Minutes of the Formal Session
of the
Oakland University Board of Trustees
June 27, 2025

Present: Chair Joe Jones; Vice Chair Brian N. Calley; and Trustees Melanie Brown, Dennis Muchmore, Colleen Ochoa Peters, 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 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 were present with the exception of Trustee Trina Scott.

D. President's Report

President Pescovitz began her report by expressing Oakland University's points of pride, including the graduation ceremonies in the spring and statistics founded by the Anderson Economic Group and their impact study completed in the spring.

President Pescovitz's report included the impact of Federal and State Funding Proposals and their respective areas of concern; the OUWB Study Trip to Auschwitz; Distinguished Professor Todd Shackelford and his awards earned; and Telly Award Winners.

Director of Athletics, Steve Waterfield, presented an update on events held at OU Credit Union O'rena; the OU Golf and Learning Center; and the NCAA House Settlement Update.

E. 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 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 April 11, 2025

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Formal Session of May 7, 2025

University Personnel Actions

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

I. 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:

Reilly, Eric W.	Assistant Professor	Anesthesiology
Kadro, Zachary O.	Adjunct Asst. Professor	Family Medicine
Kashat, Ghazawan K.	Instructor	Family Medicine
Abdallah, Mohamed	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Akkary, Sami,	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Al-Subee, Omar A.	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Alkhalil, Michel M.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Hermez, Klodia M.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Horstmanshof, Douglas	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Kam, Michael	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Lee, John W.	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Rubin, Steven	Adjunct Instructor	Internal Medicine

Schick, Alexander M.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Stutz, Joseph A.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Ternes, Kelly A.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Ventimiglia, William A.	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Willoughby, Jansi	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Shuayto, Marwan I.	Instructor	Neurology
Dashnaw, Matthew L.	Assistant Professor	Neurosurgery
Haltigin, Christopher A.	Assistant Professor	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Thomas, Alison M.	Instructor	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Davis, Jason J.	Associate Professor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Stroud, Charles C.	Instructor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Wilson, Yelena	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Adams, Matthew D.	Associate Professor	Pediatrics
Amin, Amelia H.	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Andare, Theresa A.	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Blazius, Brooke A.	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Chouthai, Nitin S.	Professor	Pediatrics
Covi, Stuart H.	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Kohn, Amitai Z.	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Zaituna, Julie M.	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Durand, Kevin C.	Adjunct Instructor	Psychiatry
Grenn, Robert C.	Adjunct Instructor	Psychiatry
Zak, Erick	Instructor	Psychiatry
Huang, Wei	Professor	Radiation Oncology
Shaw, Rick	Assistant Professor	Radiation Oncology
Stefani, Mark S.	Assistant Professor	Radiation Oncology
Dearden, Andrew	Instructor	Radiology
Kelsch, Ryan	Assistant Professor	Radiology
Olsen, Jonathan	Instructor	Radiology
Pulito, Joseph	Instructor	Radiology
Suri, Rakesh	Professor	Surgery

Standard Appointments - One Year

Brazier, Allan	Instructor - Fellow	Radiology
Brazier, Joseph	Instructor - Fellow	Radiology
Gahan, Joshua	Instructor - Fellow	Radiology
Pouzar, Adela	Instructor - Fellow	Radiology

Standard Appointments – Change in Rank – Adjunct (Change from Standard to Supplemental)

Johnson, Paul	Adjunct Asst. Professor	Internal Medicine
Schreck, Paul J.	Adjunct Asst. Professor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Douglas-Nikitin, Vonda K.	Adjunct Assoc. Professor	Pathology
Fink-Bennett, Darlene	Adjunct Professor	Radiology

Standard Reappointments - Three Years

Hnatiuk, Natalia	Assistant Professor	Anesthesiology
Gratson, Michael	Assistant Professor	Emergency Medicine
Hencsie, Anthony	Assistant Professor	Emergency Medicine
Keersmaekers, Charles	Assistant Professor	Emergency Medicine
Rhea, Robert	Assistant Professor	Emergency Medicine
Cecil, Leah	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Fox-Smith, Laura	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Jennings, Melissa	Instructor	Family Medicine
Paredes, Azrael	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Schmitt (Cothery), Jill	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Yon, Aaron	Instructor	Family Medicine
Zhang, Dao-Qi	Adjunct Assoc. Professor	Foundational Med. Studies
Ayyoub, Faten	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Brothers, Ross	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Burke, Robert	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Dado, Christopher	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Deen, Mazin	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Dorman, Michael	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Hanson, Ivan	Associate Professor	Internal Medicine
Jacob, Maryconi	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Kado, Herman-Simon	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Khanal, Dilip	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Kousha, Mohammad	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Kulik, Kenneth	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Mansour, Alaa	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Margolis, Harold	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Nazneen, Waheeda	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Pala, Gela	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Patel, Vishal	Associate Professor	Internal Medicine
Sharoar, Md Golam	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Verwilghen, Johanna	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Zakaria, Alan	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Frankowicz, Erin	Instructor	Neurology
Kodrik, Amy	Instructor	Neurology
Kuhlman, Adam	Assistant Professor	Neurology
Jacob, Jeffrey	Assistant Professor	Neurosurgery
Bahado-Singh, Ray	Professor	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Gappy, Shawn	Instructor	Ophthalmology
Grant, Joshua	Instructor	Ophthalmology
Lim, Sue	Assistant Professor	Ophthalmology
Murad-Kejbou, Sally	Instructor	Ophthalmology
Altman, Perry	Assistant Professor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Elbanna, Ashraf	Instructor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Martusiewicz, Alexander	Assistant Professor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Sobh, Ali	Instructor	Orthopaedic Surgery

Standard Reappointments - Three Years (continued...)

Bierema, Herminia	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Czechowski, Lauren	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Denenberg, Matthew	Associate Professor	Pediatrics
Donaldson, Laurie	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Duchan, Erin	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Harper-Shankie, Meghan	Instructor	Pediatrics
Hendershot, Lesly	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Hornik, Matthew	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Laskowski, Evelyn	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Little, Heather	Instructor	Pediatrics
Marks, Amy	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
McLaughlin, Lindsey	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Mitsuya, Jennifer	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Operti-Considine, Silvia	Instructor	Pediatrics
Osman, Farhat	Instructor	Pediatrics
Patel, Neethi	Instructor	Pediatrics
Sampath, Praveena	Instructor	Pediatrics
Aljassem, Annas	Assistant Professor	Physical Medicine
Ysunza, Pablo	Professor	Physical Medicine
Ding, Xuanfeng	Associate Professor	Radiation Oncology
Kabolizadeh, Peyman	Adjunct Asst. Professor	Radiation Oncology
Lanni, Jr, Thomas	Adjunct Asst. Professor	Radiation Oncology
Li, Xiaoqiang	Assistant Professor	Radiation Oncology
Hansmann, Jan	Assistant Professor	Radiology
Warren, Gregg	Assistant Professor	Radiology
Brahmamdam, Pavan	Associate Professor	Surgery
Compton, Andrew	Assistant Professor	Surgery
Folbe, Adam	Professor	Surgery
Putchakayala, Krishna	Assistant Professor	Surgery
Rontal, Matthew	Assistant Professor	Surgery
Gadzinski, Adam	Instructor	Urology
Johnston, William	Associate Professor	Urology

II. Emeritus

Effective June 27, 2025

Deans

Mazzeo, Michael, Dean Emeritus, School of Business Administration
Corcoran, Kevin, Dean Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences
Folberg, Robert, Dean Emeritus, School of Medicine
Mezwa, Duane, Dean Emeritus, School of Medicine

Faculty

Forbes, William, Professor Emeritus, Foundational Medical Studies, School of Medicine

Clinical Faculty

Band, Jeffrey, Clinical Professor Emeritus, Internal Medicine, School of Medicine
Devries, Jeffery, Clinical Professor Emeritus, Internal Medicine, School of Medicine
Maddens, Michael E., Clinical Professor Emeritus, Internal Medicine, School of Medicine
Maisels, M. Jeffery, Clinical Professor, Emeritus, Pediatrics, School of Medicine
Diokno, Ananias, Clinical Professor Emeritus, Urology, School of Medicine

Effective August 1, 2025

Staff

Daniel, Sally, Administrative Professional Emerita, Physics, College of Arts and Sciences

Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period of March 25, 2025 through June 9, 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 March 25, 2025 through June 9, 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 March 1 – April 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 March 1 – April 30, 2025.

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

Approval of Honorary Degree for Anika Noni Rose

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Arts *Honoris Causa* to Anika Noni Rose.

Approval of Honorary Degree for Laurie Marker

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa* to Laurie Marker.

Approval of Honorary Degree for Leonard Slatkin

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees awards the honorary degree of Doctor of Music *Honoris Causa* to Leonard Slatkin.

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 B.A.

Anton Frankel Center Sale

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President and Senior Vice President for Finance Administration, and respective designees to complete the sale to the City of Mount Clemens for an agreed upon sales price of $1,500,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees waives the Board Policy requirement that the Property be evaluated by three qualified appraisers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the full title transfer and Oakland University will not retain any rights to the Property; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the 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 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.

Adoption of the Change from Business Administration, General Management, B.S. to Business Administration, Management, B.S.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in the program and degree title from Business Administration, General Management, B.S. to Business Administration, Management, B.S.

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 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 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 proposed documentation is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

2026 Oakland University Board of Trustees Regular Formal Session Dates

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees (Board) approves the following dates for the Board's regular formal sessions through the 2026 calendar year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Board regular formal sessions will be held at Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, at the location, at the times and on the dates indicated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Board regular formal sessions may be cancelled or postponed, and the location and times of such regular formal sessions may be changed by the Board Chair. Special formal sessions may also be called by the Board Chair.

Board Regular Formal Sessions

Friday, February 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Oakland Center Banquet Rooms A & B

Friday, April 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Oakland Center Banquet Rooms A & B

Friday, June 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Oakland Center Banquet Rooms A & B

Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

Friday, October 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Oakland Center Banquet Rooms A & B

F. New Items for Consideration/Action

Resolution Honoring Joshua Kobus, Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees

Mr. Glenn McIntosh presented the Resolution Honoring Joshua Kobus, Student Liaison, to the Oakland University Board of Trustees recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes the fact that Mr. Joshua Kobus has served as a Student Liaison with dedication and distinction; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Mr. Kobus for his outstanding academic achievements, involvement in diverse extracurricular activities at Oakland University, and service as a Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. Kobus to convey the esteem in which he is held by the Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees publicly expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Kobus and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

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

Resolution Honoring Xavier Iriarte, Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees

Mr. Glenn McIntosh presented the Resolution Honoring Xavier Iriarte, Student Liaison, to the Oakland University Board of Trustees recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes the fact that Mr. Xavier Iriarte has served as a Student Liaison with dedication and distinction; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Mr. Iriarte for his outstanding academic achievements, involvement in diverse extracurricular activities at Oakland University, and service as a Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. Iriarte to convey the esteem in which he is held by the Board of Trustees; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees publicly expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Irarte and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

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

New Master of Science Degree in Smart Manufacturing

Dr. Amy Thompson, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented the Master of Science Degree in Smart Manufacturing recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

Dr. Thompson called on Professor Vijitashwa Pandey and Associate Dean Beth Zou to give a brief presentation regarding the Master of Science Degree in Smart Manufacturing.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School of Engineering and Computer Science to offer the MS in Smart Manufacturing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the MS in Smart Manufacturing degree program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should continue.

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

(A copy of the proposed Master of Science Degree in Smart Manufacturing documentation is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Data Center Request for Proposal (RFP) and Pre-Development Services Agreement

Mr. Stephen Mackey, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer to the Board of Trustees, presented the Data Center Request for Proposal and Pre-Development Services Agreement recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

Mrs. Penny Vigneau was also brought forward and answered the Boards questions regarding this proposal.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President and Senior Vice President for Finance Administration, and respective designees to interview qualified firms and select a preferred candidate for the data center project following the public bid process; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to negotiate contract terms and execute a pre-development agreement whereby the University and chosen firm will complete due diligence; and, be it further

RESOLVED that, following the pre-development phase of work, University will complete a draft business plan to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for its consideration, prior to final approval of a development agreement and land lease; and, be it further

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

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

General Fund Budget and Tuition Rates for FY2026

Mr. Mackey presented the General Fund Budget and Tuition Rates for FY2026 recommendation as set forth in the agendum item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the FY 2026 General Fund Budget at an expenditure level of $318,060,735 (see Attachment A) and approved encumbrances and carry-forwards from the June 30, 2025 fund balance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Schedule of Tuition Rates Effective Fall Semester 2025 (see Attachment B for details); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the spending of revenues generated in excess of budget to adequately cover the institutional, programmatic, and operating expenditures necessary to support the strategic plan.

After discussion, Trustee Kramer, seconded by Trustee Brown, moved approval of the Tuition Rates for FY2026 recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

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

(A copy of the proposed amendment documentation and attachment A and B is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

Appointment of Board Chair and Vice Chair

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recommends approval of the appointment of Trustee Trina Scott as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for a one (1) year term.

After discussion, Trustee Muchmore, seconded by Trustee Welch, moved the 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 11:53 a.m.

Submitted,

Joshua D. Merchant

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

Approved,

Joe Jones

Joe Jones
Chair, Board of Trustees