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

Thursday, June 5, 2025 1:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Room, 2nd Floor UW-Milwaukee Student Union 2200 E. Kenwood Boulevard Milwaukee, Wisconsin & via Zoom Videoconference

-President Bogost presiding-

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

[Recording: 00:00:36]

PRESENT:	Regents Angela Adams, Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, Noah
	Fritz, Haben Goitom (virtual), James Kreuser, Edmund
	Manydeeds, Timothy Nixon, Tom Palzewicz, Joan Prince, Ashok
	Rai, Jack Salzwedel, Linda Terwilliger, Mark Tyler, Jill Underly,
	Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

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.

APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS OF THE APRIL 15-16, 2025 MEETING OF THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

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[Recording: 00:01:29]

The records of the April 15-16, 2025, meeting of the UW System Board of Regents were approved as distributed.

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INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY-APPOINTED REGENTS

[Recording: 00:01:45]

President Bogost welcomed Regents Tom Palzewicz, Linda Terwilliger, and Noah Fritz, who were appointed to the UW System Board of Regents by Governor Tony Evers in May 2025.

Regent Palzewicz graduated from Brown Deer High School and briefly attended UW-Madison before joining the U.S. Navy. After six years in the service, he returned to Wisconsin and attended UW-Milwaukee, where he earned a degree in accounting. Regent Palzewicz went on to have a 15-year career in risk management with regional banks including Firstar, Marshall & Ilsley, Associated Bank, and U.S. Bank, and currently is a business and executive coach and management trainer with 20 years of experience.

Regent Terwilliger graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and then accepted an internship in UW-Madison's Master of Arts in Teaching English program. She then moved to Wausau, where she taught at various schools including UW-Stevens Point at Wausau (formerly UW-Marathon County) and UW-Stevens Point. For the last 15 years of her career, Regent Terwilliger taught International Baccalaureate English at Wausau East High School.

Regent Fritz is a student at UW-Milwaukee pursuing a degree in actuarial science. He is currently working in the life insurance industry with Allianz Life.

OTHER UPDATES AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Rothman introduced John Chenoweth as the interim chancellor and Mary Hoffman as the interim Provost at UW-River Falls.

President Rothman introduced Dr. Manohar Singh, who will begin his new role as Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh on July 1, 2025, succeeding Chancellor Andy Leavitt. President Rothman noted the inauguration of Dr. James M. Beeby as UW-La Crosse Chancellor, which took place on May 2, 2025.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

[Recording: 00:12:24]

Report(s) of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board

The May 2025 report of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board had been provided. There were no comments or questions.

Chancellor Search Updates

President Bogost reported that searches would be launched in the future to fill chancellor vacancies at UW-Eau Claire, UW-River Falls, and UW-Stevens Point.

Regents Business Partnership Awards

President Bogost reported Regent Business Partnership Awards were presented to Skyward and UW-Stevens Point in April 2025. She said that later in the afternoon, Northwestern Mutual and UW-Milwaukee would be presented with Regent Business Partnership Awards to recognize their partnership as well.

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REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT

[Recording: 00:14:34]

Strategic Plan Update

President Rothman shared a video highlighting a recent advocacy event hosted in Green Bay at TitletownTech, in collaboration with UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, TitletownTech, and New North. He said that at the event, it was noted that Wisconsin is now 44th out of 50 states in public funding of its four-year universities.

President Rothman expressed his concern over the implications of cuts to federal financial aid for students as well as federal funding for university research. He shared a new web page, <u>wisconsin.edu/fuelfutures</u>, which highlights the impact of federal financial aid and

allows UW students and graduates to share their stories about how Pell Grants and other aid create educational opportunities.

President Rothman invited UW-Milwaukee students Amber Moreno-Padilla, a junior majoring in Journalism, Advertising, and Media Studies, and Diante Johnson Jr., a senior biological science major, to speak to the Board on how they have benefited from receiving Pell Grant funding.

President Rothman said a key ingredient to America's competitive advantage in the world is its research infrastructure, built and designed in no small part by the federal government to leverage the expertise and innovative minds found at U.S. universities. He said Americans have benefited for decades from the partnership between universities and the government, including technologies that secure national defense and energy abundance, enhance quality of life, improve natural resources, bring new and life-saving therapies to patients, and create the jobs, companies, and economic prosperity that sustain the country.

State, Federal, and Other Updates

President Rothman reported the UWs will continue conversations with the Governor's office, legislative leaders, and Joint Finance Committee members as part of the ongoing 2025-27 biennial budget process.

President Rothman reported that leaders from all three of Wisconsin's higher education systems – Universities of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Technical College System, and Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities – recently came together for a news conference to send a unified message communicating concerns about the federal government's reconciliation package and its impact on education.

Outreach Initiatives

President Rothman shared a video as part of the "Mascots on Main" initiative, which included the chancellors from UW-Eau Claire, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Parkside, along with their mascots, visiting businesses in their respective communities.

President Rothamn reported that video interviews with students at all 13 UW universities are being conducted for a continuation of the "Faculty Shout-out" series. He said the videos will start appearing on social media channels in the early summer.

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HOST-CAMPUS PRESENTATION BY UW-MILWAUKEE CHANCELLOR MARK MONE: "CELEBRATING OUR TRIPARTITE MISSION OF ACCESS, RESEARCH, AND ENGAGEMENT"

[Recording: 00:41:05]

President Bogost invited Mark Mone, Chancellor of UW-Milwaukee to present to the Board.

Chancellor Mone highlighted the impact of UW-Milwaukee's unique three-part mission in the host-campus presentation, "Celebrating Our Tripartite Mission of Access, Research and Engagement."

Chancellor Mone noted that UW-Milwaukee is one of only 32 universities in the nation to be recognized by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education for providing high access to education and conducting top-tier research, as well as promoting community engagement. To illustrate the impact of UW-Milwaukee's three-part mission and the changes the university has brought about, Chancellor Mone told several stories about students, alumni, faculty and community partners. He said that through the unique tripartite mission, UW-Milwaukee changes lives, and strengthens families because education is the great equalizer.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT EMERITUS HÉCTOR COLÓN'S SERVICE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS [Recording: 01:14:50]

President Bogost called upon Regent Manydeeds to read the Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus Héctor Colón's service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, which was adopted by acclamation. Regent Emeritus Colón then shared his farewell remarks with the Board.

<u>Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Emeritus Héctor Colón's Service on the University of</u> <u>Wisconsin System Board of Regents</u>

Resolution 12339 WHEREAS, Héctor Colón has served the citizens of Wisconsin with distinguished leadership during his five years on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents from 2020 through 2025; and

WHEREAS, Héctor served on the Audit Committee throughout his term, ensuring that the Universities of Wisconsin maintain the utmost integrity and excellence of performance; and

WHEREAS, Héctor served on numerous additional regular standing committees, including two years on the Business & Finance Committee; one year on the Research, Economic Development, and Innovation Committee; and three years on the Education Committee, including two years as vice chair; and

WHEREAS, Héctor – a staunch advocate for strong campus communities and student support – championed the contributions of outstanding individuals and programs throughout the Universities of Wisconsin, serving for five years on the Diversity Awards Committee, including four years as chair; and

WHEREAS, Héctor supported fair review and governance processes throughout his term, serving on the Committee for Student Discipline and Other Student Appeals, as the Regent Member of the Educational Communications Board, and as a member of the Special Regent Committee on Governance Issues; and

WHEREAS, Héctor resolutely contributed to the assessment and selection of new UW leadership, serving on Special Regent Committees for the UW-Parkside Chancellor Search, the UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Search, and the UW System President Search; and

WHEREAS, Héctor's unique experiences as an athlete and the leader of a nonprofit organization have reinforced his perspective to foster and support a well-rounded experience for past, present, and future students of the Universities of Wisconsin;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers heartfelt thanks and commendation to Héctor Colón for his dedicated service to the State of Wisconsin and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

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The Board recessed from 2:37 p.m. to 2:54 p.m.

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE [Recording: 01:35:52]

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 eight degree programs and the annual Vilas Trust Request as part of its consent agenda. The Education Committee also approved the 2025 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status, and UW-Parkside's Academic Unit Realignment Plan.

Regent Prince reported that the Education Committee received an update on the 2023 Wisconsin Act 20, which directs the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to implement a comprehensive, statewide intervention to improve reading outcomes for children in kindergarten to grade 3 in public and private schools.

Regent Prince said the Education Committee heard from the ADA Title II Digital Accessibility Workgroup with a continuation of the presentation from the April 2025 meeting on the efforts to help UW universities comply with a new federal rule by April 24, 2026. She said the Education Committee also heard a host campus presentation by UW-Milwaukee on "Success is in the Data," highlighting the innovative ways the university uses data generated regarding enrollment, retention, course grades, progress reports, and other data to support student success.

Regent Prince reported that the Education Committee heard a report by Senior Vice President Johannes Britz and his staff with updates on several strategic initiatives including dual enrollment, Direct Admit Wisconsin, veterans policy and practices, and artificial intelligence; and an update from UW-La Crosse Provost Betsy Morgan on the workgroup that looked at criteria for program elimination as well as inter-university collaboration.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12340, 12341, 12342, 12343, 12344, 12345, 12346, 12347, 12348, 12349, and 12350. The motion was seconded by Regent Tyler and approved on a voice vote.

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

Resolution 12340 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 \$7,798,961.74 in net and unallocated income for submission to the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate for fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, 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.

<u>New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in</u> <u>Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire</u>

Resolution 12341 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 Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics program at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

<u>New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Business Administration in</u> <u>Digital Marketing Analytics, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire</u>

Resolution 12342 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 Business Administration in Digital Marketing Analytics program at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

<u>New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Business Administration in</u> <u>Professional Sales, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire</u>

Resolution 12343 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 Business Administration in Professional Sales program at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

<u>New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Arts in Media Arts and</u> <u>Production at University of Wisconsin–Green Bay</u>

Resolution 12344 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 Arts in Media Arts and Production program at the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay.

<u>New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in</u> <u>Korean Language and Culture at University of Wisconsin–Madison</u>

Resolution 12345 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 Arts/Bachelor of Science in Korean Language and Culture program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

<u>New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies,</u> <u>University of Wisconsin-River Falls</u>

Resolution 12346 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 Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies program at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

<u>New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Science in Education in Special</u> <u>Education, University of Wisconsin-River Falls</u>

Resolution 12347 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 Education in Special Education program at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

<u>New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence,</u> <u>University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point</u>

Resolution 12348 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 Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

<u>Approval of the 2025 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other</u> <u>Changes of Status</u>

Resolution 12349 That, upon the recommendation of the respective Chancellors and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the 2025 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status be approved.

Approval of Academic Unit Realignment: UW-Parkside

Resolution 12350 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Parkside and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents authorizes the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to realign the academic administrative structures and the merger of four academic colleges into a single college led by a Senior Vice Provost and Dean of the Faculty.

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

[Recording: 01:47:48]

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

Regent Manydeeds reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a UW-Oshkosh request to sell an approximately 5.7-acre parcel of unimproved land located in the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; UW System's request to construct an All Agency maintenance and repair project at UW-Madison; and UW System's request to construct a Central Plants and Utility Distribution Renovations project at UW-Green Bay.

Regent Manydeeds reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a semiannual status report on Real Estate Transactions from December 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. He said the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a host campus presentation from UW-Milwaukee, "Capital Planning and Progress to Support Our Unique 'Tripartite' Mission," which provided a brief overview of progress made since its 2010 long-range campus facilities plan paving the way to update the long-range campus plan that will begin next fiscal year.

Regent Manydeeds reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a report from Senior Associate Vice President Alex Roe.

Regent Manydeeds moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12351, 12352, and 12353. The motion was seconded by Regent Walsh and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Sell Approximately 5.7 Acres of Unimproved Land Located in the City of Oshkosh, UW-Oshkosh

Resolution 12351 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the sale of an approximately 5.7-acre parcel of unimproved land located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Authority to Construct an All Agency Maintenance and Repair Project, UW System

Resolution 12352 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct one maintenance and repair project at an estimated total cost of \$781,000 Cash.

<u>Authority to Construct the Central Plants and Utility Distribution Renovations Project, UW</u> <u>System</u>

Resolution 12353 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 project at UW-Green Bay for an estimated total cost of \$8,614,000 (\$6,805,000 Segregated Revenue and \$1,809,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).

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

[Recording: 01:50:47]

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 approved the Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan. She said the committee heard a report from Chief Audit Executive Lori Stortz on the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Plan Progress Report and the summarized results of audits recently issued.

Regent Adams said that the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee heard an annual report confirming the organizational independence of the internal audit function. The committee also received the UW-Milwaukee Division I Athletics 2024-25 report.

Regent Adams moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12354. The motion was seconded by Regent Salzwedel and approved on a voice vote.

Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan for Approval

Resolution 12354 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan.

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

[Recording: 01:53:34]

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 approved a UW-Madison master clinical trial agreement with Amgen Inc. and UW-Madison's request for a \$10 increase in its undergraduate application fee from its current level of \$70 to \$80.

Regent Rai said that the Business & Finance Committee heard a host campus presentation from UW-Milwaukee which provided an overview of the university's current financial landscape, as well as the results of a five-year review of its activity-based budget model.

Regent Rai reported that the Business & Finance Committee received 2025 Q1 Report from the UW Office of Trust Funds, joined by a representative of the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. He said the committee also heard an updated on the Administrative Transformation Program and its overall readiness level for go-live in July 2025.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12355 and 12356. The motion was seconded by Regent Salzwedel and approved on a voice vote.

UW-Madison Undergraduate Application Fee Increase

Resolution 12355 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves UW-Madison's request to raise its undergraduate application fee to \$80 for applications for admission received on or after August 1, 2025.

UW-Madison Master Clinical Trial Agreement with Amgen Inc.

Resolution 12356 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 agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, doing business as UW-Madison, and Amgen Inc.

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PRESENTATION OF REGENTS BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AWARD TO UW-MILWAUKEE AND NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

[Recording: 01:57:01]

President Bogost presented UW-Milwaukee and Northwestern Mutual with the latest Regents Business Partnership Awards.

President Bogost noted that UW-Milwaukee's partnership with Northwestern Mutual dates back almost 50 years and has included very generous sponsorship and support for UW-Milwaukee's research and teaching. Most recently, Northwestern Mutual, UW-Milwaukee, and Marquette University united to form the Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute, with a shared focus on the dynamic domains of data science and artificial intelligence.

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APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS RELATED TO THE BOARD'S MEETING SCHEDULE

[Recording: 02:09:18]

President Bogost said the Regents would be considering proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents which would provide additional flexibility in developing the Board's annual schedule of regular meetings. The proposed changes would remove language prescribing the specific number, duration, location, and calendar dates of the Board's annual and regular meetings.

President Bogost said that with the proposed revisions, the Board will continue to hold its annual meeting in June. During the annual meeting, the Board will adopt the ensuing year's schedule of regular meeting dates and locations. She noted that the additional flexibility will be helpful in developing a meeting schedule that is responsive to the Board's business needs, avoids conflicts with legal holidays and religious observances, and offers greater convenience within the academic calendar for universities hosting the Board's meetings.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolution 12357. The motion was seconded by Regent Adams and approved on a voice vote.

<u>Approval of Revisions to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents Related to the Board's Annual</u> <u>Meeting Schedule</u>

Resolution 12357 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the Board of Regents, the Board approves the attached revisions to Article II of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents related to the Board's annual meeting schedule.

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APPROVAL OF REVISED 2025 AND 2026 BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING SCHEDULES

President Bogost presented proposed revisions to the Board's 2025 and 2026 regular meeting schedules.

Regent Manydeeds moved for the adoption of Resolution 12358. The motion was second by Regent Walsh and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Revised 2025 & 2026 Regular Meeting Schedules

Resolution 12358 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the Board of Regents, the Board approves the attached revised regular meeting schedule for calendar years 2025 and 2026.

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

[Recording: 02:12:23]

President Bogost asked Regent Walsh, as the most recent past President of the Board, to preside over the annual election of officers of the Board of Regents.

Regent Walsh stated that 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. She then called for nominations for the office of President.

Regent Salzwedel nominated President Amy B. Bogost for the office of Board President. Regent Adongo seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Vice Present Bogost was elected as President of the UW System Board of Regents by a voice vote. Regent Bogost shared brief remarks as the newly elected Board President. She said she is proud of the UWs and how they provide for opportunities for students and improve their communities, and that it is an honor to serve as Board President.

Regent Walsh then called for nominations for the office of Board Vice President.

Regent Adongo nominated Regent Kyle Weatherly for the office of Board Vice President. Regent Terwilliger seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Regent Weatherly was elected as Vice President of the UW System Board of Regents by voice vote. Regent Weatherly shared brief remarks as the newly elected Board Vice President, saying he looked forward to continuing efforts to improve student success and the position of the UWs to be the lifeblood of Wisconsin's economy.

President Walsh presented the proposed slate of other officers of the Board for (re-) election:

- Megan Wasley, Corporate Secretary of the Board;
- Christen Bock, Assistant Secretary;
- Steven Wright, Assistant Secretary;
- Julie Gordon, Trust Officer; and,
- Charles Saunders, Assistant Trust Officer.

Regent Nixon nominated to elect the slate of proposed officers of the Board. Regent Adongo seconded the nomination, and the election of other officers of the Board was approved by voice vote.

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Regent Goitom left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR UW-EAU CLAIRE CHANCELLOR JIM SCHMIDT'S SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITIES OF WISCONSIN

[Recording: 02:20:58]

President Bogost called upon Regent Walsh to read the Board's resolution of appreciation for UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Jim Schmidt's service to the Universities of Wisconsin, which was adopted by acclamation.

<u>Resolution of Appreciation for UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Jim Schmidt's Service to the</u> <u>Universities of Wisconsin</u>

Resolution 12359 WHEREAS, James C. Schmidt served as the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire from 2013-2025, leading the campus to national distinction by bringing together students, faculty, staff, and community partners to inspire, collaborate, and innovate while striving for excellence and serving the public good; and

> WHEREAS, Jim oversaw the successful reaccreditation of the university by the Higher Learning Commission and led a collaborative strategic planning effort that resulted in the Vision 2030 plan, which provides the university with a bold, forward-looking guide to success; and

WHEREAS, Jim created a one-of-a-kind partnership with Mayo Clinic, which has resulted in myriad research opportunities for Blugolds and helped the university become one of the leading public institutions in the nation for students seeking careers in healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Jim helped UW-Eau Claire burnish its national reputation for excellence in undergraduate research as the university was chosen to host the 2023 National Conference on Undergraduate Research after being named the top master's-level university for undergraduate research in the country in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jim supported the successful completion of two major capital campaigns through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, which resulted in more than \$231 million being raised, exceeding the combined campaign goals by more than \$21 million; and

WHEREAS, Jim secured capital improvements totaling more than \$700 million, including public-private partnerships resulting in Pablo Center at the Confluence and The Sonnentag as well as two university-leased residence halls, the unified construction of a Science and Health

Sciences Building, construction of the university's first privately funded building, major renovations to the largest residence hall and construction of a new residence hall, redeveloping Garfield Avenue into a riverfront pedestrian corridor, major enhancements to the Simpson Field athletic facilities, and opening the first new academic building in more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Jim oversaw the successful implementation of the \$9.4 million Wisconsin Workforce Innovation Grant, which through partnerships across the greater Chippewa Valley improved the health and wellbeing of people in rural areas and created opportunities for students to become leaders in healthcare, business, and education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers thanks to Chancellor Emeritus James C. Schmidt for his outstanding service to UW-Eau Claire and wishes him well as he continues his career as President of James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR UW-OSHKOSH CHANCELLOR ANDREW LEAVITT'S SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITIES OF WISCONSIN

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[Recording: 02:27:58]

President Bogost called upon Regent Manydeeds to read the Board's resolution of appreciation for UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt's service to the Universities of Wisconsin, which was adopted by acclamation. Chancellor Leavitt then shared his farewell remarks with the Board.

<u>Resolution of Appreciation for UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt's Service to the</u> <u>Universities of Wisconsin</u>

Resolution 12360 WHEREAS, Andrew J. Leavitt has served with distinction for more than 10 years as the 11th chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, from November 2014 to July 2025; and

WHEREAS, Andy championed stronger Career and Professional Development services, leading to new-alumni success and positive early-career outcomes—and as many as 82 percent of Titans crossing the Commencement stage with jobs already in hand; and WHEREAS, Andy oversaw a renaissance in the UWO Honors College, a community whose enrollment has grown from approximately 100 to 500 students, giving high-achieving learners exposure to the best educational practices in a rich, exciting curriculum with devoted instructors who teach small, interactive seminars and team-taught classes; and

WHEREAS, UWO developed new, responsive academic offerings during Andy's leadership, including the launch of Automation and Biomedical Engineering; a Doctor of Nursing Practice; groundbreaking Hmong Studies and other ethnic studies programs; and experiential learning opportunities in the 50-year-old Cooperative Academic Partnership Program, which today offers college credits to 5,000 learners in Wisconsin and northern Illinois high schools; and

WHEREAS, Andy was an advocate for strong UWO Athletics programs, serving through a period that saw Titans in Women's Gymnastics and Men's Basketball programs earn a combined four NCAA Division III national championships, pushing the university's total titles to 50 over the university's history; and

WHEREAS, UWO took significant strides toward becoming a university of greater belonging during Andy's tenure, a commitment demonstrated by the university's 50-year commemoration of Black Thursday, which included extending an official apology and awarding Chancellors Medallions to all members of the "Oshkosh 94," the UWO alumni whose 1968 student protest resulted in their unjust arrest, expulsion, and disruption of lives; and

WHEREAS, UWO faced the fierce headwinds challenging higher education everywhere head-on during Andy's tenure, as the university pursued its goal of UWO 2.0: a fiscally sustainable university structured to support and ensure students' success, including its planned restructuring from four to three colleges, with six interdisciplinary schools built on a strong foundation of learnercentered, research-enhanced, experience-driven education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the Universities of Wisconsin offers its most sincere gratitude to Chancellor Emeritus Andrew J. Leavitt for his service and dedication to the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh and the state of Wisconsin and wishes him well in his future service and endeavors.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR UW-MILWAUKEE CHANCELLOR MARK MONE'S SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITIES OF WISCONSIN [Recording: 02:43:27]

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President Bogost called upon Regent Prince to read the Board's resolution of appreciation for UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Mark Mone's service to the Universities of Wisconsin, which was adopted by acclamation. Chancellor Mone then shared his farewell remarks with the Board.

<u>Resolution of Appreciation for UW-Milwaukee Chancellor Mark Mone's Service to the</u> <u>Universities of Wisconsin</u>

Resolution 12361 WHEREAS, Mark A. Mone became the ninth Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee in 2014, after joining the university in 1989 as assistant professor in the Lubar College of Business and rising to associate dean in 1997 and full professor in 1999; and WHEREAS, Mark led UWM to spearhead unprecedented partnerships with other education institutions through the Higher Education Regional Alliance, M-Cubed, Freshwater Collaborative, and the President's and Chancellor's Challenge, and through agreements with regional technical colleges, including establishing UWM University Centers, which moved these relationships away from a model of competition to one of collaboration; and WHEREAS, Mark formed new and innovative public-private partnerships by creating the Connected Systems Institute, Lubar Entrepreneurship Center, Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute, and Microsoft AI Co-Innovation Lab, proving that education can be advanced by listening to and meeting the needs of employers; and WHEREAS, Mark established a vision for UWM's future, creating the 2030+ Think Tank and 2030 Action Plan, which is strengthening UWM's position as a university that prioritizes student success, research, and community engagement; is welcoming to all; exhibits financial health; and integrates practical strategies in all corners of the university; and WHEREAS, Mark's deep, genuine relationships with donors, alumni, corporations, and nonprofits contributed to the most successful university-wide fundraising campaign UWM has ever seen, raising \$251 million for students, research, and community engagement, as

well as UWM's largest gift – \$20 million from the Zilber Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mark oversaw the rejuvenation of UWM's campus through the opening of new spaces, including the Kenwood Interdisciplinary Research Complex, Lubar Entrepreneurship Center and Welcome Center, Orthopedic Hospital of Wisconsin Center, and Chemistry Building, as well as the Emile Mathis Art Gallery, Jan Serr Studio, Connected Systems Institute, School of Information Studies, Student Health & Wellness Center, James & Yvonne Clinical Simulation Center, Police Department, Library Archives, and the updated Student Union and Sandburg towers; and

WHEREAS, Mark shepherded UWM through an awakening of its national reputation as one of America's top research universities four times running, a Carnegie-classified community-engaged institution recognized for its access mission, a Princeton Review "Best Midwest" university that is also military-friendly and LGBTQ+-friendly, has an APLU Economic and Innovation Prosperity designation, a Department of Education Green Ribbon Award, and is ranked in the top 3.1% in the world by the Center for World University Rankings;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System extends sincere gratitude to Chancellor Emeritus Mark A. Mone for his extraordinary leadership and service to the Universities of Wisconsin and the citizens of Wisconsin and wishes him continued success as he returns to his role as professor.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MILWAUKEE FOR HOSTING THE JUNE 2025 MEETING

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[Recording: 03:00:59]

President Bogost called upon Regent Fritz to read the Board's resolution of appreciation to UW-Milwaukee for hosting the June 2025 meeting, which was adopted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Milwaukee for Hosting the June 2025 Meeting

Resolution 12362 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 2025 meeting, and the Board is grateful

for the generous hospitality extended by Chancellor Mark Mone and the entire Panther community; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated hearing Chancellor Mone's presentation, "Celebrating Our Tripartite Mission of Access, Research, and Engagement," focusing on access and student success, research excellence, and deep community service and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Finance Committee thanks Robin Van Harpen, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Affairs, for providing an update on UWM's multiyear financial plan and five-year review of its activity-based budget model; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee learned of progress made since UWM's 2010 long-range campus facilities plan, paving the way to update the long-range campus plan that will begin next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee heard highlights of the innovative ways UWM uses historical and real-time data to improve courses, engage students, and ensure access; and

WHEREAS, the Audit Committee received 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 Chemistry Building and learn more about the research and teaching activities occurring there; and

WHEREAS, the Board is pleased to present a Regent Business Partnership Award to UW-Milwaukee and Northwestern Mutual;

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

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REGENT COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS

There were no communications, petitions, or memorials.

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The Board recessed from 4:24 p.m. to 4:33 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

[Recording: 03:05:15]

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

Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 12363 That the Board of Regents move into closed session to consider personnel evaluations of chancellors, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

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Regent Adams left the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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Submitted by:

<u>/s/</u>

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