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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2024 BOARD MEETING

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AMES, IOWA

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>September 18, 2024</b>	<b>September 19, 2024</b>
Sherry Bates, President	Present	Present
Greta Rouse, President Pro Tem	Present	Present
David Barker	Present	Present
Robert Cramer	Present	Present
Nancy Dunkel	Present	Present
Jim Lindenmayer	Present	Present
JC Risewick	Present	Present

**Board Office**

Brock Ascher, Mark Braun, Kristin Bauer, Brad Berg, Rachel Boon, Jillian Carlson, Aimee Claeys, Stephanie Griffin, Carolann Jensen, Josh Lehman, John Nash, Jason Pontius, Chad Sharp.

**SUI**

Barbara Wilson  
Rod Lehnertz  
Kevin Kregel  
Denise Jamieson  
Bradley Haws  
Mark Henrichs

**ISU**

Wendy Wintersteen  
Sean Reeder  
Jason Keith

**UNI**

Mark Nook  
Michael Hager  
José Herrera

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.

**September 18, 2024**

*The Property and Facilities Committee met at 10:30 a.m.*

*The Governance, Evaluation and Human Resources Committee met at 11:28 a.m.*

*The Investment and Finance Committee met at 11:35 a.m.*

*The Academic Affairs Committee met at 1 p.m.*

*The Free Speech and Student Affairs Committee met at 1:50 p.m.*

**Call to Order for September 18, 2024**

President Bates called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Risewick	Rouse
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent							

*The Audit and Compliance Committee met at 2:38 p.m.*

*The UI Health Care Committee met at 3:03 p.m.*

**Adjourn**

President Bates adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

September 19, 2024

**Call to Order for September 19, 2024**

President Bates called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Risewick	Rouse
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent							

**Consent Agenda**

- a) Minutes of July 31, 2024 Meeting
- b) Meeting of September 18, 2024 Property and Facilities Committee
- c) Meeting of September 18, 2024 Governance, Evaluation and Human Resources Committee
- d) Meeting of September 18, 2024 Academic Affairs Committee
- e) Meeting of September 18, 2024 Free Speech and Student Affairs Committee
- f) Meeting of September 18, 2024 Investment and Finance Committee
- g) Meeting of September 18, 2024 Audit and Compliance Committee
- h) Meeting of September 18, 2024 UI Health Care Committee
- i) Personnel Action
- j) University of Iowa Parameters Resolution

Regent Lindenmayer amended item d to remove Iowa State’s request for program merger, as that item was withdrawn from the Academic Affairs Committee agenda prior to the meeting. The amendment was approved by GENERAL CONSENT.

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay							

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Board President Report**

President Bates read a statement:

*I would like to take this time to give an update on the Board’s effort to implement the DEI requirements in Senate File 2435.*

*Even though these requirements take effect on July 1, 2025, we began working on compliance right away this summer by continuing our work on implementation of the Board Directives on DEI, passed last November and adding the new requirements in Senate File 2435.*

*Regents Rouse, Barker, Risewick and I have been working with Board Office Staff and the university presidents to ensure compliance.*

*As I mentioned, these requirements do not take effect until July 1, 2025, however, we have set a deadline of December 31st to complete our work. I want to reiterate, we will complete our work by December 31st.*

*After developing a comprehensive understanding of the new requirements, we started a systematic approach of reviewing all state and federal laws, and accreditation standards. The Board Office staff and universities, under direction of the Regents I mentioned before, are conducting a unit-by-unit analysis, identifying those DEI units, programs, and positions that are provided for by law or accreditation and those that require additional review and potential action. This review includes both central and distributed units and positions.*

*During the November meeting, the Board will receive a comprehensive report on the status of this review and the universities' progress towards meeting the Board's deadline of December 31st of this year for full compliance.*

*We are aware there have been instances, events or programs that can be perceived as going too far. As we learn of them, we review them in light of the law and address them appropriately. That has been our practice in the past and will continue to be our practice in the future. This will not be a static effort; we will continue to ensure we are following the law.*

**Reports from Institutional Heads**

Presidents Wendy Wintersteen, Barbara Wilson and Mark Nook and presented updates on their respective campuses.

**FY 2026 State Appropriations Request**

President Bates recognized Board Chief Business Officer Brad Berg, who presented operations and other appropriations requests for FY 2026 that total \$649.6 million. The requests include service to lowans projects, including Iowa's rural healthcare partnership, Iowa State's enhancing Iowa's rural economy program and UNI's partnership with Iowa community colleges and workforce recruitment program.

- ✓ MOVED by DUNKEL, SECONDED by ROUSE, to approve operating and other appropriations requests for FY 2026 as outlined in the memorandum; and authorize actions by designated Regent staff to seek collaboration and partnerships between Regent institutions and other sectors of state government.

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay							

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

**Faculty Presentation**

President Bates recognized ISU Provost Jason Keith, who introduced Matt Darr, John Deere Endowed Chair in Agriculture Innovation at ISU. Darr presented "Digital Innovation Powers the Future of Iowa Farming" to the Board.

**Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prevention Training**

President Bates recognized Board Counsel Aimee Claeys, who introduced ISU Associate General Counsel Brett Lohofener and ISU Director of Equal Opportunity and Title IX Coordinator Mary Sirna. Lohofener and Sirna delivered the annual sexual harassment and discrimination prevention training to the Board and Board staff.

**Closed Session**

- ✓ MOVED by DUNKEL, SECONDED by LINDENMAYER, to enter closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.i, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and premature disclosure would prejudice or disadvantage the position of the Board; and in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.j, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the Board would have to pay or reduce the price the Board would receive for the property; and in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.l, to discuss patient care quality and process improvement initiatives, pricing strategies, and similar proprietary information of a public hospital operated by the Board of Regents where public disclosure of such information would harm the hospital's competitive position and no public purpose would be served by the disclosure.

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay							

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

*The Board convened in closed session at 11:05 a.m.  
The Board reconvened in open session at 12:13 p.m.*

**Adjourn**

President Bates adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.