3) the true interest cost was 1.34 percent and; (4) present value savings of \$5.6 million were achieved.

- ✓ **MOVED** by BARKER, **SECONDED** by DUNKEL, to adopt a resolution providing for the sale and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$22,990,000 Academic Building Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series I.S.U. 2020, for the purpose of currently refunding the \$28,225,000 Academic Building Revenue Bonds, Series I.S.U. 2010, and paying costs of issuance.

	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

Board President Report

President Richards read a statement:

Our universities have been extremely busy, diligently preparing for the resumption of in-person classes and on-campus university services for the Fall 2020 semester.

We all have had to make sacrifices and adjustments as the COVID-19 pandemic has been unfolding. I am impressed by our institutional leadership agreeing to take pay reductions to help with the economic challenges our schools are facing. One key aspect of leadership is being able to let your organization know that we are all in this together. Our leaders, both on the academic side as well as the athletics side, have shown the willingness to make significant personal sacrifice for the betterment of our staff and students. I want to say thank you to each of them.

We recognize that shared sacrifice is part of getting through this, and everything that we can do makes a difference in this pandemic. Whether that be financial sacrifice, or changing personal behavior and social choices to help mitigate the spread. By now, we all know the ways that health experts have been telling us that we can help: Wear a mask, socially distance, and wash your hands frequently.

We certainly anticipate that the detailed plans our universities have made public for the Fall 2020 semester will continue to be refined, added to, and adjusted if need be. Health and safety has been and will continue to be the top priority.

Now, I want to recognize Regent Nancy Boettger, who will read a formal resolution from the Board regarding COVID-19 and our public universities.

Regent Boettger read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has altered many facets of our lives, including the operations of Iowa’s Regent Universities; and

WHEREAS, a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency was declared by Governor Kim Reynolds, and a State of Emergency was declared at Iowa’s Regents Universities by Board President Mike Richards, in March 2020; and

WHEREAS, campus operations suffered major disruptions in the Spring 2020 semester, and we appreciate the efforts of faculty, staff and students who were forced into quickly adjusting their teaching, working, and learning environments as the pandemic spread; and

WHEREAS, health care workers at all three Regent Universities, and at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, were heroes serving on the front lines of the COVID-19

pandemic, providing critical health care and services and have gone above and beyond working to keep us safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa has done remarkable work, conducting more than 200,000 COVID-19 tests, and as the state's public health and environmental health laboratory, continues to provide disease detection and numerous other critical services to citizens from all of Iowa's 99 counties; and

WHEREAS, campus committees at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa have worked extremely hard at establishing plans for our campus operations in Fall 2020, and these committees have come up with thoughtful, detailed procedures to keep our campuses safe; and

WHEREAS, staff at the Regent institutions have worked tirelessly to implement the necessary health and safety protocols on our campuses to allow for the delivery of in-person classes this fall, in an effort to provide a productive and safe living and learning environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, expresses its deep gratitude to all those at Iowa's Regent Universities who have worked so hard on the challenges presented during the COVID-19 pandemic. The countless hours that these selfless and dedicated faculty, staff and students have put forth to keep our universities operating as safely as possible during these unprecedented times will always be remembered and appreciated.

Personnel Action for Institutional Heads and Executive Director

✓ MOVED by BOETTGER, SECONDED by BATES, to approve the following compensation changes for FY21:

For Special Schools Superintendent Steve Gettel

- Award a performance incentive of \$5,000
- Establish a new performance incentive of \$20,000 for FY 21

For Board of Regents Executive Director Mark Braun

- Establish a new deferred compensation plan commencing July 1, 2020 and terminating June 30, 2022 with annual contributions of \$145,000

For University of Northern Iowa President Mark Nook

- For the period beginning August 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, reduce his salary by an amount equal to \$42,110
- Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022; reduce the annual contribution to 2018 deferred compensation plan from \$100,000 to \$50,000

For Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen

- For the period beginning August 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, reduce her salary by an amount equal to \$59,000

For University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld

- For the period beginning August 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, reduce his annual salary by fifty percent.

	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

President Richards noted his appreciation of institutional leadership's monetary sacrifices.

Adjourn

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.