

**Minutes of the Formal Session  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
April 24, 2026**

**Present:** Chair Brian Calley and Trustees Melanie Brown, David Kramer, Dennis Muchmore, Colleen Ochoa Peters, Trina Scott, Nate Engle 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, 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; Interim Chief Community Engagement Officer David Dulio; and Student Liaison Mathew Seidel and Student Liaison Jimena Garcia

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Brian Calley invited Oakland University Student Liaisons Mathew Seidel and Jimena Garcia to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Call to Order**

Chair Calley called the meeting to order at 10:03 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.

**D. President's Report**

President Pescovitz began her report by introducing the Oakland University Jazz Collective, who performed.

President Pescovitz shared several updates regarding Oakland's Strategic Momentum, student success and speaking on several individual awards presented to students at conferences.

President Pescovitz's report highlighted OUWB's Match Day, which had students having a 98% match rate with medical schools, and which careers students were preparing for.

The President also spoke Director of Athletics, Steve Waterfield, being named 2025-26 Division I-AAA Athletic Director of the Year. And she touched on Basketball Herad Coach, Greg Kampe's, remarkable career.

Vice President for Advancement, Mike Westfall, presented an update on the Donna and Walt Young Honors College, Oakland University Giving Day, and the Tang Foundation.

Athletic Director Steve Waterfield presented an update on the Athletic Department and NCAA rules, program, and student stories of success and team work.

## **F. Consent Agenda for Consideration/Action**

### **Consent Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the October 17, 2025 Consent Agenda.

Trustee David Kramer seconded by Trustee Trina Scott, 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 13, 2026**

### **University Personnel Actions**

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

#### **I. New Appointments**

##### **Effective January 1, 2026**

Harrington, Napoleon                      Special Instructor of Education

##### **Effective January 5, 2026**

Elghoroury, Dena                              Special Instructor of Education

#### **II. Emeritus**

##### **Effective April 24, 2026**

##### **Faculty**

Bhargava, Ambika, Professor Emerita, Human Development and Child Studies,  
School of Education and Human Services

**Staff**

St. Denis, Michele, Administrative Professional Emerita, Academic Affairs

**III. Faculty Reappointments**

The faculty agreement requires that certain reviews for possible reemployment and promotion be completed by August 15, 2026. 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, 2026.

Barnett, Jeremy	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Cho, Seong	School of Business Administration	Promote
Isken, Mark	School of Business Administration	Promote
Jonutz, Thayer	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Kredell, Brendan	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Naus, James	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Qian, Hong	School of Business Administration	Promote

A. Reappointments and Promotions (Cont'd)

Roumani, Yazan	School of Business Administration	Promote
Sanders, Harry	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Tian, Tian	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Tran, Nghia	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote
Wilson, Christopher	School of Health Sciences	Promote
Yang, Ziming	College of Arts and Sciences	Promote

**Acceptance of Gifts and Pledges to Oakland University for the Period January 27 – March 31, 2026**

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 27 through March 31, 2026.

(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 January 1 – February 28, 2026**

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 through February 28, 2026.

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

**Final Graduate and Undergraduate School Report Fall 2025 – December 13, 2025**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves granting the degrees more fully described in the Final Medical School Report for Fall 2025 – December 13, 2025.

(A copy of the Final Graduate and Undergraduate School Report, Fall 2025 – December 13, 2025 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Discontinuance of Certain Academic Programs**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves granting the degrees more fully described in the Discontinuance of Certain Academic Programs.

(A copy of the Discontinuance of Certain Academic Programs is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Adoption of the Change in the Master of Music Degree to Combine Eight Standalone Majors into one Major with Concentrations**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the creation of a single Master of Music degree with eight concentrations and the discontinuation of the eight standalone degrees from the Department of Music in the College of Arts and Sciences.

(A copy of the Adoption of Change and Approved Senate Minutes are on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**University Housing Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2027 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 FY2027 budget and the ongoing administration of the FY2027 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.

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

### **Meadow Brook Estate Operating Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2027 Budget for Meadow Brook Estate, 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 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 FY2027 budget and the ongoing administration of the FY2027 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 – FY2027 and Meadow Brook Estate Proposed Major Capital Expenditures – FY 2027 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

### **Intercollegiate Athletics Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2027 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 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 FY2027 budget and the ongoing administration of the FY2027 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.

(A copy of the Description of Athletics Budget Notes and Assumptions and Athletics Proposed Budget – FY2027 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

#### **Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, Year Ended June 30, 2025**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accepts the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, Year Ended June 30, 2025, which was audited by the Board of Trustees' public accounting firm, Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC.

(A copy of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, Year Ended June 30, 2025 is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

#### **Appointment/Reappointment of Independent 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 FY2026 Audit at a projected cost of \$97,400; 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 the Board of Trustees authorized 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 confirm to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

(A copy of the Audit Scope Letter is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Approval for Increased Costs of the High Temperature Hot Water Permanent Redundancy Boiler Project**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the project budget increase of \$8.2 million for a total budget of \$25.2 million, not to exceed the budget authorized for use for the HTHW Permanent Redundancy Boiler Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees' authorizes the 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 HTHW Permanent Redundancy Boiler Project and the ongoing administration of the Project; 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 confirm to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

**Approval for Extension to Contract for Residential and Retail Food Services on Campus**

RESOLVED, that the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration be authorized to extend the current lease with Compass Group North America – Chartwells for one year and negotiate and execute a new food service contract with Compass Group North American – Chartwells Higher Education for residential and retail food services on campus; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the agreement be reviewed and approved by 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 and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

(A copy of the Dining Services Amendment Number Eleven to Food Services Agreement is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Resolution to rename The Oakland University Trustee Academic Success (OUTAS) Program as The Glenn D. McIntosh Academic Success Program**

RESOLVED, that the Oakland University Board of Trustees hereby approves the renaming of the Oakland University Academic Success (OTAS) Program as the Glenn D. McIntosh Academic Success Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of trustees directs the Administration to take all necessary steps to implement this renaming, including updating University communications, websites, program materials, and formal documentation to reflect the new designation; and

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its deep appreciation for Mr. Glenn D. Mc Intosh's extraordinary service and lasting contributions to Oakland University and extended the recognition as a tribute to his legacy of leadership, mentorship, and student advocacy.

**Resolution for Modification of Oakland University's University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction Policy on Degree Requirements to Create a Reduced Credit Degree**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the Undergraduate Degree Requirement Policy, to become effective immediately.

(A copy of the Senate Meeting Minutes on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Adoption of the Change from Creative Writing, B.A., Specialization in Screenwriting to Screenwriting, B.A.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in the program and degree title from Creative Writing, B.A., specialization in Screenwriting to Screenwriting, B.A.

**Adoption of the Change from Creative Writing, B.A., Specialization in Fiction to Creative Writing B.A.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in the program and degree title from the College of Arts and Sciences, Creative Writing, B.A., specialization in Fiction to Creative Writing, B.A.

**Adoption of the Change from Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, B.S., Specialization in Radiologic Technology to Radiologic Technology, B.S.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in the program and degree title from Clinical and Diagnostics Sciences, B.S, Specialization in Radiologic Technology to Radiologic Technology, B.S.

**Adoption of the Change from Nutrition, B.S., Specialization in Dietetics to Dietetics, B.S.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in the program and degree title from Nutrition, B.S., Specialization in Dietetics to Dietetics, B.S.

**Adoption of the Change from Biomedical Sciences: Medical Physics, Doctor of Philosophy to Biomedical Physics, Doctor of Philosophy**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in the program and degree title from the Biomedical Sciences: Medical Physics, Doctor of Philosophy to Biomedical Physics, Doctor of Philosophy from the Department of Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences.

(A copy of the Approved Senate Minutes is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Adoption of the Change from Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, B.S., Specialization in Diagnostic Medical Sonography to Diagnostic Medical Sonography, B.S.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in the program and degree title from Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, B.S., Specialization in Diagnostic Medical Sonography to Diagnostic Medical Sonography, B.S.

**Adoption of the Change from Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, B.S., Specialization in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) to Medical Laboratory Science, B.S.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the change in the program and degree title from Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, B.S., Specialization in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) to Medical Laboratory Science, B.S.

**Amendment to the College of Arts and Sciences Minimum Degree Requirements for Graduation Policy**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment to the College of Arts and Sciences minimum degree requirement for graduation to reduce the number of required credits from 124 to 120, to become effective immediately.

(A copy of the Approved Senate Minutes is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Revision to the Graduate School Policy for the Minimum Number of Requirements for Ph.D. Program Credits**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the revision to reduce the Graduate School minimum number of Ph.D. program credits from 80 to 60, to become effective immediately.

(A copy of the Approved Senate Minutes is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Resolution for Modification of Oakland University's University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction Policy on Degree Requirements**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the Undergraduate Degree Requirement Policy, to become effective immediately.

(A copy of the Approved Senate Minutes is on file in the Board of Trustees Office.)

**Approval of Change in the Supplemental Application Charge for the Master of Physician Assistant Science Program**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves a change in the non-refundable Supplemental Application Charge to \$55 for the Master of Physician Assistant Science Program to be assessed to each applicant at the time they are applying to the University; and, be it further

Resolved that this Supplemental Application Charge is in addition to the Graduate Application charge.

**Approval of Honorary Degree for Glenn McIntosh**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees award the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters *Honoris Causa* to Glenn McIntosh.

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

**Commendation of the Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award**

Chief of Staff Joshua Merchant presented the Commendation of the Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award recommendations as set forth in the agendum items.

RESOLVED, that the Board of trustees expresses its appreciation to Red Douglas for his outstanding commitment to the Oakland University community and beyond; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Red Douglas for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success in his future career in educational leadership and advocacy.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Dr. Charles Shamoun for his outstanding commitment to the Oakland University community and beyond; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends Dr. Charles Shamoun for the quality of his leadership and extends to him its best wishes for continued success as he begins his postdoctoral fellowship in New York City.

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

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

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs presented the Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and Human Relations Award recommendations as set forth in the agenda items.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trustee Ochoa Peters, seconded by Trustee Kramer, moved approval of the recommendation, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

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

There were five requests for public comment, all were accepted prior to the meeting. One requester did not appear before the board.

Sadie Heman, a student representing Young Democratic Socialists of OU, spoke regarding the proposed Data Center, the proposed locations and it's negative implications. No formal action was taken.

Autumn Baker, a student representing Young Democratic Socialists of OU, spoke regarding the proposed Data Center and the concerns of multiple groups on campus. Ms. Baker also commented on the lack of time given for public comment. No formal action was taken.

Cullen Black, newly elected Student Body President, spoke regarding the proposed Data Center, corporate interest versus student and academic interest and the University's values. No formal action was taken.

Daniel Aloï, faculty member at the University, spoke regarding SECS computing needs, and the need of a Data Center. No formal action was taken.

#### I. Trustee Comments & Discussion

#### L. Adjournment

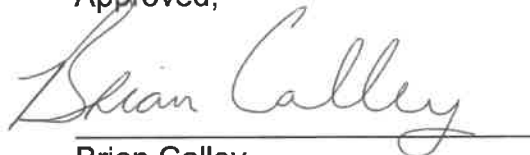
Chair Calley adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Submitted,



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

Approved,



Brian Calley  
Chair, Board of Trustees