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Indiana State University Unveils Organizational Updates in Presidential Search

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.: Indiana State University (ISU) announces organizational developments in the search for the institution's 13th President. During the ISU Board of Trustees meeting held on October 20, the Board unanimously voted to approve and announce the leadership of the Presidential Search Committee, marking a pivotal step in securing future presidential leadership of the University.

The Search Committee, tasked with reviewing and interviewing applicants and advancing finalists to the Board of Trustees, was finalized this week and includes:

- John Pratt, Vice Chair, ISU Board of Trustees, Chair, Presidential Search Committee
- Cynthia Powers, Secretary, ISU Board of Trustees, Vice Chair, Presidential Search Committee
- Cheryl Roberson, ISU Board of Trustees
- Robert Casey, Chair, ISU Board of Trustees & Ex-Officio Committee Member
- Rex Kendall, ISU Chief of Staff & Ex-Officio Committee Member
- Andrea Angel, Vice President – University Advancement & CEO, ISU Foundation
- Brad Balch, Dean – Bayh College of Education
- Nick Bement, President – ISU Student Government Association
- Daniel “Dan” Clark, Professor & Coordinator, Social Science Education – Department of History
- Jon Ford, Community Representative
- Kenneth Games, Professor & Director of Graduate Studies – Department of Applied Medicine and Rehabilitation

- Alicia Jay, Assistant Professor – Department of Theater
- Diann McKee, Senior Vice President – Finance & Administration and University Treasurer
- Ahmed Mohamed, Associate Professor – Department of Applied Engineering and Technology Management
- Jin Park, Chair & Associate Professor – Department of Accounting, Finance, Insurance, and Risk Management
- JaDora Sailes, Associate Professor – Department of Applied Clinical and Educational Sciences
- Rita Senseman, ISU Alumna & Community Representative
- Marie “Sam” Shanks, Chair – ISU Foundation Board
- Roxanne Torrence, Chair – ISU Staff Council
- Aryn Williams, Chair – ISU Alumni Board

Board of Trustees Chair Bob Casey expressed the Board's deep appreciation for President Deborah Curtis's strong leadership and dedication, who has served ISU since January 2018. "Several weeks ago, President Curtis informed me of her intent to retire in 2024. She explained that this decision was based on self-reflection and family considerations. Although unexpected, I congratulated her on this culmination of a 38-year career in higher education, particularly her passionate dedication to her alma mater, Indiana State University. The decision to retire was made entirely by President Curtis herself, without any influence from the Board." Casey remarked, "Indiana State University is well positioned to achieve remarkable milestones and continue to expand on its function as a vital asset to the Wabash Valley, the State of Indiana, and beyond. We are committed to identifying ISU's 13th President who will share and lead this bold visionary outlook for the University."

WittKieffer, a distinguished executive search company boasting over five decades of expertise in higher education, will support the search process for the 13th ISU President.

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About Indiana State University

Indiana State University, located in Terre Haute, Indiana, is a public higher education institution founded in 1865. Offering a diverse array of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, ISU is known for its high-quality education infused with experiential learning, community engagement, and career readiness. For additional information, please visit www.indstate.edu.