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**ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM**

**BOARD MEETING**

**October 1, 2024, 11:00 a.m.**

**Webex**

**Attending: Officers:** Chair Jonah Rice, Vice Chair Sara Phalen, and Secretary Tamira Brennan; **Board Members:** Leverne Backstrom, John Barker, Wanza Davis, Mike Murphy, Director Natalie Phelps Finnie, and Ashish Sharma; **Illinois State Museum Staff:** Jenn Edginton and Meghan Lindstrom; **Department of Natural Resources Staff:** George Sisk.

**I. Welcome**

Chair Jonah Rice called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Meghan Lindstrom called the roll and a quorum was present.

**III. Approval of the Minutes of September 9, 2024**

The Minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. John Barker moved to approve the Minutes, Director Natalie Phelps Finnie seconded, and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

**IV. New Business**

**ISM Director Search**

Jonah asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the search for a permanent Museum Director. John moved, Leverne Backstrom seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Jenn Edginton and Meghan Lindstrom left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Leverne Backstrom, John Barker, Tamira Brennan, Wanza Davis, Mike Murphy, Sara Phalen, Director Natalie Phelps Finnie, Jonah Rice, Ashish Sharma, and George Sisk remained.

The meeting reopened to the public at 11:18 a.m.

Jonah asked for a motion to approve Jennifer Edginton as the permanent Illinois State Museum Director. John moved, Mike Murphy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**V. Old Business**

Jonah asked for old business.

George Sisk informed the Board they would need to complete two more mandatory trainings in addition to the Ethics, Harassment, and Open Meetings Act trainings. DNR's legal team had not yet determined if the trainings would need to be completed online on OneNet or 'paper based'. George reminded the Board that the trainings are mandated by Executive Order 21-16 and must be completely annually.

Jenn provided brief updates about the Museum's plumbing project and strategic plan work. She proposed meeting individually with each Board member to discuss their ideas and concerns for future ISM initiatives before the November Board meeting.

**VI. Public Comment**

None present.

**VII. Adjournment**

Jonah asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike moved to adjourn, John seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.