

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
APRIL 6, 2020**

**APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREE FOR KATHLEEN LIGOCKI
A Recommendation**

- 1. Division and Department:** Academic Affairs, Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.
- 2. Introduction:** In accordance with Article IX of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, honorary degrees may be awarded by the Board of Trustees in recognition of distinguished accomplishment and service within the scope of the arts and letters, sciences, professions, and public service as recognized and supported by the University. The awarding of honorary degrees reaffirms Oakland University's scholarly, creative, and humanitarian values and ties the University to the community at large.

The Honorary Degree Committee recognizes Kathleen Ligocki for her distinguished career leading private and public companies to success, driving entrepreneurial technology and impacting the automotive industry in Michigan. Ligocki, now retired, served as CEO of Agility Fuel Systems from 2015 to 2019 and is credited for successfully overseeing a brand new, highly profitable production facility in North Carolina that creates natural gas cylinders for the heavy-duty truck and bus markets. Prior to joining Agility Fuel Systems, Ligocki held leadership positions at various organizations, including Harvest Power, Inc., where she raised \$40 million towards the company's efforts to produce renewable energy and nutrient-rich soils and convert the gas produced by food waste into natural gas. One project that received notable attention was an energy garden in Orlando where 100 tons of uneaten food per day from Walt Disney World was turned into energy and sold back to Disney, thereby keeping this food out of landfills and creating a source of clean energy. Additional accomplishments include:

- Serving as Board member for Lear Corporation
- Serving as Board member for Carpenter Technology Company
- Serving as Board member for Farmer's Business Network
- Serving as member of the Fiduciary Board at Indiana University
- Former director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico
- Former Trustee for Kettering University
- Named to the list of The Most Innovative Women in Food and Drink, Fortune and Food & Wine
- Recipient of 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award, Indiana University
- Founding member of the Women's Leadership Forum
- Former student mentor, Indiana University
- Has supported higher education and the next generation of American workers
- Supports United Way and other causes

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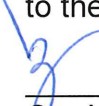
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board of Trustees periodically awards honorary degrees at its Formal Sessions.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** The awarding of honorary degrees is an established tradition in academe, by which the University reaffirms its scholarly, creative, and humanitarian values and its ties to the wider community.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost has recommended approval of the recipient to receive an Honorary Degree.
8. **Recommendation** RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa* to Kathleen Ligocki.
9. **Attachments:** None.

Submitted to the President

on _____, 2020 by

James P. Lentini, D.M.A.
Senior Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on _____, 2020
to the Board for Approval by



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President