

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

RESOLUTION HONORING DENNIS MUCHMORE

A Recommendation

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

2. **Introduction:** Trustee Dennis Muchmore's tenure on the Oakland University Board of Trustees concludes on August 11, 2026. The following resolution is being presented to formally recognize Trustee Muchmore'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, Dennis Muchmore was appointed to the Oakland University Board of Trustees by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder for an eight-year term beginning October 19, 2018, thus marking his second stint serving the university as a Board member; and

Whereas, Trustee Muchmore's term concludes on August 11, 2026, the Board of Trustees wishes to formally recognize his contributions to Oakland University; and

Whereas, the Board recognizes Trustee Muchmore's service as a special advisor to the Oakland University Center for Civic Engagement during the launch of the Michigan Debate Task Force, a coalition of higher education and business entities across the state that will host debates featuring candidates for public office in Michigan; and

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Whereas, Trustee Muchmore'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, Trustee Muchmore'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, Trustee Muchmore'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, Trustee Muchmore'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, Trustee Muchmore'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, Trustee Muchmore'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, Trustee Muchmore participated in the hiring of a new Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; and

Whereas, Trustee Muchmore generously donated his collection of U.S. presidential history books to OU's Center for Civic Engagement. The Muchmore Presidential History Collection includes 275 volumes about U.S. presidents, and by presidents, as well as other materials related to presidents' time in office; and

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Whereas, Trustee Muchmore'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, Trustee Muchmore 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

Whereas, Trustee Muchmore has demonstrated exemplary philanthropic support for the Center for Civic Engagement, thereby advancing Oakland University's mission and enhancing its reputation as a Convener of Conversations; and

Whereas, Trustee Muchmore has been recognized through the establishment of Center for Civic Engagement's Dennis Muchmore Public Policy Series in honor of his distinguished contributions to public policy and civic leadership. The annual event features a speaker or panel discussion focused on a critical issue facing the region, state or nation and was created through a generous donation from former Board Chair Bobby Schostak to serve the common good and foster civility in public discourse; 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 Trustee Muchmore for his leadership, dedication and service; and, be it further

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

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Trustee Muchmore 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 Trustee Muchmore its best wishes for happiness and the hope that he will continue his association with Oakland University.

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9. Attachments: None.

Submitted to the University President
on 6/18, 2026 by



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Chief of Staff and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Recommended on 6/18, 2026
to the Board for approval by



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President