

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
June 26, 2026**

RESOLUTION HONORING BRIAN CALLEY

A Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** President's Office

2. **Introduction:** Board Chair Brian Calley's tenure on the Oakland University Board of Trustees concludes on August 11, 2026. The following resolution is being presented to formally recognize Chair Calley's contributions to Oakland University.

3. **Previous Board Action:** None

4. **Budget Implications:** None

5. **Educational Implications:** None

6. **Personnel Implications:** None

7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The Resolution is approved by the President.

8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Chair Brian Calley was appointed to the Oakland University Board of Trustees on January 1, 2019, by Governor Rick Snyder; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley's tenure on the Board concludes on August 11, 2026, and the Board of Trustees wishes to formally recognize his contributions to Oakland University; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley served the Board for one term as Chair and one term as Vice Chair; contributing his knowledge and insight and expending much time on the responsibilities associated with these duties; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley has distinguished himself as a dedicated advocate for individuals with autism and their families; and

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WHEREAS, Chair Calley has demonstrated his enduring commitment to the mission of OUCARES through his annual philanthropic support; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley's leadership facilitated the approval of 12 new bachelor's degree programs, 11 new master's degree programs and 2 new doctoral degree programs; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley's tenure saw the re-opening of Oakland University's student union, The Oakland Center, following a 60,000-square-foot expansion and total renovation that included new dining, study and meeting spaces; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley's tenure saw the renovation and expansion of South Foundation Hall, a \$44.2 million project that added approximately 30,000 square feet, including collaborative study spaces and technology upgrades; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley's tenure saw the opening of Oakland West Center, which includes dedicated instructional and nursing lab spaces, the Oakland University Basketball Performance Center, along with three tenants: Pontiac Promise Zone, Branches Auburn Hills, and Dutton Farm, fostering community collaboration, workforce development, and public service partnerships within the region; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley's tenure saw the completion of a \$9.7 million renovation and expansion of O'Dowd Hall, home to the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. The 13,000 square-foot project created a more welcoming entry way, convenient study spaces and modern classroom spaces; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley's tenure saw a \$45 million renovation and expansion of Varner Hall, home to the university's School of Music, Theatre and Dance, and other departments as the result of a complete update of the building's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley's tenure saw the opening of the School of Engineering and Computer Science's Research and Innovation Center (RIC), a 48,700-square-foot facility located in Rochester Hills that houses bioengineering, mechanical, electrical, industrial, and computer science labs, and serves as a hub for research in partnership with industry; and

WHEREAS, Chair Calley participated in the hiring of a new Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; and

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WHEREAS, Chair Calley played a significant role in OU's "Strive for 45" advocacy campaign to help bring equity and fairness to higher education funding in Michigan; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, the President, and the entire Oakland University community publicly express their deep appreciation and gratitude to Chair Calley for his leadership, dedication and service; and be it further


RESOLVED, that Chair Calley be designated as Trustee Emeritus with all of the attendant rights and privileges of the position; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Chair Calley to convey the esteem in which he is held by the Board of Trustees, the President, and the University community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees extends to Chair Calley its best wishes for happiness and the hope that he will continue his association with Oakland University.

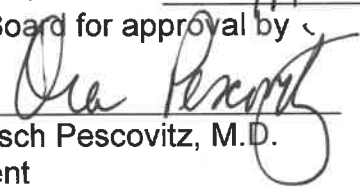
9. **Attachments:** None.

Submitted to the University President
on 6/11, 2026 by



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Chief of Staff and
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Recommended on 6/11, 2026
to the Board for approval by



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