

# RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

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## CALLING OF THE ROLL

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PRESENT: Regents Robert Atwell, Scott Beightol, Amy Bogost, Héctor Colón, Michael Grebe, Mike Jones, Tracey Klein, Becky Levzow, Edmund Manydeeds, John Miller, Andrew Petersen, Cris Peterson, Ashok Rai, Corey Saffold, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Brianna Tucker, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: None.

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## DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

[\[Recording: 00:01:05\]](#)

Before considering any items on the open session agenda, President Petersen asked if any Board members wished to declare any conflicts of interest as per Regent Policy Document 2-4, "Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy for the UW System Board of Regents." No conflicts were declared.

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## REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:01:15\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Manydeeds to present a report of actions taken by the Education Committee.

Regent Manydeeds reported that the Education Committee held the first reading of a revised mission statement for UW-Whitewater. In addition to a host-campus presentation by UW-Milwaukee Provost Johannes Britz, the committee heard several presentations on faculty tenure and promotions, the Office of Educational Opportunity and state funding for charter schools, and updates on the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin and the UW System's prison education and distance education initiatives.

Regent Manydeeds moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11627, 11628, 11629, 11630, 11631, 11632, 11633, 11634, and 11635. The motion was seconded by Regent Walsh and approved on a voice vote.

### Approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship, UW-Eau Claire

Resolution 11627 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

### Approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resource Management, UW-Eau Claire

Resolution 11628 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resource Management program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

### Approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Operations and Supply Chain Management, UW-Eau Claire

Resolution 11629 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Eau Claire and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Business Administration in Operations and Supply Chain Management program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Approval of Master of Science in Sports Leadership, UW-Madison

Resolution 11630 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Sports Leadership program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Business: General Business, UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 11631 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Business Administration in Business: General Business program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Approval of Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience, UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 11632 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Approval of Bachelor of Science in Strength and Conditioning, UW-Oshkosh

Resolution 11633 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Strength and Conditioning program at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Annual Request for Funding from the Vilas Trust Fund for UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 11634 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellors of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the total funding request of \$6,811,066 in net and unallocated income for submission to the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as provided by the terms of the Vilas Trust for the same fiscal year, for Support of Scholarships, Fellowships, Professorships, and Special Programs in Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Music.

## UW System 2021 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status

Resolution 11635 That, upon the recommendation of the respective Chancellors and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the 2021 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status be approved.

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### **REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

[\[Recording: 00:05:08\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Jones to present the report of the Capital Planning & Budget Committee.

Regent Jones reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a presentation from Robin Van Harpen, UW-Milwaukee Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, on "UWM's Capital Outlook: Meeting Wisconsin's Needs into the Future," which described UW-Milwaukee's space deficiencies and the various planning efforts that led to the campus's six-year capital plan.

Regent Jones said Senior Associate Vice President Alex Roe provided the Capital Planning & Budget Committee with updates on the results of an RFP issued in November for real estate advisory services. The bid evaluation process led to the selection of six firms which were put under contract.

Regent Jones said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee also received semi-annual status reports on leasing activities and UW-managed capital projects, as well as a summary of recent actions taken by the State Building Commission and an update on the UW System's 2021-23 capital budget request.

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### **REPORT OF THE RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE**

[\[Recording: 00:07:41\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Atwell to present the report of the Research, Economic Development & Innovation Committee.

Regent Atwell reported that the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee heard a presentation on UW-Milwaukee's strategic partnerships with local and global businesses. The presentation highlighted three key research-based programs or initiatives designed to address employer's talent needs: the Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute, the Higher Education Regional Alliance, and TechEd Frontiers.

Regent Atwell said the Research, Economic Development & Innovation Committee also heard from representatives from UW-Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation on university-industry-government collaborations, including the Connected Systems Institute, the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin, and numerous Small Business Development Center efforts.

Regent Atwell said UW-Green Bay Chancellor Michael Alexander provided the Research, Economic Development & Innovation Committee with an overview of UW-Green Bay's collaboration with Microsoft's TechSpark program and LinkedIn to provide online professional development opportunities for university faculty and staff, and to expand career connections for UW-Green Bay students.

Finally, Regent Atwell said the Research, Economic Development & Innovation Committee heard an update from WiSys on innovations occurring on the UW comprehensive campuses.

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## **REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

[\[Recording: 00:13:17\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Walsh to present a report of actions taken by the Audit Committee.

Regent Walsh reported that the Audit Committee received an update on progress to date on the UW System's FY2021 internal audit plan, as well as a high-level summary of recently-issued reports related to incident response plans, emergency grant aid payments to students under the 2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, the Quality Assurance and Improvement Program, and a self-assessment of the Office of Internal Audit.

Regent Walsh said Chief Audit Executive Lori Stortz presented on the proposed FY2022 audit plan and reaffirmed the Office of Internal Audit's statement of independence. The Audit Committee also received updates on pre-college programs and youth protection efforts; final revisions to Regent Policy Document 14-2, "Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment"; short-term and long-term information security efforts; and internal controls and enterprise risk management.

Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11636 and 11637. The motion was seconded by Regent Jones.

Remarking on the increasing focus on information technology and information security, President Petersen asked Regent Walsh if the Audit Committee feels positive about the UW System's activities in this area. Regent Walsh said the university has been engaging outside firms to test the security of its computer systems, but more funding is needed to continue and expand on this work.

The motion to adopt Resolutions 11636 and 11637 was then approved on a voice vote.

#### Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Plan

Resolution 11636 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Plan.

#### Approval of Revisions to Regent Policy Document 14-2, "Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment"

Resolution 11637 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents approves revisions to Regent Policy Document 14-2, "Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment".

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### **REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

[\[Recording: 00:17:25\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Beightol to present a report of actions taken by the Business & Finance Committee.

Regent Beightol reported the Business & Finance Committee received an overview of UW-Milwaukee's finances and strategic initiatives designed to meet the challenges presented by COVID-19. He indicated that the committee discussed the level of unmet student financial needs at UWM relative to the other UW institutions and will direct President Thompson and his staff to review the current GPR allocation formula.



Regent Beightol said the Business & Finance Committee approved four research contracts submitted by UW-Madison, as well as a UW System contract with Zoom which consolidates several existing standalone contracts for administrative and academic web conferencing services. He noted that the committee also discussed the potential utility of Zoom for delivering behavioral health services to students.

Regent Beightol indicated that the Business & Finance Committee also heard presentations on the UW System's real estate advisory services project and the UW System trust funds quarterly investment report for the period ending March 31, 2021.

Regent Beightol moved for the adoption of Resolutions 11638, 11639, 11640, 11641, and 11642. The motion was seconded by Regent Bogost.

Regent Atwell clarified that the Business & Finance Committee is not seeking a specific outcome by directing a review of the GPR allocation formula, but would like to see a better alignment of resources to support UW-Milwaukee's unique position as an R1 institution with an urban access mission: "There was a strong sense that the challenges that Milwaukee as a community has faced, and the role of UWM in addressing those well-documented problems of disparity and racial issues in Milwaukee, is of interest not just to the Milwaukee region but to the entire state."

In response to a question from Regent Klein, President Petersen indicated that it has been decades since the GPR allocation formula has been updated, aside from limited alterations related to performance funding.

Expressing his support for a review of the GPR allocation formula, Regent Colón stated, "This could be the biggest single initiative that this Board takes on that would really address equity, diversity, and inclusion."

Regent Klein observed that supporting UW-Milwaukee is the best way to propel the success of the City of Milwaukee, which is an important business base and population base for the state. She suggested that the GPR allocation formula could be part of the Board's future strategic planning conversations.

President Petersen thanked Chancellor Mone for identifying areas of opportunity at UW-Milwaukee and providing the Board with data to support recommendations for how to better allocate resources.

The motion to adopt Resolutions 11638, 11639, 11640, 11641, and 11642 was then approved on a voice vote.

UW-Madison Amendment to Consulting Agreement with Welch Allyn, Inc.

Resolution 11638 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the amendment to the contractual consulting agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Welch Allyn, Inc.

UW-Madison Amendment to Service Agreement with Perspectum Diagnostics, Ltd.

Resolution 11639 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the amendment to the contractual service agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Perspectum Diagnostics, Ltd.

UW-Madison Master Research Agreement with Canon Medical Systems USA, Inc.

Resolution 11640 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual master research agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Canon Medical Systems USA, Inc.

UW-Madison Service Agreement with Cynata Therapeutics, Ltd.

Resolution 11641 That, upon recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual service agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Cynata Therapeutics, Ltd.

UW System Agreement with Zoom Video Communications, Inc.

Resolution 11642 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the contractual agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW System, and Zoom Video Communications, Inc.

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## **REGENTS ACADEMIC STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS PRESENTATION**

[\[Recording: 00:35:14\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Walsh as chair of the selection committee to introduce the annual Board of Regents Academic Staff Excellence Awards, which are meant to recognize the outstanding work being done by academic staff across the UW System.

### **2020 Regents Academic Staff Excellence Awards Introduction**

Welcoming the award recipients and their families, friends, and colleagues, Regent Walsh explained that the Regents Academic Staff Excellence Awards program formally recognizes the hard work, dedication, and innovative thinking of the UW System's talented academic staff members.

Noting that last year's awards presentation was postponed due to the pandemic, Regent Walsh thanked the 2020 recipients for their patience.

Individual Award: Jenice Meyer, Community Engagement Director, Center for Community Engaged Learning, UW-Superior

Regent Peterson presented the first Board of Regents Academic Staff Excellence Award in the Individual category to Jenice Meyer, founding director of the new Center for Community Engaged Learning at UW-Superior.

Regent Peterson reported that over the past decade, Ms. Meyer has made community-engaged learning opportunities available to students in 26 disciplines across 12 academic departments, resulting in more than 11,500 hands-on, community-based learning experiences and \$4.2 million of donated time to community partners. UW-Superior students have provided more than 200,000 hours of service, including helping small businesses with marketing plans, creating websites for nonprofits, and mentoring children in outreach programs.

Regent Peterson said Ms. Meyer's leadership has led UW-Superior to actively contribute to Campus Compact, a national organization that promotes student civic engagement. In 2020, UW-Superior also earned the prestigious national Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, one of only 234 universities in the nation to hold such distinction.

Regent Peterson noted that Ms. Meyer generously shares her time and expertise by presenting at state, national, and international forums and by serving on numerous off-campus boards and teams, including the City of Superior Economic Development team, the

Pathways K-12 Initiative, and NorthWERD (Northwest Wisconsin Educators for Regional Development).

Ms. Meyer stated, "Families and businesses in the north come from more economically disadvantaged situations, and we know the post-secondary attainment rate is lower and the poverty rate is higher for this region. Without the UW System's commitment to the greater good and belief in the potential of everyone in our state, regardless of their situation or upbringing, and providing access for these (oftentimes first-generation) college students, I would not be here today."

Individual Award: Denise Olstinske, Administrative Program Manager III, College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies, UW-Parkside

Regent Saffold presented the next Regents Academic Staff Excellence Award in the Individual category to Denise Olstinske, an administrative program manager in the College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies at UW-Parkside.

Regent Saffold provided several examples of innovative higher education programs Ms. Olstinske has developed to recruit and support both traditional and working adult students:

- She established a concurrent enrollment program called Parkside Access to College Credit, which enables area high school students to earn both high school and college credit for certain classes.
- She attained a \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to create a U.S. history and civics program for 100 high school students and 50 teachers, in which high school students earn three college credits and teachers six graduate credits.
- She developed a summer precollege program for the students of a Milwaukee high school, many of whom are underrepresented, to help them succeed.
- She worked with Marquette University to bring an Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) presence to campus and worked with the college dean to create two associate degree programs, one in military and security studies and the other in professional studies.
- She helped create the Master of Arts in Applied Professional Studies for working adults, an applied degree that meets the employment needs of many industries.

Ms. Olstinske stated, "I serve students who are considering attending, students who do not think that they can attend, and the students who never even considered college as an option for them. The work that I do each day is fueled with passion and commitment to provide every person that I meet with the tools to enhance their future."

Program Award: We Are Falcons, UW-River Falls

Regent Jones presented the 2020 Regents Academic Staff Excellence Award in the Program category to the We Are Falcons program at UW-River Falls.

Regent Jones said the We Are Falcons program began in summer 2017 to showcase “what it means to be a Falcon” and what UW-River Falls cares about as a university. Individuals from 10 functional areas formed the We Are Falcons committee, chaired by the Student Involvement Office staff, to design a diverse set of activities and tools to engage students, including student video testimonials, an interactive website, and branded communications and giveaway items. In addition, campus events promote university values of student-centeredness, academic excellence, inclusiveness, innovation, global engagement, and integrity.

Regent Jones noted that the We Are Falcons program also encourages students to participate in high-impact practices, such as undergraduate research and international education, and promotes students discussing big topics such as bias, mental health, and preventing sexual assault and hazing. A monthly forum called “We Chat” allows students to explore their beliefs, perspectives, and biases in an environment that fosters growth and a greater sense of community.

The award was accepted by Elise Peters, Events & Activities Coordinator and Chair of the We Are Falcons Committee. Ms. Peters stated, “We want to know what our students value. We know they all come from many places and have multiple journeys that brought them to become a Falcon, and so we hope that they can infuse our campus community by seeing their own values represented in our own.”

### **2021 Regents Academic Staff Excellence Awards Introduction**

Turning to the 2021 Regents Academic Staff Excellence Awards, Regent Walsh acknowledged the extraordinary demands placed on all of the nominees over the past year due to the UW System’s quick pivot to support public health and safety as well as remote teaching and learning in response to the pandemic.

Individual Award: Dr. Malia Jones, Associate Scientist, Applied Population Laboratory, UW-Madison

Regent Jones presented the first 2021 Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award in the Individual category to Dr. Malia Jones, an associate scientist in UW-Madison’s Applied Population Laboratory for the past six years. Dr. Jones studies infectious disease epidemiology, herd immunity, and spatial variation in vaccine coverage.

Regent Jones indicated that Dr. Jones’s scientific expertise and outreach talents, combined with her interest in the complex relationship between geography and human health, helped her support an informed public response to address pressing questions resulting

from the COVID-19 global health pandemic. She is project co-founder, editor-in-chief, and a contributing writer in an interdisciplinary team of women called Dear Pandemic, which uses its significant social media presence to help members of the public face the pandemic with curated, scientific, and practical information.

In 2018, Dr. Jones was awarded a five-year \$500,000 grant through a Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Award from the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Diseases, which is helping support her research into how clusters of people who decline vaccines can affect herd immunity and how misinformation about vaccines and infectious disease risks spread in social networks.

Noting that Dr. Jones has been a guest on national television, Regent Jones said her statements and interviews on COVID-19 have appeared in major news outlets, including NBC News, the New York Times, and USA Today.

Dr. Jones stated, "Over the last 16 months I've endeavored to apply my unique skills to a global crisis that has threatened everything we value. It has threatened our lives and our livelihoods. Launching a science communication platform in a health crisis was never a career goal for me, and not something I was trained to do – I simply saw the need and did what I could to fill it."

Dr. Jones added, "Your recognition is an important signal – not only to me, but to higher learning broadly – that says that the role of scientists is not just to produce knowledge, but to communicate it and apply it in practical terms. 'To improve the human condition': this is the basis of my field, public health; this is also the Wisconsin Idea, and I want to thank the award selection committee for your continued commitment to this founding principle of our institution. . . . This award highlights the potential and appropriateness of scientists engaging in public discourse about science. It cannot be overstated how important it is for scientists to engage directly in today's information environment, and in order to do that our contributions must be valued by our institutions."

Individual Award: Kimberly Langolf, Director of Risk and Sponsored Programs, UW-Oshkosh

Regent Peterson presented the next Regents Teaching Excellence Award in the Individual category to Kimberly Langolf, director of risk and sponsored programs at UW-Oshkosh.

Regent Peterson noted that Ms. Langolf has been an academic staff member at UW-Oshkosh for more than a decade. During that time, she has consistently played an important role in helping students, faculty, and staff achieve success. After earning undergraduate and graduate degrees from UW-Oshkosh in biology and microbiology, respectively, she joined the staff at her alma mater as part of its Environmental Research and Innovation Center (ERIC) where she conducted research on beach restoration on the Great Lakes and was later promoted to ERIC lab manager.

Regent Peterson reported that during the pandemic, Ms. Langolf became the core architect of the university's COVID-19 testing program. She served as one of the primary points of contact with critical stakeholders, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Wisconsin Department of Public Health, and several local health organizations. She also served as an important source of information for the CDC, which piloted its research studies on COVID antigen testing through a coordinated effort with UW Oshkosh.

Regent Peterson highlighted that Ms. Langolf was recognized by former Surgeon General Jerome Adams for the university's proactive COVID-19 response, and was also selected by the Oshkosh Northwestern newspaper as a 2020 Oshkosh Person of the Year for outstanding impact on the community.

Ms. Langolf stated, "In the beginning of the pandemic there was so much fear and uncertainty, and it was our job to use science and common sense to bring us back together. We had to communicate concise, accurate, and every-changing scientifically sound information, while understanding there was rightfully fear and anxiety that we would need to meet head-on. As one of the primary communicators, I needed to ensure our community felt confident that we had their best interest at heart and would keep their safety as our number one priority – and I'm grateful to say that we achieved that trust."

#### Program Award: Project Success, UW-Oshkosh

Regent Saffold presented the final Regents Academic Staff Excellence Award in the Program category to the Project Success program at UW-Oshkosh.

Founded in 1979, Project Success supports hundreds of diverse students at UW-Oshkosh each year. Regent Saffold noted that it is one of the few university programs in the country to use a phonics-based, multisensory method to improve reading, spelling, and writing. The program also provides developmental mathematics instruction and tutoring.

Regent Saffold indicated that Project Success staff encourage academic success using evidence-based individualized support, informed by best practices, to help increase enrollment for students with learning disabilities, who on average enter four-year institutions at half the rate of their peers without learning disabilities. In the 2019 academic year, more than 220 unique students used at least one exam accommodation through Project Success in more than 280 distinct courses. About 225 UW-Oshkosh instructors taught a course in which at least one exam accommodation was requested.

Regent Saffold reported that the shift to online instruction during the pandemic encouraged Project Success staff to collaborate with Information Technology services. As a result, course instructors received technical support to ensure their students' academic accommodations continued to be met.

Accepting the award on the program's behalf, Director Jayme Reichenberger stated: "Each person in our office has a passion for the work they do. This passion revolves around our students, often advocating for inclusion and access to services and support for a population of students that are often misunderstood and underestimated."

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT EMERITUS EVE HALL**

[\[Recording: 01:27:33\]](#)

President Petersen invited Regent Klein to present the Board's resolution of appreciation for Regent Emeritus Hall's service to the UW System. He also welcomed Regent Emeritus Michael Falbo, who offered some reflections on Dr. Eve Hall's commitment to the Milwaukee community and the university: "As a Regent Emeritus, her commitment to education and opportunity does not stop – she will continue her passion for education, her drive to make the education experience better for all students. She is and will continue to be a powerful advocate for equality, diversity, and inclusion."

Regent Klein stated, "I learned so much from her personally: the dignity and care she shows in each and every interaction; her thoughtful comments; her gentle presence; her easy smile. . . . making sure all people are seen, all voices are heard and welcomed in this diverse mosaic that is the University of Wisconsin System."

Regent Klein then read aloud the Board's resolution of appreciation, which was adopted by acclamation.

### Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus Eve Hall's Service to the University of Wisconsin System

Resolution 11643      WHEREAS, Dr. Eve M. Hall has dedicated seven years of exemplary service as a Regent of the University of Wisconsin System, from 2014 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Eve was co-chair of the UW System Task Force on Campus Climate from 2016 through 2017, an effort launched to ensure that the UW System addresses climate concerns for all marginalized students and employees; and

WHEREAS, Eve served on the Personnel Matters Review Committee, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, and the Educational Communications Board, and was a member of the inaugural Regents Opportunity Scholarship Committee, a new initiative announced in



2020 to provide up to \$10,000 to underrepresented and underserved undergraduate students who have overcome adversity, exhibited financial need, and demonstrated merit; and

WHEREAS, Eve was member of the Special Regent Committees for the UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Search (2014) and UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Search (2020); and

WHEREAS, Eve served seven years on the Research, Economic Development, & Innovation Committee, including two and a half years as chair and one and a half years as vice chair, four years on the Business & Finance Committee, and three years on the Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Eve has worked to reward the commitment of extraordinary UW educators, serving on all three of the Regents Award Committees—Teaching Excellence, Academic Staff Excellence, and Diversity—and in all areas has been a staunch and articulate advocate for advancing excellence, affordability, and accessibility within the UW System; and

WHEREAS, Eve has long been an enthusiastic supporter of higher education, previously serving as Chief Innovation Officer for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, where she spent 10 years in national leadership roles impacting students, as well as university and school district partnerships, across several states; and

WHEREAS, Eve is a proud alumna of the UW System, having earned her Master of Science in Administrative Leadership from UW-Milwaukee before earning her doctorate in educational leadership at Cardinal Stritch University;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System commends Dr. Eve M. Hall for her dedicated and distinguished service on behalf of higher education in Wisconsin.

Encouraging her former colleagues to put politics aside and focus on education as a human issue, Regent Emeritus Hall stated, “We’re an interdependent society. We cannot run from each other, and when one wins, we all win. We don’t have to love each other, but we can respect each other and know that we all have something to contribute in this world.”

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT CAROLYN STANFORD TAYLOR**

[\[Recording: 01:49:27\]](#)

President Petersen invited Regent Walsh to present the Board's resolution of appreciation for Regent Carolyn Stanford Taylor's service to the University of Wisconsin System.

Regent Walsh thanked Regent Stanford Taylor for her dedication to education, her insightful comments questions, and for sharing her perspectives on how the UW System can be a better partner to K-12 education. Regent Walsh then read aloud the Board's resolution of appreciation, which was adopted by acclamation.

### Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Carolyn Stanford Taylor's Service to the University of Wisconsin System

Resolution 11644      WHEREAS, Regent Carolyn Stanford Taylor has served as the 28th State Superintendent of Public Instruction and an Ex Officio Regent of the University of Wisconsin System from 2019 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn is the first African-American state superintendent in Wisconsin history, and as Wisconsin's chief state school officer and leader of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, she has advanced educational equity and has been committed to building on the vision of "Every Child a Graduate, College and Career Ready;" and

WHEREAS, Carolyn served as a member of the UW System Task Force for Advancing Teachers and Teacher Education, which this past February offered two potential solutions for meeting Wisconsin's workforce demand for teachers and school leaders through paid stipends and expanding student loan forgiveness; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the special chancellor search committee for UW-Stout, Carolyn helped select an energetic new leader for the Blue Devils, who also made university history as the first female chancellor for Wisconsin's polytechnic university; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn served on the Education Committee, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee, including one year as vice chair, and on the Teaching Excellence Awards Committee, where she was proud to recognize exceptional teachers throughout the UW System and celebrate their impact on students' lives; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn is a proud alumna of UW-Madison, where she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree from the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn has almost four decades of public education experience, including her prior 17 years as the Assistant State Superintendent for the Division for Learning Support and 20 years as a classroom teacher and principal in the Madison Metropolitan School District, and has been dedicated to the education of our next generation to ensure all children have an opportunity to access a quality education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers thanks and commendation to Carolyn Stanford Taylor for her many life achievements, her outstanding support of students of all ages, and her exceptional service to the citizens of Wisconsin.

Noting that she is retiring after 41 years in education, Regent Carolyn Stanford Taylor stated, "It doesn't mean I'm going to be far from the work, because I am committed to the pursuit of equity and opportunity and access for all of the students in Wisconsin and their families." She offered suggestions for areas the UW System can deepen its collaboration with K-12 education, including teacher education, academic and career planning, dual enrollment, and creating co-curricular courses to replace remedial courses.

Regent Stanford Taylor added, "I appreciate the diversity of thought and perspectives that you've demonstrated at our meetings. We can agree to disagree, but we know that all of our hearts are in the right places when we have these discussions. . . . I have felt that my voice has been heard, my experience and my perspective have been valued as a member of this Board."

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## **APPROVAL OF 2022 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

[\[Recording: 02:01:50\]](#)

President Petersen noted that the Board's proposed 2022 meeting schedule includes two adjustments requiring a suspension of the Board's bylaws: First, the regular meeting that would normally be scheduled for October 6-7, 2022, has been moved to September 29-30, 2022, out of respect for those who intend to observe the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur on October 5, 2022.

Second, President Petersen said the proposed schedule would allow the Board's August 2022 and December 2022 meetings to be hosted at a UW comprehensive campus rather than by the Office of the Board of Regents. This would result in up to six meetings being held at UW institutions during 2022 – two more than specified in the bylaws.

Regent Saffold moved for the adoption of Resolution 11645. The motion was seconded by Regent Atwell and approved unanimously on a voice vote.

#### Approval of UW System Board of Regents Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022

Resolution 11645     That, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary, the Board of Regents adopts the attached regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2022.

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### **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

[\[Recording: 02:03:09\]](#)

President Petersen presided over the annual election of officers of the Board. The Bylaws of the Board of Regents specify that officers of the Board are elected at the annual meeting held in June and hold their offices for one year until their successors are elected. Terms of office begin immediately after the June meeting.

President Petersen called for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Regents.

Regent Jones nominated Regent Michael M. Grebe as President. Regent Jones stated, "Throughout his career and his service on this Board, he has amply demonstrated for all to see his leadership skills, his intellect, his abilities, his moderation, and as importantly his humility as a servant leader. I have known and admired Regent Michael Grebe for a long time and can personally testify to his unimpeachable integrity." Regent Beightol seconded the nomination, citing Regent Grebe's experience, temperament, and philosophy as qualifications for the position.

Regent Walsh nominated Regent Edmund Manydeeds as President. She stated, "He's a champion of what this system stands for: the value of public higher education in this state, and the ability to transform lives." She also noted that Regent Manydeeds is one of the most senior, longest-serving Regents currently on the Board, having served a previous seven-year term. Regent Colón seconded the nomination, reflecting on Regent Manydeeds' passion, commitment, and priorities for the future of the UW System.

With no further nominations, President Petersen opened the floor to questions from the Regents. The nominees answered questions from colleagues about how the Board can effectively function and engage with the legislature in the state's current political environment, how the Board can elevate the UW System's reputation nationwide and execute the search for the next System President, and how the Board can engage in strategic dialogue with university stakeholders.

Regent Weatherly noted that Regent Emeritus Edward Hales was elected as Board President in 1977 and 1978, the first and last time a person of color was elected to lead the UW System Board of Regents. He indicated that he would vote for Regent Manydeeds: "He brings the important experience of being a person of color and a lifetime of advocating for greater diversity and inclusion. Under his leadership I am confident we will push ever more quickly towards fully expanding the beneficent influence of the UW System to all Wisconsin families."

Following the discussion, President Petersen directed Executive Director and Corporate Secretary Jess Lathrop to distribute and collect the ballots. The results were tabulated by Secretary Lathrop, verified by Assistant Secretary Megan Wasley, and delivered to President Petersen, who announced that Regent Manydeeds had received 10 votes and Regent Grebe had received eight votes.

President Petersen congratulated Regent Edmund Manydeeds on being elected as President of the Board of Regents.

Thanking President Petersen and Vice President Grebe for the last two years of their excellent work leading the Board of Regents, President-elect Manydeeds said he looked forward to working with Regents, President Thompson and his staff, Chancellors, Provosts, faculty, staff, students, and the citizens of Wisconsin in promoting and working for the betterment of the UW System.

President Petersen next called for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Regents.

Regent Atwell nominated Regent Karen Walsh as Vice President, citing her knowledge of the UW System, her respect for differing opinions, her thoughtful questions, and her sense of humor and ability to set people at ease. Regent Weatherly seconded the nomination.

With no other nominations for either position, Regent Karen Walsh was elected as Vice President of the Board of Regents by a voice vote.

Vice President-elect Walsh stated, "The University of Wisconsin has given my husband and me access to every opportunity that we could to make a difference, not only in our lives,

but for the lives of people all over the state. That spirit of accomplishment and generosity is what I think is going to carry this Board forward.”

President Petersen identified the remaining incumbent officers of the Board:

- Jessica Lathrop, Corporate Secretary of the Board;
- Sandra Cleveland, Assistant Secretary;
- Megan Wasley, Assistant Secretary;
- Sean Nelson, Trust Officer;
- Charles Saunders, Assistant Trust Officer; and
- Quinn Williams, Assistant Trust Officer

Regent Grebe moved to re-elect the incumbents to their offices, with a second by Regent Rai. With no other nominations, the incumbent officers were re-elected by a voice vote.

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MILWAUKEE**

[\[Recording: 03:03:23\]](#)

President Petersen called upon Regent Weatherly to present the Board’s resolution of appreciation to UW-Milwaukee for hosting the June meeting. The resolution was adopted by acclamation:

### Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Milwaukee for Hosting the June 2021 Meeting

Resolution 11646      WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee as the official host campus for the board’s June 2021 meeting, and the Board is grateful for the generous hospitality extended by Chancellor Mark Mone and the Panther community at this first meeting hosted at a campus since the COVID-19 pandemic began; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Mark Mone’s presentation, “The Impact and Relevance of an Engaged Top-Tier Research University,” and applauds UWM’s accomplishments in this area; and

WHEREAS, Business and Finance Committee members received an overview of UWM’s financial and administrative outlook, with a focus on strategic initiatives, provided by Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Affairs Robin Van Harpen; and

WHEREAS, the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee learned more about how UW-Milwaukee's future-focused research and industry partnerships drive innovation and economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, Capital Planning and Budget Committee members heard about UWM's capital outlook and how it will meet Wisconsin's needs into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee thanks Provost Johannes Britz for his presentation that highlighted the student-focused components of the university's 2030 campus planning initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Board was pleased to receive UWM's annual NCAA Division I athletics report from Director of Athletics Amanda Braun; and

WHEREAS, Board members were delighted to get a closer look at UWM's Connected Systems Institute, an exciting public/private collaboration of research and development projects related to advanced industrial processes and manufacturing;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-Milwaukee for its in-depth presentations, forward-thinking spirit, and its many continued contributions to the UW System and to the state of Wisconsin.

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## **REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS**

[\[Recording: 03:06:35\]](#)

There were no Regent communications, petitions, or memorials.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ Jess Lathrop \_\_\_\_\_

Jess Lathrop  
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