

**Minutes of the Formal Session  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
December 13, 2021**

**Present:** Chair Robert Schostak; Vice Chair Joseph Jones; and Trustees Brian N. Calley (via Teleconference), David Kramer, Dennis Muchmore (via Teleconference), Trina Scott, Melissa Stolicker and W. David Tull (via Teleconference)

**Also Present:** President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Joshua D. Merchant; Provost Britt Rios-Ellis; Vice Presidents Rochelle A. Black, Boyd C. Farnam, Glenn McIntosh, Michael J. Westfall, John O. Young; Interim Vice President James L. Hargett; Athletics Director Steven C. Waterfield; and Student Liaisons Amanda Wewer and Ethan Bradley

A moment of silence was held in support of the Oxford Community to remember those whose lives were forever changed by the Oxford High School tragedy.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Robert Schostak invited Ethan Bradley, Oakland University Senior in Philosophy and Political Science and Student Liaison, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Call to Order**

Chair Robert Schostak called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. in Banquet Room A 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 of the Board members were present, except Trustee Brian N. Calley who joined the meeting at 2:19 p.m. via teleconference.

**D. President's Report**

President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz presented the President's Report, including Updates and OU Pride. Dr. Elaine Carey, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, presented an update on the College of Arts and Sciences.

Chair Schostak acknowledged and welcomed David Kramer, Oakland University's newest Trustee.

**E. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action**

**Consent Agenda**

**Treasurer's Report**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the December 13, 2021 Treasurer's Report.

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Formal Session of October 11, 2021**

**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 December 13, 2021.**

The following standard appointments in the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine are for three years, commencing on December 13, 2021, 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 Beaumont 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:

Mahmoud, Saifeldin	Assistant Professor	Anesthesiology
Archiyan, Aleksandr A.	Instructor	Family Medicine
Bojanic, Eliisa, S.	Instructor	Family Medicine
Eraqi, Hany A.	Instructor	Family Medicine
Oh, Yujin	Instructor	Family Medicine
Goldberg, Andrew	Adjunct Professor	Foundational Med Studies
Tawfik, Amany M.	Adjunct Assoc. Professor	Foundational Med Studies
Voorheis-Sargent, Ann	Assistant Professor	Foundational Med Studies
Washington, A. Valance	Adjunct Professor	Foundational Med Studies
Westrick, Randal J.	Adjunct Assoc. Professor	Foundational Med Studies
Balaraman, Savitha	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Barbat, Julian J.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Bloomingtondale, Richard J.	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Fahs, Fatima M.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Gulati, Akhil	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Gundlapalli, Sujana	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Mobayed, Mohammad	Instructor	Internal Medicine

Noumi, Andre	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Qureshi, Muhammad I.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Rajeshwar, Rashmi	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Riaz, Sara S.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Wu, David M.	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Abousamra, Andrea	Instructor	Neurology
Haykal, Mohamad A.	Assistant Professor	Neurology
Walch, Rosemarie E.	Instructor	Neurology
Endress, Christina F.	Instructor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Schein, Caitlin O.	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Trivax, Brandon J.	Assistant Professor	Physical Medicine
Rosen, Leonard J.	Assistant Professor	Psychiatry
Levitin, Ronald	Instructor	Radiation Oncology
Liang, Jian	Instructor	Radiation Oncology
Liu, Manju	Instructor	Radiation Oncology
Loughery, Brian F.	Instructor	Radiation Oncology
Zheng, Weili	Assistant Professor	Radiation Oncology
Elshahat, Bassem A.	Assistant Professor	Radiology
Tominna, Marie	Instructor	Radiology
Phillips, Christopher C.	Assistant Professor	Surgery

**Standard Reappointments - Three Years**

Nurani, Shafeena	Assistant Professor	Anesthesiology
Adas, Jamal	Assistant Professor	Emergency Medicine
Bryant, Noah	Instructor	Emergency Medicine
Ortiz, Laura	Assistant Professor	Emergency Medicine
Armstrong, Hallie	Adjunct Instructor	Family Medicine
Barish, Ryan	Adjunct Instructor	Family Medicine
Boekelheide, Lucy	Instructor	Family Medicine
Citron, Alissa	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Crowder, Michelle	Adjunct Instructor	Family Medicine
Gramith, Christina	Adjunct Instructor	Family Medicine
Gramith, Patrick	Adjunct Instructor	Family Medicine
Pierret, Alexandra	Instructor	Family Medicine
Raffin, Jennifer	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Ramakrishna, Shruti	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Rappe, Jodie	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Reye, Nancy	Adjunct Asst. Professor	Family Medicine
Schwartzenfeld, David	Instructor	Family Medicine
Stone, Michelle	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Weitz, Erik	Assistant Professor	Family Medicine
Sabina, Richard	Adjunct Professor	Foundational Med Studies
Al-Hakim, Abbas	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Bilolikar, Abhay	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Deryavoush, Tara	Instructor	Internal Medicine

Fishbain, Joel	Associate Professor	Internal Medicine
Gierer, Jacqueline	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Henderson, Heather	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Kallabat, Steve	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Khanshour, Ammar	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Kolbe, Karl	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Mathew, Trini	Associate Professor	Internal Medicine
Patel, Atulkumar	Instructor	Internal Medicine
Polevoy, Rimma	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Ruff, Stacey	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
David, Nicole	Instructor	Neurology
Singer, Daniel	Instructor	Neurology
Stoner, Andrea	Instructor	Neurology
Alhousseini, Ali	Assistant Professor	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Gallagher, Nicole	Instructor	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Johnson, Katherine	Instructor	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Rosen, Barry	Professor	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Wharton, Kurt	Professor	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Apkarian, Alexandra	Instructor	Ophthalmology
Clune, Michael	Assistant Professor	Ophthalmology
Greenley, Michael	Instructor	Ophthalmology
Kasprick, Daniel	Instructor	Ophthalmology
Randhawa, Sandeep	Assistant Professor	Ophthalmology
Schlachter, Dianne	Associate Professor	Ophthalmology
Siegel, Michael	Assistant Professor	Ophthalmology
Acker II, William	Instructor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Corbin, Chanda	Instructor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Matuszak, Sean	Assistant Professor	Orthopaedic Surgery
Bernacki, Kurt	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Fullmer, Joseph	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Kanaan, Hassan	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Schwartz, John	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Truscott, Steven	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Walters, Laura	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Wiesend, Wendy	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Yu, Limin	Assistant Professor	Pathology
Allen, Renee	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Ball, Allison	Associate Professor	Pediatrics
Bistolarides, James	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Boyle, John	Instructor	Pediatrics
Economy, Helen	Instructor	Pediatrics
El-Wiher, Nidal	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Grindling, Stacy	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Hasaba, Hasan	Instructor	Pediatrics
Khandhar, Paras	Associate Professor	Pediatrics
Laska-Sobol, Zinaida	Instructor	Pediatrics

Marcus, Stephanie	Instructor	Pediatrics
Ober, Michelle	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Rasheed, Abdur	Instructor	Pediatrics
Raymo, Lea	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Shaw, Alexandra	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Yoder, Cordell	Instructor	Pediatrics
Boven, Douglas	Assistant Professor	Physical Medicine
Halchishick, Evan	Assistant Professor	Physical Medicine
Hamstra, Daniel	Professor	Radiation Oncology
Lee, Kuei	Assistant Professor	Radiation Oncology
Qin, An	Assistant Professor	Radiation Oncology
Al-katib, Sayf	Assistant Professor	Radiology
Brudvik, Andrea	Assistant Professor	Radiology
Kilanowski, Stephen	Assistant Professor	Radiology
Burhani, Hatim	Assistant Professor	Surgery
Iacco, Anthony	Assistant Professor	Surgery
Ziegler, Matthew	Assistant Professor	Surgery
Liss, Zachary	Assistant Professor	Urology
Schober, Megan	Assistant Professor	Urology

**Standard Appointments – Change in Rank – Instructor to Assistant Professor**

**Effective December 13, 2021**

Cotant, Matthew	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Jazrawi, Ayad	Assistant Professor	Internal Medicine
Hornik, Matthew	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Pollak, Aimee	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
Adeyemo, Adewunmi O.	Assistant Professor	Surgery

**II. Emeritus Appointments – effective December 13, 2021**

Venuti, Judith, Professor Emerita of Foundational Medical Studies

**III. New Appointments**

**Effective November 1, 2021**

Schweitzer, Linda                      Research Professor of Chemistry

**Effective September 1, 2021**

Holden, Lauren                      Visiting Assistant Professor of Graphic Design

#### **IV. Emeritus Appointments**

##### **Effective December 13, 2021**

Gunsberg, Andrew. Professor Emeritus of Education, Department of Human Development and Child Studies, School of Education and Human Services

Licker, Paul. Professor Emeritus of Management Information Systems, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, School of Business Administration

McEneaney, John. Professor Emeritus of Education, Department of Reading and Language Arts, School of Education and Human Services

Moore, Gary. Professor Emeritus of Nursing, School of Nursing

Murphy, Kevin. Professor Emeritus of Economics, Department of Economics, School of Business Administration

Parameswaran, Ravi. Professor Emeritus of Marketing, Department of Management and Marketing, School of Business Administration (Posthumous)

Pavonetti, Linda. Professor Emerita of Education, Department of Reading and Language Arts, School of Education and Human Services

Swift, Carol. Professor Emerita of Education, Department of Human Development and Child Studies, School of Education and Human Services

#### **V. Administrative Appointments**

Battistuzzi, Fabia. Interim Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, effective 12/1/2021, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Fabia Battistuzzi 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.

Koneru, Bhavani. Chief Information Officer for University Technology Services, effective 10/18/2021, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Koneru Bhavani 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.

Cunningham, Joi. Vice President for Human Resources, effective 11/1/2021, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Joi Cunningham 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.

Dallo, Florence. Interim Associate Dean for the School of Health Sciences, effective 8/16/2021, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Florence Dallo 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.

Farnam, Boyd. Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, effective 12/1/2021, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Boyd Farnam 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.

Hargett, James. Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer to the Board of Trustees, effective 11/9/2021, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between James Hargett 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.

Singhal, Rajeev. Interim Associate Dean for the School of Business Administration, effective 9/1/2021, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Rajeev Singhal 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.

#### **VI. Correction**

Brandt, Lindsay. Instructor, Human Movement Science (appointment effective 8/15/2021, and supersedes contents of letter issued on 10/11/2021)

#### **Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period of September 28, 2021 through November 29, 2021**

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 September 28, 2021 through November 29, 2021.

(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 September 1 – October 31, 2021**

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 September 1 – October 31, 2021.

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

**Final Undergraduate School and Graduate School Reports, Summer 2021 – August 23, 2021**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves granting the degrees more fully described in the Final Undergraduate School Report and the Final Graduate School Report for Summer 2021, each dated August 23, 2021.

(A copy of the Final Undergraduate School and Graduate School Reports, Summer 2021 – August 23, 2021 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Golf and Learning Center Operating Budget for Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Oakland University Golf and Learning Center budget for the calendar year ending December 31, 2022, with budgeted operating expenditures of \$4,279,131 and proposed capital improvement expenditures of \$697,700; 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.

**Approval of Amendment to the Administrative Professional Personnel Policy Manual**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment to the *Administrative Professional Personnel Policy Manual*, as described in the attachment.

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

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

**F. New Items for Consideration/Action**

Trustee Scott left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

**Master of Physician Assistant Science**

Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented the Master of Physician Assistant Science recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School of Health Sciences to offer a Master of Physician Assistant Science degree program; and, be it further



RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will complete annual reviews of the Master of Physician Assistant Science degree program to evaluate academic quality and fiscal viability to determine whether the program should continue.

Provost Rios-Ellis called on Dr. Kevin Ball, Dean, School of Health Sciences, to introduce Dr. Lindsay Gietzen, Associate Professor of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, who will serve as the Program Director of the Master of Physician Assistant Science. Dr. Gietzen gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the program.

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

### **Renewal of Charter for Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences**

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Renewal of Charter for Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the application submitted by Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences meets the requirements of the Board and of applicable law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the Academy's application to renew its charter authorizing the Academy to continue as a public school academy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the University administration shall negotiate and finalize an Agreement with the Academy in a form that incorporates the standardized requirements of the Michigan Department of Education and with such provisions as shall be required or authorized by the Michigan Revised School Code of 1976 as amended; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of the Agreement with the Academy shall expire no later than June 30, 2027; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the Academy and the ongoing administration of Oakland University's oversight function.

Ms. Judeen Bartos, Executive Director, Public School Academies, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences; Detroit Edison Public School Academy; and Dove Academy of Detroit.

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

**Renewal of Charter for Detroit Edison Public School Academy**

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Renewal of Charter for Detroit Edison Public School Academy recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the application submitted by Detroit Edison Public School Academy meets the requirements of the Board and of applicable law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the Academy's application to renew its charter authorizing the Academy to continue as a public school academy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the University administration shall negotiate and finalize an Agreement with the Academy in a form that incorporates the standardized requirements of the Michigan Department of Education and with such provisions as shall be required or authorized by the Michigan Revised School Code of 1976 as amended; and, be it further

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

**Renewal of Charter for Dove Academy of Detroit**

Provost Rios-Ellis presented the Renewal of Charter for Dove Academy of Detroit recommendation as set forth in the agenda item.

RESOLVED, that the application submitted by Dove Academy of Detroit meets the requirements of the Board and of applicable law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the Academy's application to renew its charter authorizing the Academy to continue as a public school academy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the University administration shall negotiate and finalize an Agreement with the Academy in a form that incorporates the standardized requirements of the Michigan Department of Education and with such provisions as shall be required or authorized by the Michigan Revised School Code of 1976 as amended; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of the Agreement with the Academy shall expire no later than June 30, 2027; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the Academy and the ongoing administration of Oakland University's oversight function.

After discussion, Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Kramer, 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**

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding Oakland University's vaccine mandate and COVID policies:

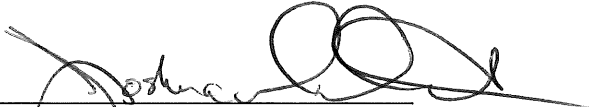
1. Ms. Lauren Argiri
2. Ms. Ann Nichol
3. Ms. Samantha Nichol
4. Ms. Randy Vavrick
5. Ms. Rachel Geileghem
6. Mr. Sam Argiri

#### **H. Adjournment**

Chair Schostak adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Submitted,

Approved,

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

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Robert Schostak  
Chair, Board of Trustees