

ILLINOIS GLOBAL GATEWAY, L.L.C.**BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

4 June 2025

Sponsored Programs Administration Conference Room
1901 South First Street, Champaign, Illinois

MINUTES**Call to Order & Introductions**

The Illinois Global Gateway, L.L.C. (“IGG”) Board of Managers (“IGG board” or “board of managers”) was convened and called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko and asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

The following members of the Board were present:

- Dr. Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko (chair), vice provost for graduate education and dean of the graduate college, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (“Illinois”)
- Dr. Reitumetse Obakeng Mabokela, associate chancellor and vice provost for global affairs and strategies, Illinois
- Dr. Brian Traubert (via Zoom), member, University of Illinois Board of Trustees

Officers of the Board present were:

- Dr. Paul Ellinger (treasurer), vice president, chief financial officer, and comptroller, UI System
- Mr. Kraig Wagenecht (secretary); assistant vice chancellor for research and innovation, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Illinois; interim managing director, Illinois Advanced Research Center at Singapore Ltd.

Other present:

- Ms. Sandra Allain, associate university counsel; UI System (via Zoom)
- Mr. Barry Benson, vice chancellor for advancement, Illinois; Chair, 伊大文化交流上海有限公司 (University of Illinois China Gateway) (via Zoom);
- Mr. Jacob Croegaert, assistant university counsel; UI System
- Dr. Susan Martinis, vice chancellor for research and innovation, Illinois, and member and vice chair, Illinois Advanced Research Center at Singapore Ltd. board of directors (for presentation);
- Ms. Mariana Maybell, assistant director of finance for research partnerships, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Illinois
- Mr. Brent Rasmus, associate vice president, controller and deputy comptroller, UI System;
- Dr. Matthew Rosenstein, director of global education and training, Illinois International, Illinois (arrived 11:08 a.m.)

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Mabokela, seconded by Dr. Traubert, minutes of the 1 May 2024 IGG meeting were approved as presented.

Ratification of Previous Actions by Resolution

Mr. Wagenecht read the following actions of the board of managers for ratification:

- Consent to electing Wojciech Jan Chodzko-Zajko as Chair of Illinois Global Gateway Board of Mangers effective 14 October 2024
- Acceptance of resignation of Jeffrey R. Brown as a Board of Manger, effective 15 May 2024

On motion by Dr. Mabokela, seconded by Dr. Traubert, the above stated actions were hereby ratified and affirmed as actions of the board of managers.

Election of Vice Chair

On a motion by Dr. Chodzko-Zajko, seconded by Dr. Mabokela, Dr. Brian Traubert was elected vice chair of the IGG board of managers.

Report of Illinois ARCS

Dr. Martinis provided an extensive update of Illinois Advanced Research Center at Singapore Ltd. (Illinois ARCS). She addressed topics including personnel, the two core research programs being Trustworthy and Secure Cyber Plexus for Digital Communities and Centre for Precision Fermentation and Sustainability, research program steering and scientific advisory committees and their membership, achievements of Illinois ARCS and its research programs, board of directors envisioned composition in near future, and future plans/goals.

Chair Chodzko-Zajko noted the impressive growth of Illinois ARCS and its expansion of Illinois faculty.

Hiring of Illinois ARCS Managing Director

Dr. Martinis summarized the current search for a new Illinois ARCS managing director while expressing appreciation to Mr. Wagenecht for serving in an interim capacity in the management of Illinois ARCS. She noted that a preferred candidate has surfaced.

It was noted that with the managing director being a “senior or management position” within Illinois ARCS, consent of its Member (IGG) is required for the hiring of such a position and for the remuneration, benefits and entitlements.

On a motion by Dr. Mabokela, seconded by Dr. Traubert, the IGG chair was authorized to approve the recommended candidate and compensation on behalf of IGG.

Treasurer’s Report

Dr. Ellinger asked Ms. Maybell to provide details of the Treasurer’s Report.

Ms. Maybell reviewed:

- a) IGG's FY24 financial audit conveying it received an unqualified (clean) audit opinion,
- b) Illinois Advanced Research Center at Singapore Ltd. (Illinois ARCS) financial highlights noting current grant funding totals \$36,291,939 (USD equivalent),
- c) Current line of credit draw of \$1M,
- d) Illinois ARCS Profit/Loss statement
- e) Proposed FY26 IGG budget

On motion by Dr. Mabokela, seconded by Dr. Traubert, the FY24 Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements were accepted.

On motion by Dr. Mabokela, seconded by Dr. Chodzko-Zajko, the IGG FY26 budget as presented was approved.

On motion by Dr. Mabokela, seconded by Dr. Traubert, the University-IGG-Illinois ARCS amendment and restatement of revolving line of credit to reflect renewal and assignment to Illinois Advanced Research Center at Singapore Ltd. was approved.

For UIUC Culture Exchange (Shanghai) Company Ltd. (DBA University of Illinois China Gateway

Mr. Rosenstein provided a summary of the University of Illinois' presence in China with an office being opened in 2013. The office and a small staff have provided a variety of services including graduate services and support of events.

Discussion ensued as to how future support can be provided absent partnerships that existed in the past with federal and state agencies and if the recently established University-affiliated wholly foreign owned enterprise undergoes dissolution.

On a motion by Dr. Mabokela, seconded by Dr. Traubert:

- *Dissolution of the UIUC Culture Exchange Shanghai Company Ltd. (the "Company") was approved;*
- *Appointment of Dr. Matthew Rosenstein as IGG authorized representative for all Company related matters was approved;*
- *Corrections to the Company business license to be pursued was approved;*
- *Appointment of Dr. Matthew Rosenstein as the Company's legal representative was approved.*
- *Authorization for IGG Chair to appoint a new Company board member to fill the seat of Mr. Benson upon his resignation from as a director was approved.*

Update on Previous Study of Potential Formation of Wholly Foreign Owned Enterprise in Support of GCOE in Cam Lam, Vietnam

Mr. Wagenecht reported there is no action being requested of IGG at this time for this previously discussed Vietnam opportunity. The planned Vietnam Smart Ocean City development has been indefinitely postponed, however, research collaborations with Illinois continues through the joint VinUni-Illinois Smart Health Center, with a goal of supporting up to 100 PhD students.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

There was no further new business from what was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Minutes to be considered for approval at next regular Illinois Global Gateway, LLC Board of Managers meeting