

**Minutes of the Formal Session
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
August 7, 2025**

Present: Chair Joe Jones; Vice Chair Brian N. Calley, Colleen Ochoa Peters, and Stefen F. Welch, Melanie Brown, Dennis Muchmore and Trina Scott

Also Present: President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Joshua D. Merchant; Provost Amy Thompson; Vice President Rochelle A. Black; Vice President Stephen W. Mackey; Senior Vice President Glenn McIntosh; Vice President Michael J. Westfall; Ombudsmen Stephanie Lee.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. Call to Order

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. via zoom.

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 were present.

D. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action

Consent Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the June 27, 2025 Consent Agenda.

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

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University Personnel Actions

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

I. Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Promotions

Pursuant to the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine's Criteria for Appointment and Promotion, evaluations of candidates seeking promotion and/or tenure are completed by May 1st. The following recommendations are made by the President, and standard review processes were followed.

A. Promotion (with Tenure)

1. Associate Professor with tenure considered for promotion to Full Professor, effective July 1, 2025.

ElSayed, Suzan	Foundational Med Studies	Promote
Hajj Hussein, Inaya M.	Foundational Med Studies	Promote
Lucia, Victoria C.	Foundational Med Studies	Promote
Taranikanti, Varna	Foundational Med Studies	Promote

2. Assistant Professor eligible for granting of tenure with promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2025.

Kemp, Kyeorda	Foundational Med Studies	Promote
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B. Promotion (standard appointments)

1. Associate Professor eligible for promotion to Professor, effective July 1, 2025.

Mathew, Trini	Internal Medicine	Promote
Graham, Stewart	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Promote

2. Assistant Professor eligible for promotion to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2025.

Asbahi, Moumen	Anesthesiology	Promote
Vahabzadeh, Christie M.	Anesthesiology	Promote
Mansuri, Saima	Internal Medicine	Promote
Topf, Joel M.	Internal Medicine	Promote
Saleh, Ehab S.	Orthopaedic Surgery	Promote
Nolan, Danielle	Pediatrics	Promote
Aljassem, Annas	Physical Medicine	Promote
Jawad, Maha S.	Radiation Oncology	Promote

II. Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Standard Appointments, effective June 15, 2025.

The following standard appointments in the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine are for three years, commencing on June 15, 2025, and are renewable. These standard appointments are without salary support from Oakland University and are not tenured positions. Appointees must maintain an active affiliation with Corewell Health or Oakland University, meet all applicable School of Medicine Participation requirements,

and maintain the continued support of their Department Chairs, who are responsible for assessing their performance. Appointees' standard appointments may also be terminated at any time, upon the recommendation of their Department Chair, or for reasons that are at the exclusive discretion of the Dean of the School of Medicine:

Standard Appointments – Three Years

Higley, Lisa J.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
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Standard Appointments – Change in Rank – Instructor to Assistant Professor

Effective July 1, 2025

Muhammad, Sheryar	Assistant Professor	Anesthesiology
El-Alam, Natalie T.	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Riaz, Sara S.	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Hammad, Aws	Assistant Professor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Odeh, Khalid I.	Assistant Professor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Kaiser, Kaydee M	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Quinn, Thomas J.	Assistant Professor	Radiation Oncology
Thompson, Andrew B.	Assistant Professor	Radiation Oncology
Barnes, Wesley R.	Assistant Professor	Surgery
Gadzinski, Adam J.	Assistant Professor	Urology

III. Administrative Appointments

Wilson, Christopher. Associate Dean of the School of Health Sciences, effective August 15, 2025, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Christopher Wilson and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

IV. Administrative-Professional Appointments

Moore, Shaun. Executive Director of e-LIS, effective November 8, 2024, appointed administrative-professional reclassifies at level U, pursuant to the Board's Contracting and Employment Authority Policy.

Vigneau, Penny. Executive Director Finance & Administration - Business Development, effective May 1, 2025, appointed administrative-professional classifies at level V, 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 (with Tenure)

1. Assistant Professors eligible for granting of tenure with promotion to the rank of associate professor, effective August 15, 2025.

Del Greco, Robert	Modern Languages and Literatures	Reemploy & Promote
Diesbourg, Tara	Public and Environmental Wellness	Reemploy & Promote
Doornbos, Linda	Teaching and Learning	Reemploy & Promote
Ghoreishi, Setareh	Art, Art History and Design	Reemploy & Promote
Haworth, Joshua	Human Movement Science	Reemploy & Promote
Hu, Jun	Mathematics and Statistics	Reemploy & Promote
Kim, Jaemin	Management and Marketing	Reemploy & Promote
Overfelt, Jason	Linguistics	Reemploy & Promote
Rougeau, Kathryn	Public and Environmental Wellness	Reemploy & Promote
Sen, Amartya	Computer Science and Engineering	Reemploy & Promote
Wang, Zhe	Chemistry	Reemploy & Promote
Wenz, Andrea	History	Reemploy & Promote
Woods, Dawn	Teaching and Learning	Reemploy & Promote

2. Assistant Professors considered for optional granting of tenure with promotion to the rank of associate professor, effective August 15, 2025.

Kranak, Michael	Human Development and Child Studies	Reemploy & Promote
Locher, Whitney	Theatre	Reemploy & Promote
Manning, Mark	Psychology	Reemploy & Promote
Tonyushkin, Alexey	Physics	Reemploy & Promote

3. Associate Professor eligible for granting of tenure, effective August 15, 2025.

Piscotty, Ronald	Nursing	Reemploy & Promote
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B. Reappointments (Probationary)

1. Assistant Professors eligible for reemployment to second, two-year probationary terms as Assistant Professor, effective August 15, 2026 through August 14, 2028.

Klena, Pamela	Music	Reemploy
Mazza, Lucia	Mathematics and Statistics	Reemploy
Nir, Justin	Mathematics and Statistics	Reemploy
Wardat, Mohammad	Computer Science and Engineering	Reemploy

2. Assistant Professors eligible for reemployment to final, two-year probationary terms as Assistant Professor, effective August 15, 2026 through August 14, 2028.

Bartley, Greg	Teaching and Learning	Reemploy
Beetham, Sarah	Mechanical Engineering	Reemploy
Bennett Walling, Catherine	Music	Reemploy
Bismack, Amber	Teaching and Learning	Reemploy
Boright, Lori	Human Movement Science	Reemploy
Brandt, Lindsay	Human Movement Science	Reemploy
Chung, Dho Yee	Art, Art History and Design	Reemploy
Ehrlich, Olga	Nursing	Reemploy
Kalmanovich-Cohen, Hanna	Management & Marketing	Reemploy
Kim, Junwoo	Accounting and Finance	Reemploy
Liu, Yen-Hung	Management and Marketing	Reemploy
Ma, Tianle	Computer Science and Engineering	Reemploy
McGuire, Molly	Library	Reemploy
Raj, Sunny	Computer Science and Engineering	Reemploy
So, Hon Yiu	Mathematics and Statistics	Reemploy
Toeniskoetter, Matthew	Mathematics and Statistics	Reemploy
Van Loon, James	Library	Reemploy
Vannest, Rebecca	Counseling	Reemploy
Xu, Lanyu	Computer Science and Engineering	Reemploy

3. Special Instructors eligible for reemployment to second, two-year probationary terms as Special Instructor, effective August 15, 2026 through August 14, 2028

Mabry, Stephanie	Clinical Diagnostic Sciences	Reemploy
Widman, Megan	Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice	Reemploy

4. Special Instructors eligible for reemployment to final, two-year probationary terms as Special Instructor, effective August 15, 2026 through August 14, 2028

Bravo-Salgado, Angel	Computer Science and Engineering	Reemploy
Gustafson, Marielle	Management & Marketing	Reemploy
Kennedy, Patrick	Nursing	Reemploy
Martin, Sarah	Interdisciplinary Health Sciences	Reemploy
Mohammed Jawad, Hadeel	Computer Science and Engineering	Do Not Reemploy
Salehian, Solmaz	Computer Science and Engineering	Reemploy
White, Benjamin	Philosophy	Reemploy

C. Reappointments (with Job Security)

1. Special Instructors eligible for reemployment with job security, effective August 15, 2025.

Beam, Maria	Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice	Promote & Reemploy
Bhaskaran, Subha	Biological Sciences	Promote & Reemploy
Bzhetaj, Linda	Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice	Promote & Reemploy
Lim, Ma Christina	Clinical Diagnostic Sciences	Promote & Reemploy
Malatesta, Rebecca	Psychology	Promote & Reemploy
Rivard, Sara	Clinical Diagnostic Sciences	Promote & Reemploy
Schaefer, Kathryn	Accounting and Finance	Promote & Reemploy
Scully, Jacqueline	Human Movement Science	Promote & Reemploy

VI. Emeritus

Effective August 7, 2025

Faculty

McNair, Mary Shannan, Professor Emerita, School of Education and Human Services. Barclay, Liz, Professor Emerita, School of Business Administration.
Silberman, Jonathan, Professor Emeritus, School of Business Administration.

Acceptance of Grants and Contracts to Oakland University for the Period of May 1 – June 30, 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 May 1 – June 30, 2025.

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

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

Appointment of Board Chair

Chair Jones presented the Appointment of Board Chair and Vice Chair recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

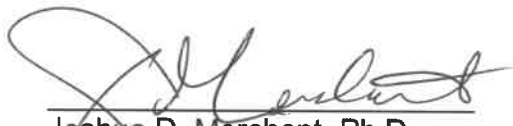
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recommends approval of the appointment of Trustee Brian Calley as Chair of the Board of Trustees for a one (1) year term; and, be it further

After discussion, Trina Scott, seconded by Stefan Welch, moved the approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

F. Adjournment

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:10 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