

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CHARLESTON, IL**

APRIL 10, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on April 10, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom of the University Union, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL. Mr. Leo Welch, Chair of the Board, presided.

Roll Call

Roll was called:

Mr. Kratochvil	Present
Ms. Nimmons	Present
Mr. O'Rourke	Present
Dr. Webb	Present
Mr. Welch	Present
Mr. Yost	Present
Ms. Raz	Present

Also present were the following:

Mr. Louis V. Hencken, President
Dr. Blair Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Jeff Cooley, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer, Board of Trustees
Dr. Jill Nilsen, Vice President for External Relations
Dr. Daniel Nadler, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Joseph Barron, General Counsel
Ms. Cynthia Nichols, Director of Civil Rights and Diversity
Ms. Judy Gorrell, Executive Secretary to the President & Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees
Mr. Brad Ingram, Board Counsel
Dr. Doug Bock, Parliamentarian

Executive Session

Mr. Webb moved that the Board convene in executive session to consider the employment of employees as permitted by Section 2.c.1 of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Kratochvil seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Ms. Raz	Yes

Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Yost	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes

Motion carried.

Dr. Webb made a motion to reconvene in open session. Mr. Kratochvil seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Ms. Raz	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Yost	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes

Motion carried.

Action Items

Mr. Welch, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University, I am pleased to announce the Board's decision to employ Dr. William L. Perry to serve as the 10th sitting President of Eastern Illinois University, commencing on July 1, 2007, subject to execution of an employment agreement to be signed by the chairman of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Perry. I would accept a motion."

1. Dr. Webb moved to employ Dr. William L. Perry to serve as President of Eastern Illinois University for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012, subject to the signing of an employment agreement by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Perry. Mr. Kratochvil seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O'Rourke	Yes
Ms. Raz	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Yost	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes

Comments from President Hencken

President Hencken read an excerpt of a letter from the Department of Mathematics. "The faculty of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences recognize Dr. William Perry's established record of outstanding teaching and scholarship for more than 30 years. Having met

with Dr. Perry, having examined his qualifications compared to the Departmental Application of Criteria for Promotion and Tenure, hereby recommends that Dr. William Perry be granted tenure, with the rank of Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.” signed Peter Andrews, Chair, Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences. I also have a recommendation. This is written to convey my recommendation regarding Dr. William Perry’s tenure and faculty rank in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Consistent with board regulations, the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science met this morning to consider the matter of tenure and rank for Dr. Perry. I am in receipt of the Department’s recommendation, which recommends that he be granted tenure at the rank of professor in the department. I am pleased to support this recommendation and urge you to support his appointment as Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science and recommend to the Board that tenure be awarded.” Signed Blair M. Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. As President of the University, I hereby accept their recommendations and recommend to you that tenure be granted.

2. Dr. Webb moved to grant tenure to Dr. William Perry. Mr. Kratochvil seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O’Rourke	Yes
Ms. Raz	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Yost	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes

Motion carried.

Comments from Chair Welch

“When I walk across the campus quad, I never fail to notice the names engraved on the doorways of the physical science building: Darwin, Newton, Linnaeus, Galileo, and others. In retrospect, I realize how important these historical figures were to mankind and to me personally. They, of course, were important, not only in the development of the natural sciences, but they also represent the intellectual traditions so important to the institution we call the university. Although Eastern Illinois University is a relative newcomer, founded in 1895, we can trace our lineage to the great European Medieval universities, such as the University of Paris, University of Bellona, University of Padua. While these Universities have their own history and reason for their founding, I would argue that these reasons resonate down to the day, the life of the mind, a marketplace for ideas, a community of scholars. This represents a rationale that should connect any and all institutions of higher learning. Unfortunately, this type of mission is not always supported. There are current forces that would limit this mission. This is nothing new and has always been the case. It is imperative that all members of the academy defend our legacy. I would further argue that the role of the institution of higher learning, the role they have pursued represents a resilience that few other institutions can demonstrate. The university is by no means ephemeral. It does, however, depend on the commitment of the public as well as those associated with the university, past, present, and future to ensure that this great tradition

continues. That being said, I bring to you an individual who I fully expect to fulfill that responsibility, William Perry, the 10th sitting President of Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Perry.”

Comments from Dr. Perry

“Thank you very much. Thank you, Leo, and thank you to the Board and the Search Committee for a wonderful search process that has lead me to this place, to be with you. I stand before you today humbled and honored; honored to have been named to serve as Eastern Illinois University’s President, and humbled to be placed in a position of public trust. The opportunity to serve Eastern Illinois University is one I look forward to with the utmost enthusiasm and energy. Linda would be here with me today, but she has teaching obligations at Texas A & M University and could not be here. I want to thank everyone for coming here today to welcome me and I again give my public thanks to all who were involved in the search process, including everyone who came to the open forums on campus. I learned a lot in the process. I learned of Eastern Illinois University’s commitment to excellence, its devotion to student learning, and its dedication to personal relationships. It was those three things, I think, that drew me to the position and to the university. I learned, further, that my values and Eastern Illinois University’s values align and align well. I learned that here is where I want to be for the next several years. The coming years will be our time to serve Eastern Illinois University together. And, together we will serve our students, we will partner with the community and region, and fulfill our commitments to the state of Illinois. We will build a university that is best of class, and a first choice for our citizens. We will do all this working side by side, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, making plans and setting priorities and following through vigorously. But most importantly, we will do it while caring for each other personally and professionally. So that some day, when we look back as we must, we will do so in friendship, and mutual respect saying, this was our time, we made a difference. Today, to you, I commit hard work, integrity, and a spirit of friendship in working with you to advance Eastern Illinois University. Today, I begin to forge personal relationships with each and every person in this room. As we join together in the task, I hope to say, today, I, too, am EIU. Thank you for inviting me to be part of your future. Thank you.”

Following the Board meeting, a press conference was scheduled. A reception for Dr. Perry was held immediately following the press conference in the Grand Ballroom.

Adjournment

Mr. Yost moved to adjourn. Mr. Kratochvil seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Mr. Kratochvil	Yes
Ms. Nimmons	Yes
Mr. O’Rourke	Yes
Ms. Raz	Yes
Dr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Yost	Yes
Mr. Welch	Yes