

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

Friday, June 7, 2024  
8:30 a.m.

Wisconsin Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
UW-Milwaukee Student Union  
2200 E. Kenwood Boulevard  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

-President Walsh presiding-

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## CALLING OF THE ROLL

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

PRESENT: Regents Angela Adams, Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, Evan Brenkus, Héctor Colón, Haben Goitom, James Kreuser, Edmund Manydeeds, Timothy Nixon, Cris Peterson, Joan Prince, Ashok Rai, Jack Salzwedel, Amy Traynor, Mark Tyler, Jill Underly, Karen Walsh, and Kyle Weatherly

UNABLE TO ATTEND: None

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## DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Before considering any items on the open session agenda, President Walsh 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."

To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, Regents Jack Salzwedel and Karen Walsh recused themselves from voting on Resolution 12189, "UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC."

To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, Regent Ashok Rai recused himself from voting on Resolution 12205, "Authority to Construct the Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research (WIMR) East Wedge Cyclotron and Expansion, UW-Madison."

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

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

President Walsh called upon Regent Rai to present a report of actions taken by the Business & Finance Committee.

Regent Rai moved for the adoption of Resolution 12189. The motion was seconded by Regent Colón and approved on a voice vote, with Regents Salzwedel and Walsh abstaining to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

### UW-Madison Contractual Agreement with Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC

Resolution 12189      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 Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC.

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

[\[Recording: 00:04:15\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent Weatherly to present a report of actions taken by the Education Committee.

Regent Weatherly moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12190, 12191, 12192, 12193, 12194, and 12195. The motion was seconded by Regent Salzwedel and approved on a voice vote.

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

Resolution 12190      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 \$9,088,765.06 in net and unallocated income for submission to the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Trust Estate for fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, 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.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutrition Sciences, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Resolution 12191 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Chancellor is authorized to implement the Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutrition Sciences program at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Master of Social Work in Social Work Advanced Standing University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12192 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 Social Work in Social Work Advanced Standing program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Agroecology University of Wisconsin–Madison

Resolution 12193 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 Agroecology program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

New Program Authorization (Implementation) Bachelor of Science in Community and Environmental Planning, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Resolution 12194 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 Community and Environmental Planning program at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Universities of Wisconsin 2024 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status

Resolution 12195 That, upon the recommendation of the respective Chancellors and the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the 2024 Report on Faculty Promotions, Tenure Designations, and Other Changes of Status be approved.

Regent Weatherly separately moved for adoption of the resolution for Education Committee Item E.

(Proposed) 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.

During discussion, Regent Rai moved to postpone consideration of the proposed resolution until the Board's next meeting, stating the need for more time for the Board to consider the changes. The motion to postpone was seconded by Regent Underly and approved on a voice vote.

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**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

President Walsh called upon Regent Adams to present the report of actions taken by the Audit Committee.

Regent Adams moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12196 and 12197. The motion was seconded by Regent Underly and approved on a voice vote.

Present Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Plan for Approval

Resolution 12196 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Plan.

Present Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Plan for the Office of Compliance and Risk Management for Approval

Resolution 12197 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Plan for the Office of Compliance and Risk Management.

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

[\[Recording: 00:12:05\]](#)

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

Regent Manydeeds moved for the adoption of Resolutions 12198, 12199, 12200, 12201, 12202, 12203, and 12204. The motion was seconded by Regent Peterson and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Sell a 12.5-Acre Parcel at the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station, UW-Madison

Resolution 12198 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the sale of an approximately 12.5-acre parcel of vacant land located at the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station at 2088356 Drake Ave N., Town of McMillan, Wisconsin.

Authority to Lease Office Space for University Marketing, UW-Madison

Resolution 12199 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves a lease of approximately 9,555 square feet of office space for the Office of Strategic Communication - University Marketing located in Madison, Wisconsin.

Authority to Construct a 2023-25 Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program Project, UW System

Resolution 12200 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the allocation of 2023-25

Classroom Renovation/Instructional Technology Improvement Program funds; authorizes construction of the related project at an estimated total cost of \$2,012,000 Segregated Fund Revenue of the originally enumerated \$46,604,000 Segregated Fund Revenue; 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 Construct All Agency Maintenance and Repair Projects, UW System

Resolution 12201 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 \$7,265,000 (\$4,315,000 Segregated Revenues and \$2,950,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).

Approval of the UW-Madison Report to Honor Veterans as Part of the Camp Randall Sports Center Replacement Project, UW-Madison

Resolution 12202 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents approves the report to honor veterans as part of the Camp Randall Sports Center Replacement Project as required in 2023 Wisconsin Act 102.

Authority to Construct the Cofrin Technology & Education Center Project, UW-Green Bay

Resolution 12203 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of the UW-Green Bay and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes construction of the Cofrin Technology & Education Center at an estimated total project cost of \$101,715,000 (\$99,850,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing and \$1,865,000 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing).

Regent Policy Document Review: Amendments To RPD 19-5, "Delegation of Authority to Remove Unneeded Structures"

Resolution 12204 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents amends Regent Policy Document 19-5, "Delegation of Authority to Remove Unneeded Structures," to modify policy provisions to define the UW-Managed process as the second option for removing structures.



Regent Manydeeds separately moved for the adoption of Resolution 12205. The motion was seconded by Regent Bogost and approved on a voice vote, with Regent Rai abstaining to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Authority to Construct the Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research (WIMR) East Wedge Cyclotron and Expansion, UW-Madison

Resolution 12205      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 construction of the Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research East Wedge Cyclotron and Expansion project for an estimated total project cost of \$48,500,000 UW Health Cash Reserves.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS 2024 ACADEMIC STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

[\[Recording: 00:16:42\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent Jim Kreuser, Chair of the awards selection committee, to introduce the 2024 Regent Academic Staff Excellence Awards.

Individual Award: Lynda Bader, Director of Clinical Trials Strategic Initiatives, School of Medicine and Public Health, UW-Madison

[\[Recording: 00:20:28\]](#)

Regent Kreuser presented the first Regent Academic Staff Excellence Award in the individual category to Lynda Bader, UW-Madison Director of Clinical Trials Strategic Initiatives, School of Medicine and Public Health.

Individual Award: Jenna Graff, Director of the Office of International Education, UW Oshkosh

[\[Recording: 00:31:37\]](#)

Regent Goitom presented the second Regent Academic Staff Excellence Award in the individual category to Jenna Graff, UW Oshkosh Director of the Office of International Education.

Program Award: Children's Center, UW-Whitewater

[\[Recording: 00:40:45\]](#)

Regent Tyler presented the Regent Academic Staff Excellence Award in the program category to the UW-Whitewater Children's Center.

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## **REMARKS BY GOVERNOR TONY EVERS**

[\[Recording: 00:49:05\]](#)

Governor Tony Evers addressed the Board of Regents regarding the upcoming biennial budget request, proposing a request for a \$400 million increase in each year of the next biennial budget. Governor Evers said the UW has a long tradition of solving complex problems, marshaling world-class research, and innovation, and noted the vital role the UWs play in the Wisconsin economy and in public education.

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## **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

[\[Recording: 00:58:57\]](#)

President Walsh called for nominations for the office of Board President.

Regent Manydeeds nominated Vice President Amy B. Bogost for the office of Board President. Regent Underly 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.

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

Regent Rai nominated Regent Kyle Weatherly for the office of Board Vice President. Regent Colón 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.

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;

- Sean Nelson, Trust Officer; and
- Charles Saunders, Assistant Trust Officer.

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

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## **APPROVAL OF 2025 AND 2026 BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING SCHEDULES**

[\[Recording: 01:10:16\]](#)

President Walsh presented the calendars for the 2025 and 2026 regular meetings of the UW System Board of Regents, noting the proposed schedules include adjustments that require a suspension of the Board's bylaws.

President Walsh asked for a motion and a second to approve the 2025 and 2026 UW System Board of Regents meeting schedule. The motion was made by Regent Tyler, seconded by Regent Salzwedel, and approved on a voice vote.

### Approval of UW System Board of Regents Regular Meeting Schedule for 2025 & 2026

Resolution 12206      That, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and Corporate Secretary, the Board of Regents adopts the attached regular meeting schedule for calendar years 2025 and 2026.

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT JEN STATON'S SERVICE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

[\[Recording: 01:12:41\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Vice President Bogost to read the Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Jen Staton's Service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, which was adopted by acclamation. Regent Emerita Staton then shared her farewell remarks with the Board.

### Resolution of Appreciation for Regent Jen Staton's Service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents

Resolution 12207      WHEREAS, Jennifer Staton, appointed as the non-traditional student Regent in May 2022, has provided exemplary service as a member of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer has served on the Audit Committee, working to ensure that the Universities of Wisconsin maintain a high level of integrity and compliance in their operating procedures, and has also contributed her time and insights to the Business & Finance Committee and the Committee on Student Discipline & Other Student Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer – a veteran of the U.S. Army who served in various roles from 2007 to 2014 – has been an unwavering advocate for the experience of student veterans across the Universities of Wisconsin, and the Board valued the opportunity to hear her describe how various programs offered to student veterans assisted her throughout her higher education journey at the Board’s November 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer also granted her time and efforts to the Military and Veterans Success Center at UW-Parkside concurrently with her service as a Regent; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer was enthusiastic in her support and recognition of University Staff across the state of Wisconsin, serving on the University Staff Excellence Awards Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer – a proud Ranger – helped to select a new leader for her home campus as a member of the Special Regent Committee for the UW-Parkside Chancellor Search; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer’s pursuit of becoming a physician’s assistant stems from her deeply rooted passion for helping others, her community advocacy, and her desire to give back in meaningful ways, and Jennifer offered insight to the Education Committee in her dual role as Regent and student, sharing her appreciation and support of the new Master of Science in Physician Assistant degree program at UW-Parkside, of which she was one of the first students enrolled;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers thanks and commendation to Jennifer Staton for her dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR REGENT JOHN MILLER'S SERVICE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

[\[Recording: 01:23:07\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent Peterson to present the Resolution of Appreciation for Regent John Miller's Service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, which was adopted by acclamation. Regent Emeritus Miller then shared his farewell remarks with the Board.

### Resolution of Appreciation for Regent John Miller's Service on the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents

Resolution 12208      WHEREAS, John W. Miller has dedicated three years of exemplary service as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, from his first appointment in February 2021 to his reappointment in May 2021, and until his service ended in March 2024; and

WHEREAS, John served on the Audit Committee throughout his three years on the Board, including one year as vice chair and two years as chair, ensuring integrity and excellence of performance at each of the Universities of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, John also served as an engaged member of the Business & Finance Committee, the Education Committee, and the Special Regent Committee on Governance Issues; and

WHEREAS, John, a proud alumnus of the University of Wisconsin Law School, graciously provided his expertise on the Personnel Matters Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, John was enthusiastic in his support and recognition of staff across the Universities of Wisconsin as a member of the Academic Staff Excellence Awards Committee, including two years as chair; and

WHEREAS, John helped to ensure strong campus leadership for two of the Universities of Wisconsin by serving as a member of the Special Regent Committees for the UW-Madison Chancellor Search (2022) and UW-Parkside Chancellor Search (2023); and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service on many local charitable boards, John lent his time and talents as the Regents' representative on the Wisconsin Technical College System Board;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System hereby offers heartfelt thanks and commendation to John W. Miller for his dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin and wishes him well in all future endeavors.

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO UW-MILWAUKEE FOR HOSTING THE JUNE 2024 MEETING**

[\[Recording: 01:42:12\]](#)

President Walsh called upon Regent Rai to read the Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Milwaukee for hosting the June 2024 Board of Regents meeting, which was adopted by acclamation.

### Resolution of Appreciation to UW-Milwaukee for Hosting the June 2024 meeting

Resolution 12209      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 2024 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, "Transforming for Tomorrow, Together," emphasizing UWM's unique dual mission of access and research in a vibrant urban location; and

WHEREAS, the Business and Finance Committee thanks Robin Van Harpen, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Affairs, for providing an update on financial and administrative planning to support UWM's "tripartite" mission focused on access and student success, research excellence, and deep community service and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning and Budget Committee heard an update about UWM's capital planning progress, including impactful construction and renovation projects completed in the last year or

underway, including the Student Union renovation recently completed and new Chemistry Building in final stages of construction; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee learned how UWM is “amplifying remarkable potential” from Provost Andrew Daire and student speakers who spoke about their experiences being part of a research team and the impact on their lives and future plans; and

WHEREAS, the Audit Committee was pleased to receive 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 the UWM Student Union, beautifully renovated over the past two summers to create a light-filled, functional, and welcoming space for students and visitors to enjoy;

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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Regent Manydeeds left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

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## **CLOSED SESSION**

[\[Recording: 01:45:31\]](#)

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

Closed Session Resolution

Resolution 12210 That the Board of Regents move into closed session to a) 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.; b) consider faculty member requests for review of UW-La Crosse personnel decisions, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), (f), and (g), Wis. Stats.; and c) consider personnel evaluations of chancellors, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

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Before considering items on the closed session agenda, President Walsh 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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Regent Underly left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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Regent Peterson left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Megan Wasley  
Executive Director & Corporate Secretary  
Office of the Board of Regents  
University of Wisconsin System