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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

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

Board Members

September 23, 2020

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, Mark Braun, Aimee Claeys, Patrice Sayre.

SUI

Bruce Harreld
Rod Lehnertz
Gary Barta

ISU

Wendy Wintersteen
Jamie Pollard

UNI

Mark Nook
David Harris

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 September 23 meeting virtually, using web conferencing software.

Committee Meetings

The Campus and Student Affairs, Property and Facilities, Academic Affairs and Investment and Finance Committees met virtually on September 17, 2020.

Call to Order for September 23, 2020

President Richards called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.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 12:30 p.m.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee met at 1:17 p.m.

Consent Agenda

- ✓ MOVED by COWNIE, SECONDED by DAKOVICH, to approve and receive the following CONSENT AGENDA items:
 - a) Minutes of July 29, 2020 Board Meeting
 - b) Personnel Appointments
 - c) Semi-Annual Claims Activity Reports: January 1 to June 30, 2020
 - d) Annual Facilities Report for 2020, including Capital Request for FY 2022
 - e) Meeting of September 17, 2020 Property and Facilities Committee
 - f) Meeting of September 17, 2020 Academic Affairs Committee
 - g) Meeting of September 17, 2020 Campus and Student Affairs Committee
 - h) Meeting of September 17, 2020 Investment and Finance Committee
 - i) Meeting of September 23, 2020 Audit and Compliance Committee
 - j) Meeting of September 23, 2020 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee
 - k) Iowa Public Radio Board Appointments
 - l) Board Office Early Retirement Incentive Program
 - m) Board Policy Manual Revision - Chapter 2.2
 - n) Ratification of Emergency Authorizations
 - o) Engagement of Counsel
 - p) Iowa Braille & Sight Saving School - Amended FY 2021 Operating Budget

	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 abstained from Item O: Engagement of Counsel, and voted yes on all other items.

Regent Barker noted that Iowa State University’s Hilton Coliseum expansion project, included in the consent agenda, previously had been postponed due to uncertainty with university athletics budgets in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Barker also noted that the Board’s action in approving initial planning does not mean that the entire Hilton Coliseum project will be approved, that initial planning efforts will be paid for entirely by university athletics donors and that the Board will take uncertainty in ISU’s athletics budgets into account when considering approval of subsequent steps in the project at future meetings

UNI Dormitory Revenue Refunding Bonds

Chief Business Officer Brad Berg recognized Elizabeth Bergman from Baker Tilly, the Board’s municipal advisor. Bergman reported that (1) the winning bid was submitted by Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.; (2) the true interest cost was 1.69 percent and; (3) present value savings of nearly \$1.4 million were achieved. Bergman also noted that the Board was given an A1 bond rating by Moody’s.

- ✓ MOVED by COWNIE, SECONDED by BATES, to adopt a resolution providing for the sale and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$14,545,000 Dormitory Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2020 Taxable, for the purpose of advance refunding the \$24,870,000 Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2011, and paying costs of issuance.

	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

Board President Report

President Richards read a statement:

Members of the Board of Regents and I want to thank all of those who have worked so hard and put together detailed plans for our universities and special schools to provide on-campus instruction this fall.

In the spring, we heard from many students, parents and faculty that they wanted to have the on-campus student experience. We listened and set a goal to deliver on campus instruction this fall and through thoughtful and detailed planning and preparation, we have over 100,000 students, staff, faculty and health care providers back on campus learning, researching, and caring for lowans again.

As we heard in the presentation during the UIHC Committee, it is this research that will lead to creating treatments, vaccines, and cures for COVID-19.

While COVID-19 has been a particular focus of our Board efforts, we continue with all of our governance responsibilities.

We also created an Advisory Group to look at ways we could stretch our resources and for opportunities to increase the collaboration that is already taking place among our

institutions. The Advisory Group has been meeting all summer with senior leaders from the campuses, and today is bringing the first recommendation to the Board to consider.

The Advisory Group will continue working through the fall and we look forward to their recommendations in November. I should note, in order to be as open and transparent as possible, as well as providing ample time to review the recommendations, the Advisory Group will present their recommendations in November, but the Board will not act on the recommendations until the February Board Meeting.

In a few minutes, the Board will discuss the FY 2022 appropriations request. As I have said a number of times, we have a partnership between the state, the universities and students to provide a high-quality accessible education.

We established a 5-year tuition plan that asks for resources from all three legs of the stool. We are keeping our word sticking to that plan. In addition to the \$18M in new funding we are requesting, we are also asking for the prior cut of \$8M for this fiscal year to be restored.

As you will hear when we discuss the Advisory Group recommendation, they have recommended a “NO NEW NET SQUARE FOOT” policy be put in place until the end of FY 2022. It does not include patient care health facilities. We have adjusted our capital request of the state to ask for deferred maintenance funding to improve some of the facilities we currently have.

Finally, I do want to acknowledge that since March, many tough decisions have had to be made. Not everyone will agree with every decision that has been made, nor will they agree with all the tough decisions that are yet to come. I urge all of us to remember that universities are a place where different viewpoints can be voiced feely and openly, but in a respectful and peaceful manner.

Budget Reports from University Athletics Directors

David Harris, Gary Barta and Jamie Pollard, directors of intercollegiate athletics at UNI, UI and ISU, respectively, provided updates on the budgetary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent postponements and cancellations of events. Director Barta and UI President Bruce Harreld also addressed the recent elimination of four intercollegiate sports at UI.

President Richards noted that the Board does not determine what sports are played at the universities, nor does it specifically budget for any particular sport.

- ✓ MOVED by LINDENMAYER, SECONDED by BATES, to approve FY 2021 university athletics budgets

	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

Advisory Group Recommendation

Regent Barker, chair of the Regents Advisory Group, thanked co-chair Regent Dunkel, Regents Lindenmayer and Boettger, Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Rachel Boon and those at the universities for their efforts in support of the Regents Advisory Committee. Regent Barker also advocated that further attention be paid to deferred maintenance of existing campus facilities.

Regent Dunkel affirmed Regent Barker’s statement, noting her thanks to the campuses and Regents for their support.

Regent Cownie applauded the Regents Advisory Group and noted that the recommendation was a good thing to do.

- ✓ **MOVED** by BARKER, **SECONDED** by DUNKEL, to approve the following recommendation: For all new capital projects, there shall not be an increase in net square footage as a result of the project. Exceptions for the moratorium are all projects and their future phases that are currently approved or under construction. Also, excluded from the moratorium are healthcare facilities or projects that are 100% funded by private donations. For projects that require state funding, the institution shall demonstrate, in its submission to the Board, how the projects comply with the moratorium. This moratorium takes effect immediately and sunsets on June 30, 2022, unless the Board extends the sunset date.

	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

FY 2022 Operating and Other Appropriations Request

- ✓ **MOVED** by DAKOVICH, **SECONDED** by BOETTGER, approve the operating and other appropriations requests for FY 2022 totaling \$642.87 million; and to authorize actions by designated Regent staff to seek collaboration and partnerships between Regent institutions and other sectors of state government.

	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

Adjourn

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.