



Indiana State University

Special Meeting of the ISU Board of Trustees Minutes

September 16, 2020

5:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom



## Special Meeting of the ISU Board of Trustees, September 16, 2020 Agenda Minutes

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## 1 Call Meeting to Order

The Indiana State University Board of Trustees met in special session at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 via Electronic Means.

### Opening Statement

I call this meeting of the Indiana State University Trustees to order. This meeting is held virtually as allowed under the public health emergency declared by Governor Eric Holcomb in conjunction with his Executive Order 20-09 as later extended by Executive Order 20-41.

With that this meeting is called to order, and we have two items for our agenda today. The first is a required approval to go forward on our next version of our strategic plan. The second item is simply a happy occasion.

#### **Trustees Present via Electronic Means**

Kathleen Cabello, Robert Casey, Tanya McKinzie, Randall Minas, Edward Pease, Casey Phillips, Cynthia Powers, Kimberly Smith and Jeff Taylor

#### **Trustees Absent**

None

#### **Others Present via Electronic Means**

President Curtis, Vice Presidents Licari, McKee, Morgan and Rogers. Also present, presenters Brad Balch and Jeremiah Turner.

There being a quorum present, Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

## 2a Approval of Priorities for Strategic Plan

Last year, the University undertook a review and revision of its foundational statements (Mission, Vision and Values) in preparation for the development of a new strategic plan for 2021-2025. The new foundational statements were approved by the Board at its May 8, 2020 meeting.

This new plan, “Focusing on our Future Together: A Strategic Plan for Indiana State University, 2021-2025,” will be developed by a broad spectrum of campus stakeholders during this academic year. Dr. Brad Balch, dean emeritus and professor of educational leadership, will lead the planning process with assistance from Teresa Exline, chief of staff in the Office of the President. Dr. Balch has more than 20 years of strategic planning experience and has served as a consultant to numerous educational entities.

In order to guide the campus in the development of the strategic plan, Dr. Balch has worked with the trustees and the administration to help develop a set of over-arching priorities for the plan to address. The priorities being presented for consideration are:

- Prepare the workforce for Indiana and beyond
- Impact lives and communities
- Ensure equity and inclusiveness
- Increase institutional vitality, sustainability, and performance

Once the priorities have been approved by the Board of Trustees, Dr. Balch will lead a series of opportunities to engage campus stakeholders in the development of the plan’s goals, strategies and key performance indicators. A draft plan will be shared with the Board of Trustees and campus at large in February 2021 with opportunities for additional feedback to fine-tune the final plan which will be shared with the Board of Trustees at its May 2021 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Approval of the four over-arching priorities for the Focusing on our Future Together: A Strategic Plan for Indiana State University, 2021-2025.

**Motion made by:** Kim Smith

**Motion seconded by:** Kathy Cabello

**Roll Call Vote:**

Kathleen Cabello, yes  
Robert Casey, yes  
Tanya McKinzie, yes  
Randall Minas, yes  
Edward Pease, yes  
Casey Phillips, yes  
Cynthia Powers, yes  
Kimberly Smith, yes  
Jeff Taylor, yes

**The Recommendation was approved.**

## 2b Naming of Rich and Robin Porter Cancer Research Center

This item is to request Board of Trustee approval of the naming of the Rich and Robin Porter Cancer Research Center in the lab space in rooms 217, 219, 221, and 221A on the second floor of the Science Building at Indiana State University. The naming of the Rich and Robin Porter Cancer Research Center would be the result of a \$250,000 gift from the Porters. The gift will be fully funded with a stock transfer upon Board of Trustee approval.

Rich Porter came to Indiana State from Hammond, IN, in 1974 to run track and field for the Sycamores. He graduated in 1977 with a degree in business management. Rich's professional career has spanned 40 years with several companies including, Kimball International, Rockwell International, and Ingersoll International. For the previous 13 years, Rich has worked in the private equity field, building a platform of companies housed in Ohio and New Hampshire manufacturing locations. Along with serving as President of TE-CO Manufacturing, Rich serves on a public company board and other for-profit company boards.

Rich and Robin have a history of giving back to Indiana State University. In 2015, Rich served an instrumental role in the donation of \$500,000 in software to the College of Technology from Hurco Companies, where he serves on their board of directors. In 2018, Rich and Robin gave generously to create an interactive display for the track and field program. They followed this donation with an additional \$25,000 gift to name the track and field conference room in honor of Rich's coach and mentor, Bill Malloy.

Rich has two priority philanthropic passions in his life, Indiana State University, and finding a cure for cancer. To that end, he serves as chair of the board of directors for the James Cancer Center at Ohio State University. During a visit with Provost Mike Licari and Dean Chris Olsen, Rich and Robin realized that their two passions, cancer research, and ISU, are linked. Hearing from Provost Licari and Dean Olsen about the research being performed at ISU at the undergraduate and graduate levels, Rich and Robin wanted to give back to enhance our efforts further.

The gift of \$250,000 will create the Rich and Robin Porter Research Fellows to provide a collaborative approach to learning with a focus on cancer research at the graduate level. Their investment will support five internationally competitive graduate students attending ISU and will allow them to focus their time and attention on cancer research.

The amount of the gift for this naming opportunity is consistent with the Indiana State University Naming Policy.

**Recommendation:** Leadership recommends approval of the naming of the Rich and Robin Porter Cancer Research Center at Indiana State University.

**Motion made by:** Randy Minas

**Motion seconded by:** Casey Phillips

**Roll Call Vote:**

Kathleen Cabello, yes

Robert Casey, yes

Tanya McKinzie, yes

Randall Minas, yes

Edward Pease, yes  
Casey Phillips, yes  
Cynthia Powers, yes  
Kimberly Smith, yes  
Jeff Taylor, yes

**The Recommendation was approved.**

## Adjournment

The Indiana State University Board of Trustees adjourned at 5:20 p.m.