

ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION



James L. Kaplan
Chairman



Judy Erwin
Executive Director

The Board of Higher Education, created in 1961, is a planning and coordinating agency for all sectors of Illinois higher education. The board's major statutory responsibilities include continually analyzing the aims, needs and requirements of Illinois higher education; making budget recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly for higher education operations, grants and capital improvements; approving proposals for new units of instruction, research and public service for public colleges and universities; approving operating and degree-granting authority for independent and out-of-state institutions; administering designated state and federal grant programs, and other responsibilities specified in the *Illinois Compiled Statutes*.

The board consists of 15 members, including 10 members appointed for six-year terms, the respective chairs of the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, a member of a public university governing board, a member of a private college or university board of trustees, and a student member elected by the recognized student advisory committee to the board. The chairman of the Board of Higher Education is James L. Kaplan, Lincolnshire, whose term expires in 2007. One member's term, Cordelia Meyer, Wilmette, expires in 2005. Other members whose terms expire in 2007 are Lucy Sloan, Carbondale; Steven Taslitz, Glencoe; and Robert Ruiz, Oak Lawn. Members whose terms expire in 2009 are Proshanta Nandi, Springfield; Gilbert Rutman, Edwardsville; Elmer Washington, Park Forest; and Addison Woodward, Palos Park. One member's term, John Minogue, Chicago, expires in 2011. The student member for 2005-2006 is Mark DeRosa, Rantoul.

The representative of the Illinois Community College Board is Guy Alongi, DuQuoin. The member representing the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is J. Robert Barr, Evanston. The representative of public university governing boards is Frances Carroll, Chicago, and the representative for independent colleges and universities is Alice Hayes, Chicago. Judy Erwin was named Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education in November 2005.