

MINUTES

**Board of Governors' Meeting
September 29, 2023**

**Illinois Education Association
Professional Development Center
3440 Liberty Drive
Springfield, IL 62704**

Chairman Goetten called the meeting to order at 11:03 A.M. He thanked all for attending and requested that Secretary Noll call the roll. Secretary Noll did so, and Chairman Goetten noted the presence of a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Ben Goetten, Chairman
Denton Aud, Vice-Chairman
Gray Herndon Noll, Secretary
James Gomric
J. Hanley
Eric Weis

Board Members Absent:

Robert Berlin
Kimberly M. Foxx
Patrick D. Kenneally
Joseph R. Navarro

Staff:

Patrick J. Delfino, Director
David J. Robinson, Chief Deputy Director
Matthew Jones, Associate Director
Megan Beckwith, Administrative Assistant
David Neal, Division Legal Chief

Chairman Goetten called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Governors' meeting of June 7, 2023. Board Member Gomric made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Governors' Meeting of June 7, 2023. Board Member Hanley seconded the motion. Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 2023, BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING MADE BY BOARD MEMBER GOMRIC AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER HANLEY. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Goetten opened the meeting by thanking the Board Members for their participation and by asking that everyone keep Dallas Ingemunson and his family in their prayers. He next requested that Director Delfino make his report.

Director's Report

Director Delfino thanked Chairman Goetten and began his report by providing a comprehensive overview of Agency fiscal information. He first reviewed the proposed FY24 County Contributions and proposed that the Agency reinstate the county contributions to the level they were at in FY20, which was \$1,000.00 more per population category.

Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing no discussion, Chairman Goetten made a motion to approve the Proposed FY24 County Contributions. Vice-Chairman Aud seconded the motion. Chairman Goetten called for a vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FY24 COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS AS SUBMITTED MADE BY CHAIRMAN GOETTEN AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN AUD. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Director Delfino next reviewed all Agency activity reports and expressed his thanks for the contributions of Chief Deputy Director Robinson, Associate Director Jones, Chief Fiscal Officer Mundy, and all Agency Deputy Directors and Attorneys. He stated that all activity report information is listed in detail in the Board packet.

Director Delfino then directed the Board's attention to the proposed Agency's Contractual and Personnel List and asked Chief Deputy Director Robinson to provide a detailed review of the emergency contractual agreements related to the SAFE-T Act.

Chief Deputy Director Robinson provided a comprehensive review of the organizational framework within the SAFE-T Act Division in order to enhance the Board's understanding of operational processes. He next reviewed the emergency contracts related to the SAFE-T Act and addressed all inquiries from the Board pertaining to the contracts. Chief Deputy Director Robinson further explained that the Agency would post a Request for Qualifications on the Agency's website and at the physical Administrative Office in Springfield to ensure that the Agency is contracting with the most qualified law firms and individuals.

Chairman Goetten asked for a motion to approve the proposed Agency's Contractual and Personnel List. Board Member Hanley made a motion to approve the proposed Agency's Contractual and Personnel List. Board Member Weis seconded the motion. Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AGENCY'S CONTRACTUAL AND PERSONNEL LIST AS SUBMITTED MADE BY BOARD MEMBER HANLEY AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER WEIS. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Director Delfino next asked for Board approval on the proposed FY23 Annual Report which was sent in the Board material.

Chairman Goetten made a motion to approve the proposed FY23 Annual Report as submitted, and Vice-Chairman Aud seconded the motion. Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FY23 ANNUAL REPORT AS SUBMITTED MADE BY CHAIRMAN GOETTEN AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN AUD. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Cannabis Expungement Fund

Director Delfino asked Associate Director Jones for an update regarding the Cannabis Expungement Fund. Associate Director Jones said that the program restarted and that the expungements are being reviewed alphabetically by county. He said that no objections were raised for the first set of expungements and that no money would need to be expended at this time from the Cannabis Expungement Fund.

Director Delfino expressed his appreciation to Associate Director Jones and stated that this completed his report. Chairman Goetten thanked him for his presentation.

Old Business

Chairman Goetten asked the Board Members to turn their attention to the review and approval of the minutes of the Closed Executive Session of the April 5, 2023, Board Meeting and asked if the Board had any questions.

Director Delfino said that the minutes of Closed Executive Sessions must be reviewed every 6 months to decide whether the minutes can be made public. He noted that the matters discussed during the April 5, 2023, Closed Executive Session were finalized and recommended making the minutes public.

Chairman Goetten made a motion to approve the minutes of the Closed Executive Session of the April 5, 2023, Board Meeting. Board Member Hanley seconded the motion. Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

MOTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION OF APRIL 5, 2023, MADE BY CHAIRMAN GOETTEN AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER HANLEY. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Chairman Goetten next made a motion to make public the minutes of the Closed Executive Session of April 5, 2023. Board Member Weis seconded the motion. Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

MOTION TO MAKE PUBLIC THE MINUTES OF THE CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION OF APRIL 5, 2023, MADE BY CHAIRMAN GOETTEN AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER WEIS. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Public Comment

Chairman Goetten next called for any public comment. Norb Goetten was present and expressed his thanks for being able to join the Board and said the Board Members did a good job approving their Chairman.

New Business

Chairman Goetten next asked if there was any new business.

Chief Deputy Director Robinson said that he also wanted to inform the Board that he met with Peter Rotskoff of the ARDC to review the contractual agreements related to the SAFE-T Act. He said that Mr. Rotskoff was comfortable with the way the Agency was handling potential conflicts regarding legal contractors for the SAFE-T Act Division.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Goetten again thanked all Board Members for their participation in the Board Meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Gomric made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Goetten seconded the motion. Chairman Goetten called for a vote.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2023, BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING MADE BY BOARD MEMBER GOMRIC AND SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN GOETTEN. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED for future approval by the Board of Governors.

MINUTES APPROVED by the Board of Governors December 13, 2023.