

Illinois Board of Higher Education



Carrie J. Hightman
Chair



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 16 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 an independent college or university board of trustees, a student member elected by the recognized student advisory committee to the Board, and a non-traditional student member also elected by the student advisory committee to the Board. The chair of the Board of Higher Education is Carrie J. Hightman, Buffalo Grove, whose term expires in 2013. Members whose terms expire in 2007 are Lucy Sloan, Carbondale 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 2006-2007 is Matt DeRosa, Champaign.

Other representatives on the board include Guy Alongi, Illinois Community College Board; Donald McNeil, Illinois Student Assistance Commission; Frances Carroll, public university governing boards; and Alice Hayes, independent colleges and universities. There are three vacant seats on the Board, two of which will serve a six-year term and the non-traditional student seat, which is a one-year appointment.