

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

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
5:00 p.m.

via Zoom Videoconference

-President Bogost presiding-

The recording of this meeting's open session is available at: [April 7, 2026 Webcast](#)

CALLING OF THE ROLL

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PRESENT: Regents Angela Adams, Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, Noah Fritz, Haben Goitom, Jim Kreuser, Edmund Manydeeds, Tim Nixon, Tom Palzewicz, Ashok Rai, Sara Rogers, Jack Salzwedel, Linda Terwilliger, Amy Traynor, Jill Underly, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regent Joan Prince

CLOSED SESSION

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After convening in open session, President Bogost asked for a motion to move into closed session. The motion was made by Regent Rai, seconded by Regent Adongo, and adopted on a roll call vote with Regents Adams, Adongo, Bogost, Fritz, Goitom, Kreuser, Manydeeds, Nixon, Palzewicz, Rai, Rogers, Salzwedel, Terwilliger, Traynor, Underly, Walsh, and Weatherly voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 12452 That the Board of Regents move into closed session to consider taking a personnel action to terminate the UW System President, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(b), Wis. Stats.

Following discussion in closed session, Regent Manydeeds moved that the Board reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai and adopted on a roll call vote with Regents Adams, Adongo, Bogost, Fritz, Goitom, Kreuser, Manydeeds, Nixon, Palzewicz, Rai, Rogers, Salzwedel, Terwilliger, Traynor, Underly, Walsh, and Weatherly voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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Upon reconvening in open session, Regent President Bogost sought a motion to adopt Resolution 12453. The motion was made by Regent Rai and seconded by Regent Adongo.

Regent President Bogost then read the following statement:

“The Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents takes its fiduciary responsibility seriously and acts in the best interests of our students, faculty, staff, and the people of Wisconsin.

Under Board policy, the Board President is tasked to conduct an annual performance review of the System President. The Board President met with a wide variety of individuals and stakeholders including, Regents, Chancellors and other members of the Universities of Wisconsin communities. Regent leadership then shared the results of that review with President Rothman. This process consisted of multiple meetings with the full Board of Regents, including direct conversations and clear feedback regarding leadership expectations.

President Rothman was not without notice, nor was the process sudden. The Board has engaged with President Rothman in good-faith discussions over the past several months.

This does not diminish the President’s many contributions, which we acknowledge and greatly appreciate. As an at-will employee of the Board of Regents, the System

President serves at the pleasure of the Board, which bears the responsibility of determining whether its chosen leader continues to hold its confidence. This governance structure is standard practice, and it exists to ensure that we remain accountable to the public we are honored to serve.

At a time of profound change in higher education, this decision is about the future. The Universities of Wisconsin must be led with a clear vision that both protects and strengthens our flagship, supports our comprehensive universities, and ensures we are meeting the evolving needs of our students, workforce, and communities across all 72 counties.”

With no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 12453 was approved on a roll call vote with Regents Adams, Adongo, Bogost, Fritz, Goitom, Kreuser, Manydeeds, Nixon, Palzewicz, Rai, Rogers, Salzwedel, Terwilliger, Traynor, Underly, Walsh, and Weatherly voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

Termination of Jay O. Rothman as President of the University of Wisconsin System

Resolution 12453 That the Board of Regents terminates the appointment of Jay O. Rothman as President of the University of Wisconsin System effective April 7, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Megan Wasley

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