

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

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

2:30 p.m.

via Videoconference

-President Bogost presiding-

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## **CALLING OF THE ROLL**

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

Due to technical issues, the start of the meeting was delayed until approximately 3:12 p.m.

PRESENT: Regents Angela Adams, Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, Héctor Colón, Haben Goitom, Audrey Jenkins, James Kreuser, Cris Peterson, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Jack Salzwedel, and Kyle Weatherly

Regents Edmund Manydeeds, Timothy Nixon, Mark Tyler, and Jill Underly were present by phone during the calling of the roll, but were initially unable to unmute due to technical difficulties.

Also due to technical difficulties, Regent Karen Walsh joined the meeting after the Board moved into closed session.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regent Amy Traynor

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## **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS**

Before considering any items on the open session agenda, President Bogost 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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## **APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS OF THE MARCH 6, 2025, AND MARCH 31, 2025, MEETINGS OF THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

The records of the March 6, 2025, and March 31, 2025, meetings of the UW System Board of Regents were approved as distributed.

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Due to the delayed start, President Bogost indicated that any updates, introductions, and other items in her report or President Rothman's report would be saved for the Board's next meeting in June.

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

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

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

Regent Prince reported that the Education Committee approved eight degree programs as part of its consent agenda. She said the Education Committee heard an update on the academic unit realignment underway at UW-Oshkosh, which was approved at the August 2024 Board of Regent meeting.

She said the Education Committee also heard an update from the ADA Title II Digital Accessibility Workgroup on the UWs approach to compliance with a federal mandate on accessibility of digital materials and on the implementation of best practices.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12323, 12324, 12325, 12326, 12327, 12328, 12329, 12330. The motion was seconded by Regent NAME and approved on a voice vote.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Assistive Systems and Robotics Engineering, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire

Resolution 12323      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Assistive Systems and Robotics Engineering program at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay

Resolution 12324      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering program at the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Plant Science and Technology University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12325      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Plant Science and Technology program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Science and Technology University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12326      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Science and Technology program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12327      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Doctor of

Philosophy in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Quantitative Economics at University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12328 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Quantitative Economics program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Education in Elementary Middle Education, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Resolution 12329 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Education in Elementary Middle Education program at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences, University of Wisconsin–Whitewater

Resolution 12330 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences program at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater.

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**REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AUDIT, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

[\[Recording: 10:20\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Adams to present a report from the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee.

Regent Adams reported that the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee heard an update on the progress of the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Plan and the summarized results of audits recently issued.

Regent Adams said the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee heard and overview of the Office of Compliance and Risk Management's alignment with the revised Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee's charter. Regent Adams noted the committee's request to have more discussion focusing on the UW's top strategic risks and risk management.

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

[\[Recording: 12:56\]](#)

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

Regent Rai reported that the Business & Finance Committee reviewed and approved the 2025-26 auxiliary rates at each of the Universities of Wisconsin. He said the rate adjustments vary across the universities, but the proposal will increase the average segregated fees for students at a four-year campus by 3.5%. Tuition proposals will be considered at a future meeting pending final action on the UW's state budget funding request.

Regent Rai said the Business & Finance Committee also approved an addition to the UW Strategic Plan for Major IT Projects. The three-year project will modernize the data infrastructure and overall data collection process to provide new university-level student data warehouse capabilities while also streamlining submission of data at the UW Administration level.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12331 and 12332. The motion was seconded by Regent Colón and approved on a voice vote.

### Approval of 2025-26 Auxiliary Rates

Resolution 12331	That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves rates for segregated fees, room and board, and textbook rental rates as noted in the attached document, "2025-26 Auxiliary Rates, April 2025". The Board also authorizes the President of the University of Wisconsin System to approve any reductions to segregated fees, room and board, and textbook rental rates.
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Approval of Amendment to UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects

Resolution 12332 That, upon the recommendation the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the amendment to the UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects.

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**REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

[\[Recording: 15:53\]](#)

President Bogost read the list of resolutions approved by the Capital Planning & Budget Committee.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12333, 12334, and 12335. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects, UW System

Resolution 12333 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct various maintenance and repair projects at an estimated total cost of \$18,101,600 (\$3,521,700 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; \$2,065,400 Cash; and \$12,514,500 Segregated Revenue).

Authority to Accept a Gift of Ownership Interests in Two Condominiums at the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery and Computer, Data, & Information Sciences Building, UW-Madison

Resolution 12334 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents accept a gift of a total of 64,016 square feet in two condominiums located in the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, 330 N. Orchard Street, and the Computer Data, & Information Sciences building located at 309 N. Orchard Street, from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.



Authority to Construct the Central Plants and Utility Distribution Renovations Projects, UW System

Resolution 12335      That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes construction of the Central Plants and Utility Distribution Renovations projects at UW-La Crosse and UW-Stevens Point for an estimated total cost of \$14,624,100 (\$8,696,990 Segregated Revenue, \$4,394,110 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and \$1,533,000 CASH).

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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT AUDREY JENKINS' SERVICE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

[\[Recording: 20:04\]](#)

President Bogost read the Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Audrey Jenkins' service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, which was adopted by acclamation. Regent Jenkins then shared her farewell remarks with the Board.

Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Audrey Jenkins' Service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents

Resolution 12336      WHEREAS, Audrey Jenkins graciously accepted an appointment to the UW System Board of Regents in February, providing exemplary service as a traditional student Regent; and

WHEREAS, Audrey has served on the Education Committee, working to continue high-quality academic programs at all UW universities; and

WHEREAS, Audrey also served on the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee, furthering the advancements of safe and efficient practices across the Universities of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Audrey has been a steadfast advocate for the student experience, engaging with her colleagues on the Board of Regents to keep the student perspective at the forefront of decision making; and

WHEREAS, Audrey's experience as a Political Science and History double major at the University of Wisconsin–Parkside has prepared

her well to achieve her aspirations to attend law school and further her academic and professional goals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers thanks and commendation to Audrey Jenkins for her dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin and wishes her well in her future endeavors as a soon-to-be Ranger graduate.

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

There were no communications, petitions, or memorials.

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## **CLOSED SESSION**

[\[Recording: 23:57\]](#)

President Bogost read the motion to move into closed session. The motion was seconded by Regent Adams and adopted on a roll call vote with Regents Adams, Adongo, Bogost, Colón, Goitom, Jenkins, Kreuser, Nixon, Peterson, Prince, Rai, Salzwedel, Underly, and Weatherly voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions. (Regent Manydeeds and Tyler were on by phone, but still unable to unmute due to technical difficulties.)

### Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 12337      That the Board of Regents move into closed session to a) consider an employment agreement for a UW-Milwaukee head men's basketball coach, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats.; and b) confer with legal counsel regarding potential or pending litigation (*State of New York v. Trump* (1:25-cv-00039), *Massachusetts v. NIH* (No. 1:25-cv-10338), *California v. U.S. Department of Education* (No. 1:25-cv-10548), *New York v. McMahon* (No. 1:25-cv-101601), *Colorado v. HHS* (No. 1:25-cv-00121), *Rhode Island v. Trump* (No. 1:25-cv-00128), and *Massachusetts v. Kennedy/HHS* (No. 1:25-cv-10814) as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats.

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Regent Walsh joined the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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During the closed session, Regent Adams moved for the adoption of Resolution 12338. The motion was seconded by Regent Adongo and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Employment Agreement with UW-Milwaukee Head Men's Basketball Coach

Resolution 12338      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the attached Employment Agreement for head men's basketball coach Bart Lundy, effective April 21, 2025.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/

Megan Wasley  
Executive Director & Corporate Secretary  
Office of the Board of Regents  
University of Wisconsin System