

Pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120), Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Linares, moved that the confidential written minutes from the closed session portions of the following meetings require confidential treatment and will remain confidential:

May 31, 2023 Executive Committee Special meeting;
June 13, 2023 Executive Committee Special meeting;
June 15, 2023 Regular Board meeting; and
June 23, 2023 Special Board meeting;

There was no discussion. The motion carried by acclamation.

Vice Chair Morales announced the opportunity for public comment. There were 12 registrations placed in advance and 10 presentations made.

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Action Item I. B. Board Action on Committee Recommendation Regarding the Statement of Auditor Independence, the Internal Auditing Charter, and the 2025-26 Internal Auditing Plan

Trustee Meresidis, seconded by Trustee Wolff, moved to adopt the Audit Committee's recommendation to accept and file the Statement of Auditor Independence, the Internal Audit Charter, and the 2025-26 Internal Auditing Plan as presented.

There was no discussion. Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Fleurimond: Yes	Kalayil: Yes	Linares: Yes	Morales: Yes
Garcia: Yes	Leon: Yes	Meresidis: Yes	Wolff: Yes

The motion carried.

Trustee Paula Wolff reported that the Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committee met this morning in the Alumni Hall North room and received informational briefings on the FY24 4th quarter budget to actual report and received a report on purchases of at least \$100,000 but less than \$250,000 that were made since the last committee meeting. The committee is presenting the following items for action.

Action Item I. C. Board Action on Committee Recommendation Regarding the Final FY25 Operating Budget

Trustee Wolff, seconded by Trustee Itzel Linares, moved to adopt the Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committee's recommendation to approve the Final FY25 operating budget.

Discussion: Trustees engaged in a lengthy discussion about various aspects of the budget document, particularly asking for a clearer explanation of the credit hours differential.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Fleurimond: Yes	Kalayil: Yes	Linares: Yes	Morales: Yes
Garcia: Yes	Leon: Yes	Meresidis: Yes	Wolff: Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item. I. D. Board Action on Committee Recommendation Regarding the FY26 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets Request

Trustee Wolff, seconded by Trustee Meresidis, moved to adopt the Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committee's recommendation to approve the University's FY26 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets Request as presented.

Discussion: Vice Chair Morales reminded Trustees that this is an IBHE requirement in order to get the University's operating and capital budgets request incorporated into the legislative budget discussions for the next year's appropriations.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Fleurimond: Yes Kalayil: Yes Linares: Yes Morales: Yes

Garcia: Yes Leon: Yes Mercedesis: Yes Wolff: Yes

The motion carried.

Action Item I. E. Board Action on Committee Recommendation Regarding Shortfall Funding for the

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University
September 19, 2024 •

WHEREAS, in 2004, Dr. Perez was recruited by the University President to serve as Assistant to the President and the University's first legislative liaison; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Dr. Perez was successful in creating the Office of Government Relations and was named the Director of the newly created office; and

WHEREAS, during her time as Senior Executive Director of Government Relations, Dr. Perez achieved a long and distinguished record of service at Northeastern; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Perez throughout her excellent service to Northeastern sought to build connections to government and community leaders, groups, and institutions, assuring mutual benefits to them and the University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Perez built her own credibility as well as that of the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Suleyma Perez be granted the title of Senior Executive Director Emerita of Northeastern Illinois University upon her retirement.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University, September 19, 2024. J. Todd Phillips, Chair of the Board; Michelle Morales, Vice Chair of the Board; and Katrina E. Bell-Jordan, President of the University.

The motion carried by acclamation.

Vice Chair Morales mentioned the following upcoming events:

- Inauguration festivities begin on Thursday, October 3.
- President Bell-Jordan's Inauguration Ceremony Friday, October 4th in the University Commons. RSVP deadline is September 27
- Inauguration Celebration (semi-formal) Saturday, October 5th in Alumni Hall. RSVP deadline is September 27
- Next Board Committee meeting day: Thursday, October 17. Committees to be announced soon
- IBHE Annual Trustee Leadership Conference will be Thursday, October 24, virtually, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Several Trustees are required to attend the training this year. Registration information will be coming soon.
- Next Board meeting: Thursday, November 21 at the Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies

There was no further business.

At 4:08 p.m. Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Fleurimond, moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Morales, Vice Chair of the Board
Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board
Approved November 21, 2024