

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 9, 2025

Western Illinois University

Macomb, Illinois

### **Open Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 1:30pm on May 9, 2025 in the Macomb Union, Capitol Room. Chair, Carin Stutz presided.

#### **May 9, 2025 – University Union Capitol Room**

Trustee moved to convene to open session at 1:30 pm.

Motion: Trustee Wise

Second: Trustee Cornell

#### **Roll Call**

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
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Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
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Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
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Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
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Motion approved.

#### **Roll Call**

The following Trustees were present:

Trustee Derek Wise

Trustee Polly Radosh

Trustee Carin Stutz

Trustee Cody Cornell

The following Trustee joined on-line:

Trustee Kisha Lang

Trustee Kirk Dillard

Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins

Also present for the meeting of the Board of Trustees:

President, Kristi Mindrup

Interim Legal Counsel, Victoria Smith

Senior Executive Assistant to the President, Athena Brooks

Motion to allow Trustee Kisha Lang, Trustee Kirk Dillard and Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins to appear remotely pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a)(ii)

Motion: Trustee Wise

Second: Trustee Cornell

#### Roll Call

Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes

Motion approved.

#### **Public Comments**

Bill Thompson – Concerns listed in regards to layoffs of faculty including the silence on campus. A moment of silence observed for those who have been laid off.

Dan Shipman – President of AFSCME, Local 417. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> a tentative agreement was reached. On April 25<sup>th</sup> the clerical and BSW agreements were unanimously ratified. Review of terms.

#### **Chairperson's Remarks**

Mrs. Carin Stutz -

- Thank you for being here today.
- I was so shocked and deeply saddened to hear about Dean Billy Clow's passing. Billy's going to be missed not only because he was competent, respected, consistent and an insightful leader but because he was a decent and kind person. When I got here he was the person I would call probably two to three times a week really just to understand everything that was happening. His ability to cut to the center of issues made it easier for all who knew him to appreciate his insight during the years. Billy always saw a brighter day coming and he sought creative inclusive and innovative solutions to some very complex problems. The decisions that Billy made for the Goldfarb Center for Performing Arts will be with the university for generations. He loved what this center will do for WIU and the entire West Central Illinois region and for what the center will do for the promotion of the arts that he loved. He will surely be missed.
- Take a moment to thank all of you for your patience and your commitment in the wake of another difficult year. As this one draws to a close, I hold out hope that the tough decisions made this year will position WIU for a better year next year.
- Finally, I offer my congratulations to all of the graduates who will be recognized at commencement tomorrow. Recognition of success and degree completion is the most rewarding part of this job and I really look forward to celebrating our graduates tomorrow. Thank you.

## **President's Remarks**

President Kristi Mindrup -

- Good afternoon everybody. I echo Chair Stutz's comments about Dean Billy Clow. Colleague, friend, mentor and truly one of the best bosses I've ever had. He is somebody who will advocate for you, go to bat for you, make you laugh and make you think harder. His impact on the university community will be felt for years to come and I think his memory lives on, not just in our spaces on campus, but the spaces in our hearts.
- With regard to the agenda today, I want to thank Dan Shipman for being here today as well as your colleagues that you've brought along with you. Thank you to everybody involved, with the negotiation process there are a lot of details to work out and a lot of information to share. The black shirts AFSCME has say "WIU works because we do" and that is 100% accurate. We respect the work that you do, we respect the knowledge and expertise that you bring to the university. From the bottom of my heart I just want to say thank you for all that you give to the university.
- I want to thank the board and AFSCME for making this meeting possible today.
- This has been a year of significant challenge. I want to highlight that there were some key times in the last year that honestly the financial situation looked very bleak. I just want to point out that we're all sitting here in this room today receiving a paycheck and while certainly difficult decisions were made impacting individuals. I also want to mention that we are at a pivoting point now. We truly are where we are able to simultaneously continue to be responsible with our finances but also shift to planning and a future focus for our institution.
- I want to highlight the transparency of our vice president for finance and administration Ketra Roselieb who's met with faculty senate, our negotiation groups, various stakeholders, and anybody who ever wants to know anything about the university's financial position.
- Rebuilding academic affairs in a way that responds to the evolving world around us and oh boy is it evolving right now. There are so many considerations with regard to how we project ourselves outward as a university, how we respond to the challenges, and innovations and technology and also how do we reach new student populations. Those conversations are happening thanks to Provost, Mark Mossman and Faculty Senate Chair Jeremy Robinett and the teams that they're working out with so very grateful.
- Kudos to the world of student success. I can't think of a better celebration of our students' success than what this weekend is all about and that's graduating and celebrating the accomplishments of our students so to every member of the university community I want to express gratitude and really true appreciation for everything that you've contributed to the student experience. Congratulations to our students and congratulations to all of us. Thank you.

## **Resolutions and Action Items**

## **Action**

Resolution No. 25.5/1

**Action**

AFSCME, Council 31, Local 417, AFL-CIO Clerical  
2024 —2027 Bargaining Agreement  
(Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Motion: Trustee Wise  
Second: Trustee Radosh

Roll Call

Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes

Motion approved.

Resolution No. 25.5/2

**Action**

AFCME, Council 31, Local 417, AFL-CIO Building Service Workers  
2024 —2027 Bargaining Agreement  
(Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ketra Roselieb)

Motion: Trustee Wise  
Second: Trustee Cornell

Roll Call

Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes

Motion approved.

**Next Meeting**

June 17, 2025 Closed and Open Session – Quad Cities Campus in the Riverfront Hall, 104

**ADJOURN ACTION**

Trustee moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 1:52 pm.

Motion: Trustee Radosh  
Second: Trustee Wise

Roll Call

Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes

Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Yes
Trustee Erika Lowe Mullins	Yes

Motion approved.

Carin Stutz, Chair  
Athena Brooks, Senior Executive Assistant to the President