



## **MINUTES**

**Closed Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
State Universities Retirement System  
9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 10-11, 2015  
State Universities Retirement System  
1901 Fox Drive, Main Conference Room  
Champaign, Illinois 61820**

Upon Motion by Trustee Paul R.T. Johnson, Jr., seconded by Trustee Fred Giertz, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Trustees went into closed session under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §2(c)(11).

The following Trustees were present: Ms. Lindsay Anderson, Chair; Mr. Aaron Ammons, Mr. Dennis Cullen (by conference call), Dr. John Engstrom, Dr. Fred Giertz, Mr. Paul R.T. Johnson Jr., Mr. Craig McCrohon, Ms. Dorinda Miller, Dr. Steven Rock, Mr. Antonio Vasquez.

Others present: Mr. Bryan Lewis, Executive Director; Mr. Albert Lee, Interim General Counsel; Ms. Lori Kern, Executive Assistant; Ms. Mary Pat Burns of Burke, Burns & Pinelli.

### **Fraud Referral**

Ms. Mary Patricia Burns and Mr. Albert Lee informed the Board that they believe there is a “reasonable suspicion” that a false statement or falsified record has been submitted to SURS and they recommend that the matter be referred to the appropriate State’s Attorney for further action, pursuant to Section 1-135 of the Pension Code. There was no further discussion.

### **General Counsel’s Litigation Report**

Mr. Albert Lee presented the September 2015 General Counsel’s Litigation Report updating the Board on pending litigation matters.

Mr. Lee excused himself from the meeting after providing this report.

### **General Counsel Recommendation**

Mr. Lewis provided an update on the General Counsel Search noting that SURS advertised through all of the national associations, locally and on the SURS website. Through this process, the General Counsel Search Committee has narrowed candidate pool to a slate of

three candidates with a broad array of experience. The question was posed as to whether or not staff was comfortable with the outreach done during this search. Trustee Lindsay Anderson noted that she had been involved throughout the process and that additional outreach efforts were performed. However, at this point in the process, she is confident that there is a really strong selection of finalists to choose from. Discussion of the three candidates, their experience, and salary recommendations continued. Trustee Craig McCrohon asked that Mr. Lewis share the resumes with the group. Mr. Lewis agreed to share the resumes with any Trustee that is interested and would wait for their feedback, before moving forward. At the conclusion of the conversation, the majority of the group indicated that they were comfortable in moving forward as discussed.

Upon motion by Trustee Giertz that was seconded by Trustee Paul R.t. Johnson, Jr. and carried, the Meeting of the Board of Trustees resumed its meeting in open session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr. W. Bryan Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mr. W. Bryan Lewis  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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