



## MINUTES

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
State Universities Retirement System  
Friday, November 5, 2021, 3:00 p.m.  
Via remote access only due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns**

The meeting on Nov 5, 2021, was conducted via video conference pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, the Governor's Disaster proclamation dated Aug. 20, 2021, and Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act. The Chair of the SURS Board of Trustees, John Atkinson, determined that a full, in-person meeting was not practical nor prudent due to ongoing Covid-19 disaster concerns.

The following trustees were present: Mr. John Atkinson, chair; Mr. Collin Van Meter, Vice-Chair; Dr. Andriy Bodnaruk; Ms. Jamie Clare Flaherty; Dr. Fred Giertz; Mr. Scott Hendrie; Dr. Steven Rock; and Dr. Mitch Vogel.

Others present: Mr. Michael Calabrese, Fiduciary Counsel; Ms. Kelly Carson, Executive Assistant; Mr. Lyndon Taylor of Heidrick and Struggles; and Ms. Katie Woodfin of Heidrick and Struggles.

Board of trustees roll call attendance was taken. Trustee Atkinson, present; Trustee Bodnaruk, present; Trustee Figueroa, absent; Trustee Flaherty, present; Trustee Giertz, present; Trustee Hendrie, present; Trustee Lyons, absent; Trustee Rock, present; Trustee Van Meter, present; Trustee Vogel, present; and Trustee Weisbenner, absent.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Atkinson presented the minutes from the Special Ad Hoc Committee meetings of October 14, 2021, October 22, 2021, and October 23, 2021.

Trustee Rock made the following motion:

- That the minutes from October 14, 2021, October 22, 2021, and October 23, 2021 Special Ad Hoc Committee minutes be approved as presented.

Trustee Giertz seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

Trustee Atkinson	-	aye
Trustee Bodnaruk	-	aye
Trustee Figueroa	-	absent
Trustee Flaherty	-	aye
Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Hendrie	-	aye

Trustee Lyons - absent  
Trustee Rock - aye  
Trustee Van Meter - aye  
Trustee Vogel - aye  
Trustee Weisbenner - absent

### **APPROVAL OF CLOSED MINUTES**

Trustee Atkinson presented the minutes from the Special Ad Hoc Committee meetings on October 14, 2021, October 22, 2021, and October 23, 2021.

Trustee Rock made the following motion:

- That the closed minutes from October 14, 2021, October 22, 2021, and October 23, 2021, be approved as presented and remain closed.

Trustee Giertz seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

Trustee Atkinson - aye  
Trustee Bodnaruk - aye  
Trustee Figueroa - absent  
Trustee Flaherty - aye  
Trustee Giertz - aye  
Trustee Hendrie - aye  
Trustee Lyons - absent  
Trustee Rock - aye  
Trustee Van Meter - aye  
Trustee Vogel - aye  
Trustee Weisbenner - absent

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATE SEARCH UPDATE**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Rock moved that the committee go into closed session pursuant to 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Hendrie seconded the motion which passed via the following roll call vote:

Trustee Atkinson - aye  
Trustee Bodnaruk - aye  
Trustee Figueroa - absent  
Trustee Flaherty - aye  
Trustee Giertz - aye  
Trustee Hendrie - aye  
Trustee Lyons - absent  
Trustee Rock - aye  
Trustee Van Meter - aye  
Trustee Vogel - aye

Trustee Weisbenner - absent

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Trustees returned to open session at 5:27 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments presented to the SURS Board of Trustees.

**TRUSTEE COMMENT**

There were no trustee comments.

There was no further business brought before the board and Trustee Rock moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hendrie and carried with all trustees present voting in favor.

Trustee Atkinson	-	aye
Trustee Bodnaruk	-	aye
Trustee Figueroa	-	absent
Trustee Flaherty	-	aye
Trustee Giertz	-	aye
Trustee Hendrie	-	aye
Trustee Lyons	-	absent
Trustee Rock	-	aye
Trustee Van Meter	-	aye
Trustee Vogel	-	aye
Trustee Weisbenner	-	absent

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Michael Calabrese  
SURS Fiduciary Counsel and Temporary Acting Secretary for Ad Hoc Search Committee

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## **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

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Upon motion by Trustee Rock, second by Trustee Hendrie, and a unanimous roll call vote, the SURS Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee went into closed session under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §2(c)(1).

The following trustees were present: Mr. John Atkinson, chair; Mr. Collin Van Meter, Vice-Chair; Dr. Andriy Bodnaruk; Ms. Jamie Clare Flaherty; Dr. Fred Giertz; Mr. Scott Hendrie; Dr. Steven Rock; and Dr. Mitch Vogel.

Others present: Michael Calabrese, Fiduciary Counsel; Mr. Lyndon Taylor of Heidrick and Struggles; Ms. Katie Woodfin of Heidrick and Struggles; and Executive Director candidates as noted below.

The Board went into Closed Session at 3:08 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATE SEARCH UPDATE**

Mr. Taylor of Heidrick & Struggles provided trustees with specific candidate information and generally discussed the interviews for the Executive Director Search. Trustees asked questions regarding the process and discussed potential candidates. Interviews then proceeded with two candidates for the post of SURS Executive Director. Each candidate entered the meeting for the duration of their interview only. The Board then discussed the candidates.

The Open Meeting resumed at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Michael Calabrese  
SURS Fiduciary Counsel and Temporary Acting Secretary

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