Minutes of the Formal Session
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
April 11, 2025

Present: Chair Joe Jones and Trustees Melanie Brown, David Kramer, Dennis Muchmore, Colleen Ochoa Peters, Trina Scott and Stefen F. Welch

Also Present: President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Joshua D. Merchant; Provost Amy Thompson; Vice President Dawn M. Aubry, Vice President Rochelle A. Black, Vice President Joi M. Cunningham, Vice President Boyd C. Farnam, Senior Vice President Stephen W. Mackey, Senior Vice President Glenn McIntosh, Vice President David A. Stone, Vice President Michael J. Westfall, Vice President John O. Young; Athletics Director Steven C. Waterfield; Chief Information Officer Bhavani Koneru; and Student Liaison Joshua Kobus and Student Liaison Xavier Iriarte

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Joe Jones invited Oakland University Student Liaisons Joshua Kobus and Xavier Iriarte to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Call to Order

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Banquet Rooms A and B of the Oakland Center.

C. Roll Call

Dr. Joshua D. Merchant, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, conducted a roll call and all the Board members, with the exception of Trustee Brian Calley, were present.

D. President's Report

Before beginning her report, President Pescovitz recognized the loss of former Board of Trustees Chairman, Michael Kramer. She led the room in a moment of silence.

President Pescovitz began her report by introducing the Kaleidoscope Cabaret, of the Kaleidoscope Theater, and the group, led by Tujer Zong, performed.

President Pescovitz thanked outgoing Interim Provost Kevin Corcoran, and welcome new Provost Amy Thompson to her first board meeting.

President Pescovitz's report included recognizing Dr. Barbara Oakley, professor, who was elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and David Stone, who received the Ambassador of the Year Award from the Oak Ridge Associated Universities. She explained OU's creation of an AI Task Force; the campus being voted as a "Vote Friendly" campus; the Strategic Vision 2030 and the presentation that was given to campus.

Wayne Thibodeau, Senior Director of Career Services, presented an overview on Career Services and its transition to the Career and Life Design Center, information on career paths and student outcomes data. Trustee Trina Scott spoke regarding these initiatives and her support of them.

Mike Westfall, Vice President University Advancement, presented updates, improvements and investments for Meadowbrook Estate; and introduced Bill Matt, Executive Director of Meadow Brook Estate, who announced the 1929 giving program, grants and funding secured to establish Meadow Brook Estate as a university museum; and other improvements including the renovation of the DiCarlo Visitor Center.

E. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action

Consent Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the April 11, 2025 Consent Agenda.

Trustee Scott seconded by Trustee Brown, moved approval of the Consent Agenda and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Treasurer's Report

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Formal Session of February 7, 2025

University Personnel Actions

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel actions below.

I. New Appointment

Effective March 3, 2025

Hu, Qian, Assistant Professor of Foundational Medical Studies (non-tenured) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

II. New Appointments

Effective January 1, 2025

Jung, Suk Yul (Paul), Associate Professor without tenure, of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences

III. Emeritus Appointments

Effective April 11, 2025

Epstein, Alan, Special Instructor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences

Kietlinska, Kasia, Special Instructor Emerita, College of Arts and Sciences

Stiller, Christine, Special Instructor Emerita, School of Health Sciences

Knox, Kerro, Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences

Sheridan, Karen, Distinguished Professor Emerita, College of Arts and Sciences

IV. Administrative-Professional Appointments

Bowles, Christopher. Executive Director of Advancement Services, Advancement Service, effective 02/24/2025, appointed administrative-professional classifies at level V, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

DeVeny, Flavia. Executive Director of Professional and Continuing Education, Strategic Programs, effective 03/31/2025, appointed administrative-professional classifies at level U, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

Moore, Molly. Executive Director of Engagement, DACE Campaign Stewardship, effective 02/24/2025, appointed administrative-professional classifies at level V, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

Walton, Rachel. Assistant General Counsel, Legal Affairs, General Counsel, and Board of Trustees, effective 01/21/2025, appointed administrative-professional classifies at level W, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

V. Faculty Reappointments

The faculty agreement requires that certain reviews for possible reemployment and promotion be completed by August 15, 2025. The following recommendations are made by the President. Standard review processes were followed.

A. Reappointments and Promotions

1. Associate Professors eligible for granting of tenure with promotion to the rank of Professor, effective August 15, 2025

Battistuzzi, Fabia	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Carr, Douglas	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Chaney, Michael	School of Education and Human Services	Promote

Dantzler, Drake	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Dean, Caress	School of Health Sciences	Promote
Glover, Toni	School of Nursing	Promote
Hammond, Michelle	School of Business Administration	Promote
Harbin, Ami	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Latcha, Michael	School of Engineering and Computer Science	Promote
Lu, Yongjin	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Nielsen, Kuniko	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Thor, Jennifer	School of Business Administration	Promote
Wakabayashi, Tomoko	School of Education and Human Services	Promote
Westrick, Randal	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Zhang, Dao Qi	Eye Research Institute	Promote

2. Assistant Professors eligible for reemployment to final, two-year probationary terms as Assistant Professor, effective August 15, 2025, through August 14, 2027.

Kim, Daewon	College of Arts and Sciences	Reemploy

Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period of January 17, 2025 through March 24, 2025

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the gifts and pledges to Oakland University identified in the Gifts and Pledges Report, Attachment A, for the period of January 17, 2025 through March 24, 2025.

(A copy of Attachment A is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Acceptance of Grants and Contracts to Oakland University for the Period of January 1 – February 28, 2025

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the grants and contracts to Oakland University identified in the Grants and Contracts Report, Attachment A, for the period of January 1 – February 28, 2025.

(A copy of Attachment A is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Final Graduate and Medical School Reports, Fall 2024 – December 14, 2024.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves granting the degrees more fully described in the Final Graduate and Medical School Reports for Fall 2024 – December 14, 2024.

(A copy of the Final Graduate and Medical School Report, Fall 2024 – December 14, 2024 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Discontinuance of Certain Academic Programs

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the discontinuance of the academic programs set forth below under the following conditions:

1. Students now enrolled in the subject programs shall be afforded, when possible, the opportunity to complete their intended or related course of study assuming traditional academic course progress and subject to the fiscal limitations of the university.
2. The Provost shall establish a timetable for the termination of these programs in accordance with the provisions of this resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the programs to be discontinued are:

1. Studio Art with K-12 Art Education Certification, Specialization in Graphic Design

Appointment/Reappointment of an Independent Public Accounting Firm

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of AHP as the Board of Trustees independent public accounting firm to conduct the FY2025 Audit at a projected cost of $94,650; potential incremental costs relative to additional services that may be required will be discussed with management, if necessary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees Audit Committee is charged with reviewing and approving the relative engagement letters and audit scope; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that AHP will report the results of its annual examination of Oakland University's financial statements in draft form to the Board of Trustees' Audit Committee and in final form to the Board of trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Audit Committee Chair, President, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the Audits and the ongoing administration of the Audits; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

University Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2026 budget for University Housing, with expenditures and transfers not to exceed the expense total as reflected in the attached budget, except as set forth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all expenditures and transfers beyond the approved expense total must have the prior approval of the President or his/her designee and these amounts will be reported on a periodic basis to the Board of Trustees.

RESOLVED, that subject to satisfaction of the requirements set forth in all applicable Board of Trustees policies, the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Vice Presidents, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the FY2026 budget and the ongoing administration of the FY2026 budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any and all such contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President of Legal Affairs and general Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

(A copy of the Description of University Housing Budget Notes and Assumptions and University Housing Proposed Budget documentation is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Meadow Brook Estate Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2026 Budget for Meadow Brook Estate, with expenditures and transfers not the exceed the total as reflected in the attached budget, except as set forth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any expenditure level in excess of the approved amount that is not funded by a direct revenue increase must have the prior approval of the president or his/her designee and those amounts shall be reported on a periodic basis to the Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of trustees authorizes the President, the Executive Director, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the FY2026 budget and the ongoing administration of the FY2026 budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with university policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

(A copy of the Meadow Brook Estate Budget Notes and Assumptions, Meadow Brook Estate Proposed Budget – FY2026, and Meadow Brook Estate Proposed Major Capital Expenditures – FY2026 documentation is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Intercollegiate Athletics Operating Budget For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2025 Budget for Intercollegiate Athletics, with expenditures and transfers not to exceed the total as reflected in the attached budget, except as set forth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any expenditure level in excess of the approved amount that is not funded by a direct revenue increase must have the prior approval of the President or his/her designee and those amounts shall be reported on a periodic basis to the Board pf trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that subject to satisfaction of the requirements set forth in all applicable Board of Trustees policies, the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Vice Presidents, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the FY2026 budget and he ongoing administration of the FY2026 budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any and all such contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Oakland Center Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2025 Budget for the Oakland Center with expenditures and transfers not to exceed the total as reflected in the attached budget, excerpt as set forth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any expenditure level in excess of the approved amount that is not funded by a direct revenue increase must have the prior approval of the President or his/her designee and those amounts shall be reported on a periodic basis to the Board of trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that subject to satisfaction of the requirements set forth in all applicable Board of Trustees policies, the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Vice Presidents, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the FY2026 budget and he ongoing administration of the FY2026 budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that any and all such contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations and confirm to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

(A copy of the Description of Oakland Center Budget Notes & Assumptions and Oakland Center Proposed Budget – FY2026 documentation is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Vehicular Wireless Communication Test System (Antenna Chamber)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the selection of Microwave Vision Group as the vendor for the Vehicular Wireless Communication Test System; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the construction project necessary to fully implement the system within the RIC; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

(A copy of the SECS Presentation is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

College of Arts and Sciences to review the CAS Constitution

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding any provision of the proposed, revised Constitution of the Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences, the Board of Trustees reconfirms its legal authority to grant, modify and rescind internal constitutions when the Board of Trustees determines such action to be in the interest of the institution or required to comply with its obligation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, under the conditions set forth above, approves the revised Constitution of the Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences, attached hereto, effective April 11, 2025.

(A copy of the Redline and Final version of the proposed, revised College of Arts and Sciences Constitution is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

F. New Items for Consideration/Action

2035 Campus Master Plan

Stephen W. Mackey, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Campus Plan as set forth in the agendum item. Mr. Mackey called on Jennifer Myers, architect, and Kyle Schertzing with Arcadus, to help go over data and the plan. Megan Paiser was asked to join, whom is a professor and chair of the Native American Advisory Council on campus.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the 2035 Campus Master Plan.

Trustee Muchmore seconded by Trustee Brown, moved approval of the Campus Master Plan and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

(A copy of the proposed Campus Master Plan documentation is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

New Bachelor of Science in Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology

Dr. Amy Thompson, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented the New Bachelor of Science in Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

Dr. Thompson called on Dr. Elaine Carey, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Thomas Raffel, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences to give a brief presentation regarding the Bachelor of Science degree.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the College of Arts and Sciences to offer the BS in Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology.

Trustee Welch, seconded by Trustee Scott, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

(A copy of the proposed Bachelor of Science documentation is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Commendation of the Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award

Dr. Amy Thompson, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented the Commendation of the Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Raenece D. Johnson and Dr. Miranda Umbras for their unwavering commitment to Campus Life at Oakland University and the surrounding community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Johnson and Dr. Umbras for the quality of their leadership and extends to them its best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

After discussion, Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Scott, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Commendation of the Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and Human Relations Award

Mr. Glenn McIntosh, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer, presented the Commendation of Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and Human Relations Award recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

Commendation of the Alfred G. Wilson Award to Dylan Matthew Pillivant

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Mr. Pillivant for his unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Mr. Pillivant for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

Commendation of the Matilda R. Wilson Award to Daisy Escutia-Plaza

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Escutia-Plaza for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Escutia-Plaza for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

Commendation of the Human Relations Award to Sharde' Cassandra Ford

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Ms. Ford for her unwavering commitment to campus life at Oakland University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Ms. Ford for the quality of her leadership and extends to her its best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

After discussion, Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Ochoa-Peters, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

G. Other Items for Consideration/Action that May Come Before the Board

H. Adjournment

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Submitted,

Joshua D. Merchant, Ph.D.
Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved,

Joe Jones
Chair, Board of Trustees