

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

Thursday, July 16, 2026
12:30 p.m.

via Zoom Videoconference

-President Weatherly presiding-

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Regent Jill Underly

Regent Traynor joined the meeting at 12:30 p.m., after the calling of the roll.

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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 4-5, 2026 MEETINGS OF THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

[\[Recording: 01:21\]](#)

The records of the June 4-5, 2026, meetings of the UW System Board of Regents were approved as distributed.

UPDATES AND INTRODUCTIONS

[\[Recording: 01:42\]](#)

President Weatherly thanked Regent Emeritus Salzwedel for his service on the Board of Regents and said he hoped to more formally recognize him at a future meeting.

President Wachter introduced Eric Wilcots, interim chancellor of UW-Madison, who began his interim role on May 17, 2026.

President Wachter then introduced Robert Brinkmann who started on July 1, 2026, as UW-Stevens Point's 16th chancellor. President Wachter thanked Pratima Gandhi for serving as UW-Stevens Point's interim chancellor.

Next, President Wachter welcomed Ed Martini, who started July 1, 2026 as UW-Eau Claire's 9th chancellor. She thanked Mike Carney for serving as UW-Eau Claire's interim chancellor and wished Mr. Carney well in his retirement.

President Wachter introduced Amy Clark as the new provost at UW-River Falls.

UW-Oshkosh Chancellor Singh introduced Josh Garrison as the new UW-Oshkosh provost.

UW-Whitewater Chancellor King introduced Pieter de Hart as the new UW-Whitewater provost.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

[\[Recording: 15:49\]](#)

Executive Search Updates

President Weatherly reported that the search committees for both the UW President and UW-Madison chancellor held public listening sessions, reviewed feedback, developed a prospectus, and officially opened the positions for applications.

President Weatherly said applications or nominations for the UW President could be submitted to the search firm AGB Search, with the deadline for fullest consideration being August 31, 2026.

Vice President Rai, chair of the UW Presidential Search Committee, said five listening sessions were held and 147 in-person comments and 144 online comments were received. He thanked his fellow search committee members for their participation in the listening sessions, as well as their help reviewing the prospectus. Vice President Rai said he has had meetings with over 20 elected officials from both political parties in the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate, as well as some federal elected officials, who have provided their input to help guide the search.

President Weatherly said applications or nominations for the UW-Madison Chancellor could be submitted to the search firm Isaacson Miller, with the deadline for fullest consideration being September 10, 2026.

Regent Bogost, chair of the UW-Madison Chancellor Search Committee, reported that meetings with Dane County elected officials, members of the public, and other interested constituents were in the process of being scheduled. She thanked Annie Jones, her vice chair, as well as the entire committee for their engagement and work throughout the process thus far.

Outreach Initiatives

President Weatherly reported Regent Business Partnership Awards were presented to UW-Green Bay and Security-Luebke Roofing, to recognize their ongoing collaborations. He said Security-Luebke Roofing is a vital contributor to the Northeast Wisconsin area and that they strengthen the local workforce, support families, and set a standard for what a values-driven business can achieve.

Remarks by New Board President

President Weatherly said he would have more to share about his plans for the upcoming year at the in-person Board of Regents meeting in August 2026. He thanked Regents who stepped up to chair or vice chair committees or serve as ex-officio members of other boards. President Weatherly also thanked UW staff for their work and commitment to the students and the state throughout the last few months of transition.

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REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT

[\[Recording: 21:27\]](#)

State, Federal, and Other Updates

President Wachter reported that the UWs were currently engaged in active consultation and discussion with stakeholders as work to develop the 2027-29 Biennial Budget began. She said the mission of the UWs is to serve the people of Wisconsin and that she and her team looked forward to working with state partners to help solve the budget challenges ahead. She said more details on the 2027-29 Capital Budget Request and Biennial Budget Request would be shared in August.

President Wachter reported that the Direct Admit program, launched in recent years, has helped expand the enrollment pool and provide Wisconsin residents access to a UW education, which is a critical part of the UWs mission. She said that as part of UW-Madison SSTAR Lab's evaluation of the Wisconsin Tuition Promise, students who were eligible for the Wisconsin Tuition Promise and were admitted through Direct Admit Wisconsin were asked how much Direct Admit made them more likely to stay in Wisconsin for college. 77% responded with "quite a bit," or "a great deal," and 67% said Direct Admit made them more likely to enroll in a four-year university immediately after high school. President Wachter said 510 high schools out of 804 in the state participate in Direct Admit.

President Wachter reported that the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy & Service (WIPPS), which was previously headquartered within the Division of University Relations at UW Administration, was recently relocated to the UW-Eau Claire campus. She said the move would allow WIPPS to work more closely with students and expand the communities served across Wisconsin.

Lastly, President Wachter reported that the Department of Education released the new Student Tuition and Transparency System (STATS) and Earnings Accountability rule stemming from H.R.1, otherwise known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. She said UW Administration continue to work in close collaboration with leaders at each of the

universities to ensure both awareness and understanding of the changes and developments in the federal space.

Regent Bogost asked about the continued efforts to expand Direct Admit to non-participating high schools. President Wachter affirmed that engagement efforts with non-participating schools are ongoing. President Weatherly noted that it is not only the number of participating schools, but whether schools implement an opt-in or opt-out approach that can impact overall participation levels.

Regent Rai noted that Board members may have connections to local school districts across the state and asked if Regents could be provided with a list of non-participating schools in order to help advocate for the implementation of Direct Admit. President Wachter said Senior Vice President Britz and his team would work on fulfilling the request.

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

[\[Recording: 31:05\]](#)

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

Regent Walsh reported that the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee received the Office of Internal Audit: Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan Progress Report. She said Lori Stortz, Chief Audit Executive, provided the committee with a high-level summary of a recently issued audit report.

Regent Walsh reported that Ms. Stortz presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Audit Plan for approval, which was approved on a voice vote. She said Ms. Stortz also discussed the Office of Internal Audit's progress on closing audit comments.

Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolution 12494. The motion was seconded by Regent Bogost and approved on a voice vote.

Fiscal Year 2027 Audit Plan for Approval

Resolution 12494	That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Fiscal Year 2027 Audit Plan.
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REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BUSINESS & FINANCE COMMITTEE

[\[Recording: 33:18\]](#)

President Weatherly called upon Regent Palzewicz to present a report from the Business & Finance Committee.

Regent Palzewicz reported that the Business & Finance Committee received the 2026 Q1 investment report from the UW Office of Trust Funds and the Cost-Benefit Analysis of Foundations and Associated Affiliated Organizations Report for fiscal year 2024-25.

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

[\[Recording: 34:50\]](#)

President Weatherly 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 Classroom Renovation/Institutional Technology Improvement Program project at UW-Green Bay, a request to increase the budget and construct a Central Plant and Utility Distribution Renovation project at UW-Stevens Point, nine All Agency maintenance and repair projects at UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout Polytechnic, UW-Superior, and UW-Whitewater, and two Minor Facilities Renewal projects at UW-La Crosse and UW-Parkside as part of the consent agenda.

Regent Kreuser reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee approved a UW-Parkside request to demolish the former Child Care Center and the Regional Staff Development Center, which have both been out of service for more than a decade. He said the committee approved a UW-Madison request to construct the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Renovation and Expansion project in Barron County and a UW-Eau Claire request to name the new Science and Health Sciences Building the Riverside Science Center.

Regent Kreuser reported that the Capital Planning & Budget Committee received a report from DeeJ Lundgren, Associate Vice President for Capital Planning & Budget, on the recent colling issues at UW-Madison caused by a fractured 48-inch chilled water pipe, as well as updates on the UW-La Crosse Prairie Springs Science Center project, and the upcoming

State Building Commission and Board of Regent meetings in August where the Capital Budget Request will be presented.

Regent Kreuser moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12495, 12496, 12497, 12498, 12499, 12500, and 12501. The motion was seconded by Regent Fritz and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Construct a 2025-27 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program Projects, UW System

Resolution 12495 That, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the allocation of 2025-27 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program funds; authorizes construction of the related project at an estimated total cost of \$3,598,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing of the originally enumerated \$48,674,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing; and allows the Division of Facilities Development to transfer balances, adjust an individual project budget, and add or substitute other high-priority Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology projects within the authorized funding.

Authority to Increase the Budget of and Construct a Central Plant & Utility Distribution Renovation Project, UW System

Resolution 12496 That, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to increase the budget of and construct a central plant and utility distribution renovation project at an estimated total cost of \$3,046,000 (\$1,157,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and \$1,889,000 Cash).

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

Resolution 12497 That, upon the recommendation of the Interim 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 \$18,382,100 (\$13,540,900 State of Wisconsin Segregated Revenues and \$4,841,200 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).

Authority to Construct a Minor Facilities Renewal Project, UW System

Resolution 12498 That, upon the recommendation of the Interim President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to

construct these minor facilities renewal projects at an estimated total cost of \$12,535,000 (\$4,406,000 State of Wisconsin Segregated Revenues; \$5,903,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing; and \$2,226,000 Cash).

Authority to Demolish the Child Care Center and the Regional Staff Development Center at UW-Parkside

Resolution 12499 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Parkside and the Interim President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes \$358,200 State of Wisconsin Segregated Revenues for the demolition of the Child Care Center and the Regional Staff Development Center at UW-Parkside.

Authority to Construct the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Renovation & Expansion-Barron, UW-Madison

Resolution 12500 That, upon the recommendation of the Interim Chancellor of UW-Madison and the Interim President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the construction of the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Renovation & Expansion-Barron project for an estimated total project cost of \$19,555,000 (\$9,555,000 EX-GFSB, \$5,000,000 SEG-REV, and \$5,000,000 Cash).

Authority to Name the New Science and Health Sciences Building, UW-Eau Claire

Resolution 12501 That, upon the recommendation of the UW-Eau Claire Chancellor and the Interim President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes that the new science and health sciences building be named the "Riverside Science Center".

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CLOSED SESSION

[\[Recording: 41:21\]](#)

Before moving into closed session, President Weatherly highlighted how UW alums go on to do great things, sharing a clip from a recent National Women's Soccer League game where Rose Lavelle, former UW-Madison student athlete, scored a game-winning goal.

President Weatherly called upon Vice President Rai to read the motion to move into closed session. The motion was seconded by Regent Walsh and adopted on a roll call vote with

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

Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 12502 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-Madison disciplinary decision, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(a), (f), and (g), Wis. Stats.; c) consider personnel evaluations and compensation adjustments for chancellors, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.; and d) confer with legal counsel regarding potential or pending litigation, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats.

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During the closed session Regent Nixon moved for the adoption of Resolution 12503. The motion was seconded by Regent Fritz and approved on a voice vote.

Student Request for Discretionary Review of a UW-Madison Disciplinary Decision

Resolution 12503 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-Madison disciplinary decision.

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During the closed session Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of Resolution 12504. The motion was seconded by Regent Terwilliger and approved on a voice vote.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 At-Risk Compensation Amounts and Performance Metrics

Resolution 12504 That, upon recommendation of the Interim President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the performance metrics contained in Attachment A, for determining eligibility for compensation-at-risk for Fiscal Year 2027 under the applicable chancellor employment agreements, and the Board of Regents further approves that the at-risk compensation component for Fiscal Year 2027 be set at 15% of each eligible chancellor's base compensation for said fiscal year.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

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Submitted by:

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