

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

Thursday, July 10, 2025

1:00 p.m.

via Zoom Videoconference

-President Bogost presiding-

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## **CALLING OF THE ROLL**

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

PRESENT: Regents Angela Adams, Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, Haben Goitom, James Kreuser, Edmund Manydeeds, Timothy Nixon, Tom Palzewicz, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Sara Rogers, Jack Salzwedel, Linda Terwilliger, Jill Underly, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regents Noah Fritz and 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 JUNE 5-6, 2025 MEETING OF THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

[\[Recording: 00:01:18\]](#)

The records of the June 5-6, 2025, meeting of the UW System Board of Regents were approved as distributed.

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## **UPDATES AND INTRODUCTIONS**

[\[Recording: 00:01:33\]](#)

President Bogost introduced Regent Sara Rogers, who was elected as the new president of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, succeeding Mark Tyler. She said Regent Rogers is a Planning and Policy Analyst with Employ Milwaukee, the Workforce Development Board (WDB) representing Milwaukee County, and is also a member of the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment. Regent Rogers earned a B.A. from UW-Milwaukee and has spent her career in public or non-profit service, dedicated to economic and social justice.

Regent Rogers said she looked forward to working with President Bogost and the rest of the Board.

President Rothman officially introduced UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Manohar Singh, who started his new role on July 1, 2025.

President Rothman also introduced UW-Eau Claire interim Chancellor Michael Carney.

President Rothman welcomed Tom Gibson as the new UW-Milwaukee Chancellor, as well as Pratima Gandhi, the interim Chancellor at UW-Stevens Point.

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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

[\[Recording: 00:07:02\]](#)

In regard to the recently passed biennial budget, President Bogost said the budget represents a historic and unprecedented investment in the Universities of Wisconsin. She noted that the final budget package includes significant policy requirements including a mandated teaching workload, a continuation of the cap on state-funded positions, the implementation of a standardized systemwide transfer credit policy, and new faculty workload reporting requirements.

President Bogost reported that recent consultation with Wisconsin's Tribal leaders helped to shape the 2025-26 Tribal Consultation Workplan. She said the discussions included improving Native American student data collection, developing a systemwide Native student recruitment strategy, initiation of a pilot program with UW-Eau Claire to have a tuition remission program for students who are enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe in Wisconsin, increasing financial affordability and expanding support for adult learners and tribal workforce development, and overall strengthening relationships with Wisconsin's Tribal Colleges.

President Bogost noted the deep impact of significant federal research disruptions. She said the cancellation of certain grants has raised urgent concerns from faculty and administrators about the integrity of academic freedom and the increasing politicization of federal research priorities. President Bogost said international collaborations have been discouraged, and visa challenges have drastically reduced the flow of international graduate students, who make up a substantial portion of the STEM pipeline. She noted that the actions threaten the core of the American research enterprise, upending decades of bipartisan consensus and placing universities at the center of a growing ideological battle.

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## **REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

[\[Recording: 00:17:43\]](#)

President Rothman noted the \$256 million increase in the UWs' biennial operating budget is the largest increase in support for the universities in over two decades and offered thanks to the more than 850 supporters from around the state who signed a letter to help the UWs advocate for funding.

President Rothman reported that he traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with Wisconsin's Congressional delegation where he discussed concerns with H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and any actions that would negatively impact student access, success, or the UWs' ability to serve the citizens of Wisconsin. He said the three main areas of potential concern are reductions to federal financial aid for students, reduction in federal indirect payments related to research, and reduced federal grants and funding for research.

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

[\[Recording: 00:32:52\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Kreuser to present the report of actions taken by the Capital Planning & Budget Committee.

Regent Kreuser reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a UWSA request to construct five All Agency maintenance and repair projects at UW-Milwaukee, UW-Platteville, UW-Eau Claire, and UW-Whitewater. He said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee also approved a UWSA request to construct a minor facilities renewal project at UW-Stout.

Regent Kreuser reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard the UW System semi-annual status report on UW Solely Managed Capital Projects from December 1, 2024, through July 1, 2025.

Regent Kreuser reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a report from Senior Associate Vice President Alex Roe on the 25-27 Capital Budget outcome.

Regent Kreuser moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12368 and 12369. 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 12368      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 \$11,065,400 (\$5,316,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing; \$2,996,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; and \$2,753,400 Cash).

### Authority to Construct a Minor Facilities Renewal Project, UW System

Resolution 12369      That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct a minor facilities renewal project at an estimated total cost of \$7,575,000 Segregated Revenue.

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

[\[Recording: 00:35:38\]](#)

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 a report from the Office of Compliance and Risk Management (OCRM) on progress toward its Fiscal Year 2025 annual goals and an overview of OCRM's high-level goals for FY 2026.

Regent Adams said Chief Audit Executive Lori Stortz presented an executive summary from the Office on Internal Audit of a report on Youth Protection. She said the members of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee had a robust discussion regarding the audit results and management's plans to address the findings and recommendations.

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

[\[Recording: 00:37:52\]](#)

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 six degree programs and an Appointment to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program as part of its consent agenda. The Education Committee also approved the revised UW-Oshkosh Faculty Handbook and the corrected 2025 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other changes of Status.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12370, 12371, 12372, 12373, 12374, 12375, 12376, 12377, and 12378. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai and approved on a voice vote.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Arts/Science in Public Policy at University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12370	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 Bachelor of
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Arts/Bachelor of Science in Public Policy program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Business: Financial Management and Accounting at University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12371      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 Business: Financial Management and Accounting program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Quantum Computing at University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12372      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 Quantum Computing program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Healthcare Analytics, University of Wisconsin–River Falls

Resolution 12373      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–River Falls and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Science in Healthcare Analytics program at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Doctor of Education in Language and Literacy, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point

Resolution 12374      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Doctor of Education in Language and Literacy program at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point.



New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Superior

Resolution 12375      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Superior and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Master of Social Work program at the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Appointment to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program

Resolution 12376      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 appointment of Kirstie Yu to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Oversight and Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin Partnership Program to fill a vacant position effective immediately through October 31, 2028.

Approval of University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Revised Faculty Handbook

Resolution 12377      That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the revised University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Faculty Handbook.

Universities of Wisconsin Corrected 2025 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status

Resolution 12378      That, upon the recommendation of the respective Chancellors and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the corrected 2025 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status be approved.

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

[\[Recording: 00:44:46\]](#)

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, discussed, and approved the Universities of Wisconsin's proposed tuition rates and preliminary annual operating budget for the 2025-26 academic year. The approved resolution will increase tuition up to 5 percent for the 2025-26 academic year.

Regent Rai said the Board acknowledged and appreciated the funding increase provided in the state budget bill, which was passed the week prior, but said that there remain gaps in the ability to address the cumulative impacts of inflation. Regent Rai also said that the compensation provisions enacted in the state budget add additional expenses to the universities and noted that after nearly a decade of reallocating resources to accommodate past compensation increases throughout the 10-year tuition freeze, UW universities are severely constrained in their ability to absorb these new costs without offsetting revenue.

Regent Rai reported that the Business & Finance Committee also approved UW-Milwaukee's request for the proposed change in credit plateau for the academic year from eight to 15 credits for Fall and Spring terms and nine to 15 credits in Summer for its Direct Entry Master of Nursing program beginning Fall 2025.

Regent Rai reported that the Business & Finance Committee approved the preliminary annual operating budget for the Universities of Wisconsin for 2025-26. The preliminary annual operating budget projects total revenues of approximately \$7.0 billion, which is down nearly 11.4% from 2024-25. Regent Rai said there will be changes to the preliminary budget to incorporate new revenue provided in the State of Wisconsin's 2025-27 biennial budget, and also to reflect actions taken by the federal government. He said a revised budget will be brought back to the Board for approval at a future meeting. Regent Rai highlighted that no UW university is projecting a structural deficit for 2025-26 in its General Purpose Revenue/tuition fund.

Regent Rai said the Committee approved the UW System Status Report on Large/High-Risk Information Technology Projects, and heard a report on the Cost-Benefit Analysis of Foundations and Associated Affiliated Organizations for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12379, 12380, and 12381. The motion was seconded by Regent Walsh and approved on a voice vote.

#### Approval of 2025-26 UW System Tuition Rates and Preliminary Annual Operating Budget

Resolution 12379	That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the tuition and fee rates and the preliminary 2025-26 operating budget, as attached in the document, "2025-26 Tuition Rates and Preliminary Operating Budget, July 2025".
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Any funding changes needed to the University of Wisconsin System's preliminary 2025-26 operating budget as a result of the 2025-27 Biennial Budget passage or changes within federally funded programs will be discussed with and approved by the Board of Regents at a later date.

The Board also authorizes the UW System President to make minor adjustments to the tuition and fee rates. Any significant changes will be discussed with and approved by the Board of Regents.

Approval of Proposed Change in Direct Entry Master of Nursing Program Credit Plateau, UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 12380      That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System and the Chancellor of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Board of Regents approves the proposed change in credit plateau for the academic year from eight to fifteen credits for Fall and Spring terms and nine to fifteen credits in Summer for its Direct Entry Master of Nursing program beginning Fall 2025.

UW Status Report on Large/High-Risk Information Technology Projects

Resolution 12381      That, upon the recommendation the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves: (1) the UW System Status Report on Large/High-Risk Information Technology Projects dated June 30, 2025; and (2) UW System Administration's submittal of the report on the Board's behalf to the legislative Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology, as required by s. 36.59(7), Wis. Stats.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

[\[Recording: 01:11:12\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Vice President Weatherly to read the motion to move into closed session. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai and adopted on a roll call vote with Regents Adams, Adongo, Bogost, Goitom, Kreuser, Manydeeds, Nixon, Palzewicz, Prince, Rai, Rogers, Salzwedel, Terwilliger, Underly, Walsh, and Weatherly voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

## Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 12382 That the Board of Regents move into closed session to: a) consider personal histories related to UW-Madison honorary degree nominations, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats.; b) consider a student request for review of a UW-Milwaukee decision, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(a), (f), and (g), Wis. Stats.; c) confer with legal counsel regarding potential or pending litigation [New York v. Trump (District of Rhode Island, Case No. 25-cv-00039), Mass. v. NIH (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 25-cv-10338), AAU v. NIH (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 25-cv-10346), California v. Dept. of Education (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 25-cv-10548), New York v. McMahon (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv10601), Colorado v. HHS (District of Rhode Island Case No. 25-cv-00121), Rhode Island v. Trump (District of Rhode Island, Case No. 1:25-cv-00128), Mass. v. HHS (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 25-cv-10814), AAU v. Dept. of Energy (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv-10912-ADB), Maryland v. Corporation for National and Community Service, operating as AmeriCorps (District of Maryland, Case No. 1:25-cv-01363), ACLS, et. al. v. McDonald et. al. (Southern District of New York, Case No: 1:25-cv-03657), New York v. Kennedy (District of Rhode Island, Case No. 1:25-cv00196), AAU v. National Science Foundation (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv-11231), New York v. National Science Foundation (Southern District of New York, Case No. 1:25-cv-04452), AAU, et al. v. Department of Defense (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv-11740); New Jersey v. OMB (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv-11816), and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, et. al. v. University of Miami (Dane County Circuit Court, Case No. 2025CV002039)], as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats.; and d) consider strategies for crime detection and prevention, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(d), Wis. Stats.

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Following the motion into closed session, the Board recessed from 2:18 p.m. to 2:23 p.m.

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Regent Rogers left the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

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During the closed session Regent Nixon moved for the adoption of Resolution 12383. The motion was seconded by Regent Prince and approved on a voice vote.

Student Request for Mandatory Review of a UW-Milwaukee Discrimination Decision

Resolution 12383     That the Board of Regents adopts the Proposed Decision and Order as the Board's Final Decision and Order in the matter of a student request for review of a UW-Milwaukee decision.

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Regent Prince left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

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Regent Goitom left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

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Submitted by:

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