

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

Friday, February 6, 2026
8:30 a.m.

Varsity Hall II, 2nd Floor
UW-Madison Union South
1308 W. Dayton Street
Madison, Wisconsin
& via Zoom Videoconference

-President Bogost presiding-

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

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

UNABLE TO ATTEND: James Kreuser, Amy Traynor, and Jill Underly

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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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UW-MADISON STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ADELINE WOOD

[\[Recording: 00:01:19\]](#)

President Bogost invited Lori Reesor, UW-Madison Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, to introduce Adeline Wood.

Ms. Wood, a UW-Madison senior majoring in human development and family studies, and the current Wisconsin Union President, shared about her experience coming from small-town Wisconsin to attend UW-Madison. She said sharing a classroom with students who had different lived experiences challenged her ideas and that she found opportunities to thrive, succeed, push her limits, and learn.

Regent Walsh asked how Ms. Wood became involved in the Wisconsin Union.

Vice President Weatherly asked how the UWs could better reach students who choose not to pursue a four-year degree.

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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:14:09\]](#)

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 one new academic degree program, a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering at UW-Madison, and approved revisions to university policies on campaigning in residence halls.

Regent Prince said the Education Committee heard a host campus presentation from UW-Madison entitled, "Exploring the Many Ways We Teach and Learn," which highlighted UW-Madison's commitment to engaging students as active partners in knowledge creation and dissemination, emphasizing that learning extends beyond the traditional classroom.

Regent Prince Reported that Senior Vice President Britz provided an update on efforts related to Teaching Workload and Core General Education Credit Transfer policies as well as proposed revisions to SYS 102. She said the Education Committee heard proposed revisions to RPD 4-12, "Academic Program Planning, Review, and Approval in the University of Wisconsin System."

Finally, Regent Prince reported that Senior Vice President Britz provided a provost-centered overview of artificial intelligence as a disruptive force in higher education, highlighting its implications for academic program planning, teaching and learning, and student success.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12434 and 12435. The motion was seconded by Regent Nixon and approved on a voice vote.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12434 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 Science in Aerospace Engineering program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Approval of Revisions to University Policies on Campaigning in Residence Halls

Resolution 12435 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the attached revisions to each university's implementation policies under s. UWS 18.11(09), Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to campaigning in state-owned residence halls.

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

[\[Recording: 00:21:11\]](#)

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

Regent Salzwedel reported that the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee heard from Lori Stortz, Chief Audit Executive, who discussed the results of audit reports recently issued. Ms. Stortz also presented the Audit Plan Risk Model to the committee. Regent Salzwedel said Regents asked that Ms. Stortz and her team bring to the committee's attention any risks which are rated high and could benefit from an audit or analysis regardless of internal audit's current ability or capacity to perform the work.

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

[\[Recording: 00:23:08\]](#)

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 heard a host campus presentation entitled, "Enhancing Operational Excellence at UW-Madison," which provided an overview of UW-Madison's financial position, and introduced several initiatives that promote efficient and effective delivery of administrative services.

Regent Rai reported that the Business & Finance Committee reviewed the UW Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025 prepared by the Office of Finance, and received the mid-year Budget-to-Actuals Report.

Regent Rai reported that the Business & Finance Committee approved the UW Status Report on Large or High-Risk Information Technology Projects, and also approved the annual report on the Strategic Plans for Major IT Projects.

Finally, Regent Rai said the Business & Finance Committee heard a presentation on the adoption of artificial intelligence in administrative operations at the Universities of Wisconsin.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12436 and 12437. The motion was seconded by Regent Walsh and approved on a voice vote.

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

Resolution 12436 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 February 5, 2026; 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.

UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects

Resolution 12437 That, upon the recommendation the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves: (1) the UW System Report on Strategic Plans for Major Information Technology Projects; 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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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 00:27:46\]](#)

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

Regent Walsh reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved the demolition of White Hall at UW-Whitewater, an increase to the budget of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Frautschi Center at UW-Madison, and the completion of the design and construction of the Music Hall Renovation and Addition Phase I project at UW-Madison.

Regent Walsh reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee heard a host campus presentation from UW-Madison entitled, "Enabling Excellence, Overcoming Challenges: An Update on UW-Madison's Facilities Strategy to Transform the Built Environment," which explained how UW-Madison has continued to address aging facilities and increased deferred maintenance, while innovating to meet the needs of campus, the State of Wisconsin, and beyond.

Finally, Regent Walsh reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee received a report from Deej Lundgren, Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Budget, outlining the significant work underway to prepare the 2027-2033 Capital Budget.

Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12438, 12439, and 12440. The motion was seconded by Regent Palzewicz and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Demolish White Hall at UW-Whitewater

Resolution 12438 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes \$1,835,100 State of Wisconsin Segregated Revenue for demolition of White Hall at UW-Whitewater.

Authority to Increase the Budget of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Frautschi Center, UW-Madison

Resolution 12439 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the increase in the budget for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Frautschi Center project by \$4,700,000 for an estimated total project cost of \$21,500,000 Gift/Grant.

Authority to Construct the Music Hall Renovation and Addition Phase 1, UW-Madison

Resolution 12440 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the completion of design and construction of the Music Hall Renovation and Addition Phase 1 project for an estimated total project cost of \$57,000,000.

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UW-MADISON PANEL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: “THE WISCONSIN EXCHANGE – PLURALISM IN PRACTICE”

[\[Recording: 00:32:24\]](#)

President Bogost invited Chancellor Mnookin to offer some introductory remarks before the panel presentation and discussion, “The Wisconsin Exchange: Pluralism in Practice.”

Chancellor Mnookin emphasized the importance of fostering constructive dialogue across differences, which can be difficult in a very polarized society. She noted that universities should encourage open-mindedness, critical thinking, and collaboration despite disagreement. Chancellor Mnookin said that at UW-Madison, the goal is to enhance pluralism and civil dialogue as key aspects of the UW-Madison education and experience.

John Zumbrunnen, UW-Madison interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, moderated and introduced the panel. The panelists included Allison Prash, Nancy Obin Sukenik Professor and Associate Professor, Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture, Department of Communications Arts; Alex Tahk, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, and Director, Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership; Miranda Garcia-Dove, Majors: Information Science; Political Science, Certificate: Public Policy; Shane Funmaker, Major: Social Welfare, Certificates: Public Policy, and Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics; and Jackson Daniel, Major: Computer Sciences, Certificate: Mathematics.

The panelists shared how UW-Madison is advancing civil dialogue by cultivating a campus community where diverse viewpoints are expected, respected, and debated, and emphasizing UW-Madison’s commitment to free expression, academic freedom, and civic engagement.

Regent Walsh asked Mr. Daniel how he was able to complete his degree in computer science and certificate in mathematics in three years, as well as being involved on campus. Mr. Daniel said the AP credits he was able to accumulate after moving to La Crosse in high school helped him graduate in three years.

Regent Nixon asked about the participation of LGBTQ+ students or advocates, and students with evangelical and conservative Christian viewpoints in discussions together on campus.

Regent Goitom asked Ms. Prasch and Mr. Tahk about addressing the polarization of the media ecosystem and how people self-select information, and in turn how to foster the dialogue and help people diversify information sources.

President Bogost asked the student panelists if the skills they have gained from participating in the Wisconsin Exchange initiative have been transferrable or helpful in interactions with people with differing opinions in their everyday life. She also asked if discussions had touched on AI and false news, and being able to determine what is real.

Regent Adongo left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Regent Salzwedel left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

UW-MADISON NCAA DIVISION I ATHLETICS ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

[\[Recording: 01:24:43\]](#)

President Bogost invited Chris McIntosh, UW-Madison Director of Athletics, to present the NCAA Division I Athletics 2024-25 Report to the Board. AD McIntosh was also joined by Marcus Sedberry, Deputy Athletic Director and COO, UW-Madison; Adam Barnes, Senior Associate Athletic Director and CFO, UW-Madison; Jackie Davenport, Associate Athletic Director for Student Services and Director of Badger Built, UW-Madison; and Dan Rohrer, Associate Athletic Director for Governance & Regulatory Affairs, UW-Madison.

AD McIntosh said college athletics has been undergoing a monumental transformation since the *House v. NCAA* settlement which determined that, beginning with the 2025-26 academic year, NCAA Division I schools may directly share up to \$20.5 million annually in institutional revenue with their athletes, rather than limiting compensation to scholarships or third-party deals. In anticipation of revenue sharing under the House settlement, he said UW-Madison has strengthened and diversified its revenue streams, including expanding

sponsorship, net ticket pricing strategies, and hosting concerts at Camp Randall for the first time in nearly 30 years.

AD McIntosh said UW-Madison athletics programs continue to excel, notably the women's hockey team's WCHA regular season title win and the NCAA championship, as well as cross country, track & field, volleyball, golf, soccer, swimming, and tennis, with several individual and team championships and historic achievements.

AD McIntosh said the athletics department reported no level one violations, one level two violation, and three level three violations to the NCAA in 2024-25. He reported that UW-Madison student-athletes had a graduation success rate of 94% in 2024-25, four percentage points higher than the national NCAA Division I average.

Regent Walsh asked about the ability of the Kellner Family Athletics Facility, currently under construction, to host Division I indoor track meets.

Regent Nixon suggested that the athletics department bring their auditors to future presentations to the Board.

Vice President Weatherly asked about the graduation rate of student athletes and how the transfer portal impacts the accuracy of the measurement.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MADISON FOR HOSTING THE FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING

[\[Recording: 01:45:45\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Regent Goitom to read Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Madison for hosting the February 2026 meeting, which was adopted by acclamation.

Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Madison for Hosting the February 2026 Meeting

Resolution 12441 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Regents are pleased to recognize the University of Wisconsin–Madison as the official host campus for the Board's February 2026 meeting, and are grateful for the generous hospitality extended this month by Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin and the entire Badger community; and

WHEREAS, the Board very much appreciated hearing Chancellor Mnookin's host-campus presentation, "Principled Pragmatism: Reflections on Leading in a Time of Challenge," updating the Board on

the outstanding work of UW-Madison in the face of challenges, as well as sharing how the Board can continue to support UW-Madison; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Finance Committee learned more about fostering operational excellence through administrative initiatives to reduce risk, improve employee experience, and drive more resources to UW-Madison's mission; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee gained a deeper understanding of UW-Madison's facilities strategy to transform the built environment, using data-driven decision-making, adaptive reuse and modernization, and targeted demolition and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee heard a panel discussion, "Exploring the Many Ways We Teach and Learn," describing the different environments where teaching and mentorship occur to meet the ever-changing needs of students, the state, and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board was pleased to present a Regent Business Partnership Award to UW-Madison and GE Healthcare, recognizing their extraordinary collaborative partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Board was inspired, just this morning, by the presentation, "Wisconsin Exchange: Pluralism in Practice," discussing how UW-Madison is advancing civil dialogue by cultivating a campus community where diverse viewpoints are expected, respected, and debated; and

WHEREAS, the Board welcomed the Universities of Wisconsin's wide-ranging perspectives on Artificial Intelligence, including UW-Madison's presentation entitled, "RISE AI Initiative: Faculty Focus;" and

WHEREAS, the Board was delighted to hear from UW-Madison student Adeline Wood, a Human Development and Family Studies major; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciated touring the recently opened state-of-the-art building Morgridge Hall, home of the future "College of Computing and Artificial Intelligence;"

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby thanks UW-Madison for this month's informative presentations, its forward-

thinking spirit, and its many continued 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 10:23 a.m. to 10:42 a.m.

Regent Salzwedel returned to the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

[\[Recording: 01:51:00\]](#)

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, Bogost, Fritz, Goitom, Manydeeds, Nixon, Palzewicz, Prince, Rai, Rogers, Salzwedel, Terwilliger, Walsh, and Weatherly voting in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions.

Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 12442 That the Board of Regents move into closed session to: a) consider personal histories related to a naming at UW-Madison, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats.; b) consider personal histories related to UW-Milwaukee honorary degree nominations, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats.; c) consider compensation adjustments for chancellors, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.; d) deliberate and negotiate contracts that require a closed session for competitive or bargaining reasons, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats.; e) consider strategies for crime detection and prevention, as permitted by s.19.85(1)(d), Wis. Stats.; and f) 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-cv-10601), 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 (Southern District of New York, Case No: 1:25-cv-03657), New York v. Kennedy (District of Rhode Island, Case No. 1:25-cv-00196), AAU v. National Science Foundation (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv-11231), AAU 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); Washington v. Department of Education (Western District of Washington, Case No. 2:25-cv-01228); COE v. Department of Education (District of Columbia, Case Nos. 1:25-cv-03514 and No. 1:25-cv-03491); Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America and AAU v. United States Department of Homeland Security (District of Columbia, Case No. 1:25-cv-03675-BAH); and California v. Noem (District of Massachusetts, Case No. 1:25-cv-13829)], as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats.

During the closed session Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolution 12443. The motion was seconded by Regent Salzwedel and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Name Music Hall, UW-Madison

Resolution 12443 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison, and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes that Music Hall be named "Herb Kohl Hall".

During the closed session Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolution 12444. The motion was seconded by Regent Fritz and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Equity Pay Adjustments for Chancellors

Resolution 12444 That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves base salary

increases for Chancellors effective December 28, 2025, as outlined in Attachment A.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ _____

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Office of the Board of Regents
University of Wisconsin System