

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2025
2:00 p.m.

via Zoom Videoconference

-President Bogost presiding-

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CALLING OF THE ROLL

PRESENT: Regents Angela Adams, Desmond Adongo, Amy Bogost, 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: Regent Héctor Colón

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

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

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 DECEMBER 5-6, 2024 MEETING OF THE UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

[\[Recording: 00:01:11\]](#)

The record of the December 5-6, 2024, meeting of the UW System Board of Regents was approved as distributed.

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PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

[\[Recording: 00:01:29\]](#)

President Bogost asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 12285, 12286, and 12287, as included on the consent agenda. The motion was made by Regent Walsh, seconded by Regent Underly, and approved on a voice vote.

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

Resolution 12285 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 \$6,261,000 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 12286 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 \$3,544,200 (\$814,200 Program Revenue Supported Borrowing and \$2,730,000 Cash).

Authority to Construct Minor Facilities Renewal Projects, UW System

Resolution 12287 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to construct various

minor facilities renewal projects at an estimated total cost of \$6,085,000 Segregated Revenue.

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UW-MADISON: AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE OF SPACES LOCATED AT PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

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President Bogost called upon Senior Associate Vice President (SAVP) Roe to present UW-Madison's request for authority to execute two leases and possibly purchase two parcels of land to relocate the Fleet Services and Waste and Recycling Operations.

Regent Kreuser moved for the adoption of Resolution 12288. The motion was seconded by Regent Tyler.

Regent Rai asked about the decision to lease to own and the impact on the potential purchase price in three years. SAVP Roe said the purchase price was already determined and agreed upon, and was below the appraised fair market value.

Resolution 12288 was approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Enter into Leases with Option to Purchase of Spaces Located at Pennsylvania Avenue, UW-Madison

- Resolution 12288 That, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor of UW-Madison and the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents grants authority to:
- a) Enter into a lease for approximately 36,850 square feet located at 2180 Pennsylvania Avenue, Madison, to be occupied by Fleet Services and Waste & Recycling;
 - b) Enter into a lease for approximately 3.37-acres of unimproved land located at 2230 Pennsylvania Avenue, Madison to be occupied by campus Fleet Services, Waste & Recycling, and Park & Ride;
 - c) Purchase 36,850 square feet of land improved with a fleet service garage located at 2180 Pennsylvania Avenue, Madison for a purchase price of \$4,250,000 Program Revenue Cash no later than three years in the future;
 - d) Purchase 3.37-acres of unimproved land located at 2230 Pennsylvania Avenue for a purchase price of \$3,500,000 Program Revenue Cash no later than three years in the future.

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AUTHORITY TO DEMOLISH FOUR BUILDINGS AT UW-EAU CLAIRE AND THE OLD CHEMISTRY BUILDING AT UW-MILWAUKEE AND AUTHORITY TO REDEVELOP A NEW CAMPUS QUAD AT UW-MILWAUKEE

[\[Recording: 00:09:38\]](#)

President Bogost called upon SAVP Roe to present the UWs request for authority to demolish four buildings at UW-Eau Claire and the old Chemistry building at UW-Milwaukee. SAVP Roe said the removal of all five buildings would aid in the reduction of operating expenses.

Regent Prince moved for the adoption of Resolution 12289. The motion was seconded by Regent Goitom and approved on a voice vote.

Authority to Demolish Four Buildings at UW-Eau Claire and the Old Chemistry Building at UW-Milwaukee and Authority to Redevelop a New Campus Quad at UW-Milwaukee

Resolution 12289 That, upon the recommendation of the President of the UW System, the UW System Board of Regents authorizes the demolition of Zorn Arena, Brewer Hall, Campus School and Kjer Theater at UW-Eau Claire and restoration of the site as campus green space and authorizes the demolition of the unoccupied 1974 Chemistry Building at UW-Milwaukee and the redevelopment of a new Campus Quad at UW-Milwaukee.

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REGENT POLICY DOCUMENT 20-27, "SELECTION PROCESS FOR SYSTEM PRESIDENT, CHANCELLORS, VICE CHANCELLORS AND UW SYSTEM SENIOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS"

[\[Recording: 00:12:11\]](#)

President Bogost called upon Dan Chanen, UW Administration Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer, to present proposed revisions to Regent Policy Document (RPD) 20-27, "Selection Processes for System President, Chancellors, Vice Chancellors, and UW System Senior Leadership Positions."

Mr. Chanen said the proposed revisions to RPD 20-27 would provide greater flexibility for the UWs President when appointing key executive positions. RPD 20-27 currently requires a proscribed process for filling a vacancy in certain senior leadership roles at UW Administration, including senior vice president, vice president, general counsel, and chief

audit executive. The proposed revised policy would instead permit the President, after consultation with the Regent President, to determine the appropriate selection process when filling these vacancies.

Regent Walsh moved for the adoption of the proposed resolution, which was seconded by Regent Manydeeds.

Proposed Resolution That, upon recommendation of the President of the University of Wisconsin System, the Board of Regents approves the attached revisions to Regent Policy Document 20-27.

Regents discussed the selection process and role of shared governance at the campus level for hiring Vice Chancellors; the reporting structure for the position of General Counsel; the process for dismissing employees in limited appointments; and the appropriate level of consultation with members of the Board prior to filling senior leadership positions.

Regents considered how the UW President's authority to select and hire senior leaders impacts the functionality of the executive team. Some Regents suggested that a more clearly outlined process for hiring senior leadership positions at UW Administration could provide more transparency, but it was also noted that too much detail in the policy could limit flexibility in hiring.

Following discussion, Regent Prince moved to lay the present motion on the table. The motion to table was seconded by Regent Adams and approved on a voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION

[\[Recording: 00:55:57\]](#)

President Bogost read the motion for the UW System Board of Regents to move into closed session. The motion was seconded by Regent Rai, and adopted on a roll call vote, with Regents Adams, Adongo, Bogost, Goitom, Kreuser, Manydeeds, 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 12290 That the Board of Regents move into closed session to a) consider a student request for review of a UW-Madison decision, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(a), (f), and (g), Wis. Stats.; and b) consider performance evaluations for chancellors, as permitted by s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats.

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During the closed session, Regent Goitom moved for the adoption of Resolution 12291. The motion was seconded by Regent Kreuser and approved on a voice vote.

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

Resolution 12291 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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The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

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Submitted by:

/s/ Megan Wasley

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Office of the Board of Regents

University of Wisconsin System