



Indiana State University

Board of Trustees Special Agenda Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2024

State Room Tirey Hall



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1. Call Meeting to Order

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Board Chair Robert Casey

2. New Business Items

2a Consideration and Approval of the Employment Agreement for Dr. Michael Godard as the 13th President of Indiana State University
Board Chair Robert Casey

Approved

2b Remarks by Dr. Godard
13th President of ISU Dr. Michael Godard

3. Adjournment

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Board Chair Robert Casey

1. Call Meeting to Order – Board Chair Robert Casey

Roll Call:

Kathleen Cabello, present
Robert Casey, present
Robert Lowe, absent
Randall Minas, absent
Cynthia Powers, present
John Pratt, present
Cheryl Roberson, absent
Kate VanHyfte, present
Troy Woodruff, present

With a quorum being met, Board Chair Robert Casey called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

2a Consideration and Approval of the Employment Agreement for Dr. Michael Godard as the 13th President of Indiana State University.

Recommendation: Consideration and Approval of the Employment Agreement for Dr. Michael Godard as the 13th President of Indiana State University.

Motion made by: John Pratt

Motion seconded by: Kathy Cabello

The recommendation was approved.

2b Remarks by Dr. Godard

What an honor it is to stand before you today as the newly appointed 13th President of Indiana State University. Thank you, Board Chair Casey, Board Vice Chair Pratt, and all the trustees for your confidence in me. Your leadership continues to inspire our community and I am eager to embark on this journey with all of you.

I must also express my gratitude to my wife, Kathryn, and our two adult children, Grant and Lance, whose unwavering support and love have been my anchor and inspiration. Thank you for standing by me as we step into this new chapter of our lives together.

To our dedicated faculty and staff, your commitment to our university is the backbone of our success. I am thankful for the opportunity to work alongside such talented and passionate individuals. Your efforts in educating and supporting our students are what truly make this university exceptional.

To our students, you are not just a part of Indiana State University, you are the cornerstone of it. My primary commitment is to enhance your educational experience, ensuring that it is not only enriching but also prepares each of you for the challenges and opportunities of the future. We are here to support your dreams, to fuel your curiosity, and to provide the tools you will need to succeed both in life and work.

Indiana State has a rich legacy of fostering a supportive and dynamic learning environment, and I am committed to further strengthening this tradition. We will work together to innovate and adapt, ensuring that our academic programs and campus life are not only responsive to our student's needs but also proactive in helping them achieve their full potential.

We will also continue to build on our efforts to ensure inclusivity and accessibility for every member of our campus community. Every student, faculty and staff from every background should feel valued and empowered to contribute their unique perspectives and talents.

A key component of our path forward is to deepen our ties with Terre Haute and surrounding communities. Enhanced community involvement will not only enrich our university but also contribute significantly to our mutual growth and economic development. We will cultivate partnerships and initiatives that allow us to give back and engage meaningfully with our neighbors. These interactions will offer our students real-world experiences and foster a spirit of civic engagement.

As we look ahead, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities with enthusiasm and a spirit of collaboration. Let's engage more deeply, listen more attentively, and work collectively to propel Indiana State University to new heights of excellence and community impact. I am here to serve you and to champion the collective aspirations of our university community.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has welcomed Kathryn and me to Indiana State and the Terre Haute community. I am thrilled about the opportunities that lie ahead for us all. Together, we will write the next great chapter in Indiana State University's history and achieve extraordinary things.

Thank you, and go Sycamores!

Adjournment

The Indiana State University Board of Trustees adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on May 10, 2024