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SC.26.12 Report on the November 13, 2025, Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
University of Illinois System in Chicago

Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order and began with a vocal performance of State Song: *Illinois* by UIC Chamber Choir.

President Tim Killeen introduced university officers and observers.

Killeen reviewed the importance of the annual state leadership listening tour of Illinois and showed a video of tour highlights. The video highlighted the state-wide economic impact of the University of Illinois System.

Chair Ruiz invited Chancellor Marie Lynn Miranda to provide some comments.

Chancellor Marie Lynn Miranda welcomed the Board and shared Provost Colley was absent since she was being provided an award for lifetime achievement in the field of Glycobiology. Chancellor Lynn Miranda noted high demand for UIC, including record enrollment and increased retention rates; 35,869 students were enrolled at UIUC this fall. Other UIC accomplishments were presented including computing, medical training, and physics.

Executive Vice President/Vice President for Academic Affairs Nicholas Jones presented to the Board, the system's Fiscal Year 2027 State Budget Request. The system is asking for a 10.9% increase in appropriation for the system for a total of 809.3 million dollars. The request focuses on support of student success, enhancing academic excellence, funding for inflationary cost increases, technology/cyber security costs, and separately appropriated line-item inflation costs. The request includes 2.5% salary program request. The University of Illinois Hospital currently has 40.4 million in state appropriations, but with HR1 and loss of state funding from the HBIA program to make up for additional costs- the system request is 55 million for FY 2027 and beyond. Jones also presented capital renewal appropriation requests. Jones acknowledged this will be a difficult budget year for the state of Illinois, but the system will be grateful for any increase and hope for a favorable outcome.

Professor Kristi Barnwell, USC, presented "World Class(es): Global Teaching and Learning across the University of Illinois System " on behalf of the University Senates Conference.

James H. Moore Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Illinois Foundation presented an update on UI System and campus campaigns. Philanthropic impact on higher

education has never been more important. The Foundation has three primary functions, steward relationships, secure private support, and manage gifted assets.

The four Board Committee reports provided background to various items on the action agenda for today.

- University Healthcare System Committee, Trustee Jesse Ruiz, Chair
- Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee, Trustee Joseph Gutman, Chair
- Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee, Trustee Ramón Cepeda, Chair
- Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Trustee Tami Craig Schilling, Chair

Nine members of the public presented public comments ranging from DEI programming and admissions policies, parental leave for RNs at the UIC medical Cancer Center, Gies Memorial Stadium naming, UIUC symbol, UIC Jewish student experiences, and support for ethnic studies and cultural centers.

The following action items were approved (items affected Urbana highlighted):

--Approval of Minutes--

A1. Approve Minutes of Board of Trustees Meetings

Regular Agenda

The following recommendations have been reviewed by the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee prior to advancement to the Board as a Whole:

- 01. Revise Procedures Governing Appearances Before the Board of Trustees*
- 02. Appoint Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Urbana*
- 03. Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Access, Civil Rights, and Community, Urbana*
- 04. Appoint Chief of Staff and Vice Chancellor for Administrative Strategy, Urbana*
- 05. Appoint Vice Chancellor for Engagement, Chicago*

The following recommendation has been reviewed by the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee and the University Healthcare System Committee prior to advancement to the Board as a Whole:

06. *Appoint Interim Chief Executive Officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, Chicago*

The following recommendation has been reviewed by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee prior to advancement to the Board as a Whole:

07. *Approve Interim University of Illinois System Policy on Integrity in Research and Scholarly Activities*

08. *Appoint Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Chicago*

09. *Appoint Interim G. Stephen Irwin Dean, College of Medicine, Chicago*

10. *Establish the Social and Behavioral Sciences Institute as a Permanent Institute, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Urbana*

11. *Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Sports Media, College of Media, Urbana*

The following recommendation has been reviewed by the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee prior to advancement to the Board as a Whole:

12. *Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff, and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff*

The following recommendation has been reviewed by the Audit, Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee prior to advancement to the Board as a Whole:

13. *Name State Farm Center East Circle Drive, Urbana*

14. *Rename Motorcycle Safety Program Building, Urbana*

Roll Call Agenda

The following recommendations have been reviewed by the Audit, Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee prior to advancement to the Board as a Whole:

15. *Approve Request for Operating and Capital Appropriations, Fiscal Year 2027*

16. *Approve Project, Thomas M. Siebel School for Computer Science Addition, Urbana (Capital Development Board Project)*

17. *Approve Project Budget and Employ Architect/Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Sciences Building Roof Replacement and Masonry Repair, Urbana (Capital Development Board Project)*

18. *Delegate Authority to the Comptroller to Initiate a Public-Private Partnership Pre-Development Process and to Enter into Related Agreements to Construct the National Quantum Facility and Quantum Works, Urbana*

19. *Approve Hope Village Community Collaboration Initiative, Urbana*

20. *Purchase Recommendations*

Presented to the Board as a Whole:

21. *Authorize Settlement: (Cynthia Szymel Asserted Claim)*

22. *Disclose Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Pursuant to Open Meetings Act*

President Killeen closed with final comments thanking UIC for hosting the meeting and reminding all of the important work done within the system which supports public good and the state of Illinois.

Chair Ruiz closed his remarks noting a 10th public comment speaker was not able to get into room, they will reach out to see if the remarks can be shared with the board by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 pm

Submitted,
Chaya Sandler