

AGENDA ITEM 3C.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF COLLEGE ILLINOIS!® PREPAID TUITION PROGRAM INVESTMENT ADVISORY PANEL MEMBER

Submitted for: Action

Summary: The Illinois Student Assistance Commission administers the College Illinois! Prepaid Tuition Program (the “Program”) pursuant to authority granted under the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act, 110 ILCS 979/1 *et seq.* (the “Act”). The Act requires the Commission to appoint a seven (7) member Investment Advisory Panel (IAP). The Investment Advisory Panel’s duties include:

- (1) offering advice and counsel to the Commission regarding Program investments with the objective of obtaining the best possible return on investments consistent with actuarial soundness of the Program;
- (2) annually reviewing and advising the Commission on the Program’s Statement of Investment Policy; and
- (3) reviewing and advising the Commission with regard to the annual report that describes the current financial condition of the Program.

Of the Investment Panel’s seven members, one (1) is recommended by each of the following: State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Director of Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), and Executive Director of the Board of Higher Education. The Commission is responsible to appoint all seven Investment Advisory Panel members, four recommended as described above and the remaining three that are selected by the Commission. Each panel representative serves a three (3) year term. The Act requires each panel member to possess knowledge, skill and experience in at least one of the following areas of expertise: accounting, actuarial practice, risk management or investment management.

Mr. Cameron Mock stepped down from his role at the Investment Advisory Panel on 02/03/23. We are very grateful to Mr. Mock for his valuable service and tireless commitment to improve the College Illinois financial situation. We wish Mr. Mock the best in his future endeavors.

Upon learning of Mr. Mock’s departure, we reached out to the GOMB to inform them about the vacancy and requested a recommendation of another candidate to serve in the IAP. We received a recommendation from the GOMB for the appointment of **Mr. Paul Chatalas** for the College Illinois IAP. ISAC staff is also supportive of the appointment of Mr.

Chatalas to the IAP given his strong background and extensive experience in the industry. A summary of his biography follows.

Mr. Paul Chatalas has led the State's bond efforts through the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) since 2019, where he oversees a \$30 billion bond portfolio. He has nearly 30 years of combined public policy and public finance experience, with the prior 15 years in public finance with investment banks in Chicago and New York. Paul currently serves on the Debt Committee of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and on the Executive Board of the state-level debt committee for the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST). Before entering public finance Paul spent several years working on Capitol Hill for members of the U.S. House and Senate, including members of the Budget and Appropriations Committees, and served as Executive Director of an NGO that focuses on US/UN relations. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and a B.A. from the University of Oregon. Paul lives in Chicago and is a Founder's Council Advisor of the Field Museum, where he sits ex officio on the Exhibitions Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Upon the approval of Mr. Chatalas appointment (to replace Mr. Cameron Mock whose term expires on 11/19/23) to serve on the Investment Advisory Panel, the makeup of the panel is described below:

NAME	RECOMMENDING ORGANIZATION	TERM EXPIRATION
Jeanna Cullins	Commission	11/19/2023
Louis Paster	Commission	11/19/2023
Paul Chatalas	GOMB	11/19/2023
James Hibbert	Commission	11/19/2024
Andrew Ranck	State Comptroller	11/19/2024
Fernando Diaz	State Treasurer	11/19/2025
Karen Kissel	Board of Higher Ed.	11/19/2025

Action requested:

That the Commission approve the appointment of Mr. Paul Chatalas (recommended by GOMB) to the College Illinois! Investment Advisory Panel for a term expiring November 19, 2023.