



**CLOSED MINUTES OF THE TWO-HUNDRED-AND-TWENTY-FIFTH
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY CIVIL SERVICE MERIT BOARD –
JULY 9, 2024**

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200 S Wacker Drive
Conference Room 702
Chicago, IL

Illinois State University
718 W. College Avenue
Room NSB 101A
Normal, IL

Vice Chair Butler called the closed section into session at 1:58 p.m.

Members present at the University System Office and posted designated sites were: John Butler, Vice Chair, from the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees; Barb Baurer from the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees; Carolyn Blackwell from the University of Illinois Board of Trustees; Jim Kvedaras from the Governors State University Board of Trustees; Kisha Lang from the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees; J. Todd Phillips from the Northeastern Illinois University; and Jason Quiara from the Chicago State University Board of Trustees.

Members absent were: Julie Annette Jones, Chair, from the Illinois State University Board of Trustees; Ramon Cepeda from the University of Illinois Board of Trustees; Tami Craig Schilling from the University of Illinois Board of Trustees; and John Simmons from the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees.

Gail Schiesser, Executive Director, Nick Nedeau, Legal Counsel, and Teresa Rademacher, Secretary for the Merit Board, were also present.

Vice-Chair Dr. Butler stated that the purpose of the Closed Session Meeting was to discuss matters relating to discharge proceedings Number EIU-23-1 against Hannah Wooldridge by Eastern Illinois University.

The Merit Board discussed the case in detail.

Mr. Phillips questioned the three charges and the fact that one charge was not proven per the Findings of Fact. Executive Director Schiesser stated that the hearing officer did not explain what might have been missing from the evidence presented.

Mr. Phillips asked if there was a defense by Ms. Wooldridge at the hearing. Executive Director Schiesser stated Ms. Wooldridge was at the hearing and represented, and she did not testify.

Mr. Kvedaras made a motion that the Merit Board return to Open Session. Ms. Baurer seconded Mr. Kvedaras' motion. In accordance with the Merit Board Bylaws, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved with the following vote:

Mr. Kvedaras	Aye
Ms. Lang	Absent
Mr. Phillips	Aye
Mr. Quiara	Aye
Mr. Simmons	Absent
Ms. Baurer	Aye
Ms. Blackwell	Aye
Dr. Butler	Aye
Mr. Cepeda	Absent
Ms. Craig Schilling	Absent
Chair Jones	Absent

The Merit Board returned to open session at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Teresa Rademacher

Teresa Rademacher
Secretary for the Merit Board

APPROVED:

/s/ John Butler

John Butler, Chair
University Civil Service Merit Board

October 15, 2024

Date