

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Audit & Compliance Committee
February 8, 2024**

A meeting of the Audit & Compliance Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:45 a.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: James Farnsworth, presiding; Mary Davenport, Robyn Gulley, and Tadd Johnson.

Staff present: Chancellors Lori Carrell and Mary Holz-Clause; Interim Chancellor David McMillan; Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson; Vice Presidents Bernard Gulachek and Ken Horstman; Executive Director Brian Steeves; Chief Auditor Quinn Gaalswyk; and Associate Vice President Michael Volna.

Student Representatives present: Alex Middendorf and Ebba Wako.

The docket materials for this meeting are [available here](#).

EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REVIEW OF COMPLETED AUDIT WORK

Regent Farnsworth invited Mollie Viola, Controller, Judi Dockendorf, Managing Director, Deloitte & Touche LLP, and Nicole Hoium, Audit Manager, Deloitte & Touche LLP to provide the committee with a summary of the completed work by the University's current external auditor, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 3. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

FY 2024 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

Regent Farnsworth invited Mollie Viola, Controller, Jean Bushong, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, and Daniel Persaud, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to provide an overview of the plan the University's new external audit firm, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, has for conducting the University's FY 2024 financial and compliance audits and other engagements, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 153. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

Regent Farnsworth invited Chief Auditor Gaalswyk to provide the update on Internal Audit activities, results, and observations, as detailed in the docket. Chancellors Carrell and Holz-Clause, and Vice President Gulachek were also invited to address the committee.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 168. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regent Farnsworth invited Chief Auditor Gaalswyk to discuss the information items in the docket:

- Engagements Less Than \$100,000 Requiring After-the-Fact Reporting

The docket materials for this item begin on page 199. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.



BRIAN R. STEEVES
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Special Committee on Academic Health
February 8, 2024**

A meeting of the Special Committee on Academic Health of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:45 a.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Penny Wheeler, presiding; Doug Huebsch, Ruth Johnson, Janie Mayeron, Mary Turner, and Kodi Verhalen.

Staff present: Interim President Jeffrey Ettinger; Vice Presidents Jakub Tolar and Julie Tonneson; General Counsel Douglas Peterson; Executive Director Brian Steeves; Chief Public Relations Officer Chuck Tombarge; Associate Vice President Michael Volna; and Executive Director of Government and Community Relations Melisa López Franzen.

The docket materials for this meeting are [available here](#).

**GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ACADEMIC HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA:
FINAL REPORT AND NEXT STEPS**

Regent Wheeler invited Interim President Ettinger and Vice President Tolar to provide an update and invite input from the special committee on the final report of the Governor's Task Force on Academic Health at the University of Minnesota, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 3. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.



BRIAN R. STEEVES
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Mission Fulfillment Committee
February 8, 2024**

A meeting of the Mission Fulfillment Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Ruth Johnson, presiding; Mary Davenport, James Farnsworth, Robyn Gulley, Doug Huebsch, Tadd Johnson, Mike Kenyanya, Janie Mayeron, Mary Turner, Kodi Verhalen, and Penny Wheeler.

Staff present: Interim President Jeffrey Ettinger; Chancellors Lori Carrell, Mary Holz-Clause, and Janet Schrunk Ericksen; Interim Chancellor David McMillan; Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson; Vice Presidents Bernard Gulachek, Kenneth Horstman, Mercedes Ramírez Fernández, and Julie Tonneson; General Counsel Douglas Peterson; Executive Director Brian Steeves; Chief Auditor Quinn Gaalswyk; and Associate Vice President Michael Volna.

Student Representatives present: Taiwo Aremu and Niko Vasilopoulos.

The docket materials for this meeting are [available here](#).

**HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION ACCREDITATION FOR THE
ROCHESTER AND TWIN CITIES CAMPUSES 2025 UPDATE**

Regent R. Johnson invited Executive Vice President and Provost Croson, Robert McMaster, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, and Erin Slattengren, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, to provide the committee with an update about the University's processes and progress toward its 2025 accreditation renewal for the Rochester and Twin Cities campuses, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 3. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

TERM FACULTY AND INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF: TWIN CITIES CAMPUS

Regent R. Johnson invited Executive Vice President and Provost Croson and Beth Lewis, Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, to discuss the contributions of term (contract) faculty and instructional staff to the University's mission, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 36. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

CONSENT REPORT

Regent R. Johnson invited Executive Vice President and Provost Croson to present the Consent Report for review and action, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 60. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

Request for Approval of New Academic Programs

- Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to create a new Bachelor of Science in Business Analytics, effective fall 2024.
- College of Design (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to create a new Bachelor of Science in User Experience Design, effective fall 2025.
- College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to create a new Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics–Business Economics Emphasis, effective fall 2024.
- College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to create a new undergraduate minor in Medical Spanish, effective fall 2024.
- College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to create a new undergraduate certificate in Cross-Cultural Health in Spain, effective fall 2024.
- Humphrey School of Public Affairs and Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—request approval to create a new Sustainable Environmental, Social and Governance Leadership Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.
- Medical School (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to create a Global Breast Cancer Fellowship, effective fall 2024.
- School of Public Health (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to create a new Public Health Data Science graduate minor, effective fall 2024.

Request for Approval of Changed Academic Plans

- Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the program delivery modality options in the Corporate Financial Management Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.
- Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to add a hybrid delivery modality option in the Leadership for Managers Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.
- Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the program delivery modality options in the Medical Industry Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.
- Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to add both hybrid and completely online delivery modality options in the Strategic Management Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.
- Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the program delivery modality options in the Strategic Marketing Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.
- Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the program delivery modality options in the Supply Chain Management for the Medical and Health Sector Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.

- College of Design (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the name of the Research Practices subplan to Applied Research in Practice in the Master of Science in Architecture, effective fall 2024.
- College of Design (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the name of the Bachelor of Science degree in Retail Merchandising to Retail and Consumer Studies, effective fall 2024.
- College of Design (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the name of the Retail Merchandising undergraduate minor to Retail and Consumer Studies, effective fall 2024. • College of Education and Human Development (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the name of three subplans in the Master of Education and Initial Teaching License degree, effective fall 2024.
- College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to add a new subplan in the Master of Science in Applied Economics degree, effective fall 2024.
- College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the academic-degree-granting college for the PhD, the MS, and the graduate minor in Water Resources Science from the Graduate School to the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, effective fall 2024.
- College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the academic-degree-granting college for the Master and graduate minor programs in Heritage Studies and Public History from the College of Design to the College of Liberal Arts, effective fall 2024.
- College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the name of the Moving Image Studies graduate minor to Moving Image, Media & Sound, effective fall 2024.
- College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the name of the Master and graduate minor programs in Scientific and Technical Communication to Technical Communication, effective fall 2024.
- College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to add two new subplans in the Bachelor of Arts in Statistical Practice, effective fall 2024.
- College of Liberal Arts (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to update the names of three subplans in the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts, effective fall 2024.
- College of Science and Engineering (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to add two new integrated degree program (IDP) subplans in the Bachelor of Materials Science and Master of Science in Data Science for Chemical Engineering degree programs effective fall 2024.
- College of Science and Engineering (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the academic-degree-granting college for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine PhD, Master and graduate minor programs from the Graduate School to the College of Science and Engineering, effective fall 2024.
- Medical School (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the Child Neurology Fellowship to a Residency, effective summer 2024.
- Medical School (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to change the academic-degree-granting college for the Health Informatics PhD, MHI, MS, and graduate minor programs from the Graduate School to the Medical School, effective fall 2024.

Request for Approval of Discontinued Academic Plans

- Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Asset Management Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.

- College of Design (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Master of Arts in Design, effective fall 2024.
- School of Public Health (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Advanced Management Training for Clinician Leaders Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.
- School of Public Health (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Aging Studies Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.
- School of Public Health (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Industrial Hygiene subplan in the Environmental Health PhD, Master of Science, and Master of Public Health degrees, effective fall 2024.
- School of Public Health (Twin Cities campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Public Health Performance Improvement Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, effective fall 2024.
- Swenson College of Science and Engineering (Duluth campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, effective fall 2024.
- Swenson College of Science and Engineering (Duluth campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences, effective fall 2024.
- Swenson College of Science and Engineering (Duluth campus)—requests approval to discontinue the Bachelor of Arts in Geological Sciences, effective fall 2024.

Request for Conferral of Tenure for New Hires

- Shawn Boyne, professor with tenure, Department of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education, Crookston campus
- Jordan Cofer, professor with tenure, Morris campus
- Alex Grenning, associate professor with tenure, Department of Chemistry, Twin Cities campus
- John Hulleman, associate professor with tenure, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences, Medical School, Twin Cities campus
- Nicholas Swanson-Hysell, associate professor with tenure, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, College of Science and Engineering, Twin Cities campus
- Alexandra Wright, associate professor with tenure, Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior, College of Biological Sciences, Twin Cities campus

Request for Approval of Amended Bell Museum Collections Management Policy

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve on behalf of the Board the Consent Report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regent R. Johnson invited Executive Vice President and Provost Croson to discuss the information items in the docket:

- A. University, Student, Faculty, and Staff Activities and Awards
- B. Reports to the State of Minnesota
 - Postsecondary Institution Voter Registration Report
 - Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Expenditures Report
 - Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership Report

The docket materials for this item begin on page 82. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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BRIAN R. STEEVES
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Finance & Operations Committee
February 8, 2024**

A meeting of the Finance & Operations Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Penny Wheeler, presiding; Mary Davenport, James Farnsworth, Robyn Gulley, Douglas Huebsch, Ruth Johnson, Tadd Johnson, Mike Kenyanya, Janie Mayeron, Mary Turner, and Kodi Verhalen.

Staff present: Interim President Jeffrey Ettinger; Chancellors Lori Carrell, Mary Holz-Clause, and Janet Schrunk Ericksen; Interim Chancellor David McMillan; Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson; Senior Vice President Myron Frans; Vice Presidents Bernard Gulachek, Kenneth Horstman, Alice Roberts-Davis, and Julie Tonneson; General Counsel Douglas Peterson; Executive Director Brian Steeves; Chief Auditor Quinn Gaalswyk; Chief Public Relations Officer Chuck Tombarge; and Associate Vice President Michael Volna.

Student Representatives present: Lee El Cohen and Hal Johnson.

The docket materials for this meeting are [available here](#).

FY 2025 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FRAMEWORK

Regent Wheeler invited Vice President Tonneson to discuss the FY 2025 Annual Operating Budget Framework, highlighting revenue and expense categories, as detailed in the docket. Interim President Ettinger was also invited to address the committee.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 4. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

EVOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE

Regent Wheeler invited Vice President Horstman and Lincoln Kallsen, Assistant Vice President, Office of Institutional Analysis, to provide an overview of the current University employment structure and its evolution over time, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 30. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

Wheeler left the meeting. Regent Mayeron took the chair and presided over the rest of the meeting.

Mayeron recessed the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

MPACT 2025: SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Regent Mayeron called the meeting back to order at 4:24 p.m. She invited Shane Stennes, Chief Sustainability Officer, to provide an update on progress toward the sustainability goals in the MPact 2025 Systemwide Strategic Plan, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 61. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

AMENDMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY'S SUPPLEMENTAL FY 2025 STATE BUDGET REQUEST

Regent Mayeron invited Interim President Ettinger and Senior Vice President Frans to present for action the amendment to the University's FY 2025 Supplemental Budget Request to the State of Minnesota, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 97. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve on behalf of the Board the amendment to the University's Supplemental FY 2025 State Budget Request.

CONSENT REPORT

Regent Mayeron invited Senior Vice President Frans to present for review and action the Consent Report, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 112. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

Capital Reserves General Contingency Allocations

Purchase of Goods and Services \$1,000,000 and Over

- To Huron Consulting Group for the extension of the existing contract for an additional \$2,650,000 for consulting services for the systemwide PEAK Initiative (Positioned for Excellence, Alignment, and Knowledge) Phase 2 transition for the period of February 5, 2024 through October 31, 2024. Funding will be provided from central funding sources intended for one-time projects such as PEAK. Huron Consulting Group was originally selected through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) conducted by Purchasing Services in November 2020. Seven suppliers responded to the RFP and one was a targeted supplier. This additional consulting work is within the scope of the original RFP and will complete the Phase 2 implementation transition of the project.
- To PIER Group for an estimated \$3,318,700 for expansion of the Agate Supercomputer cluster for Minnesota Supercomputing Institute (Twin Cities campus). This purchase is budgeted for the current fiscal year using Minnesota Supercomputing Institute's regular operating funds. PIER Group was originally selected as a result of a competitive RFP

conducted by Purchasing Services in March 2021. Nine suppliers responded to the RFP and two were targeted businesses.

- To Schindler Elevator Corporation for an estimated \$6,592,000 for maintenance services for the Twin Cities campus vertical transportation equipment (elevators and escalators) through Facilities Management for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, with three optional one-year contract extensions through June 30, 2030, for an estimated additional \$7,064,000. The total contract value, if all options are exercised, would be an estimated \$13,656,000. This approval authorizes both the base term and the optional contract extensions. Maintenance and operations of elevators and escalators are funded by a variety of organizations on the Twin Cities campus through their facilities budget. Schindler Elevator Corporation was selected as the result of a competitive RFP conducted by Purchasing Services. Two suppliers responded to the RFP and neither was a targeted business.
- To Vector BioMed Inc. for \$1,000,000 for the design, synthesis, and manufacturing of research-grade lentiviral vectors for the disease Fanconi Anemia for the Department of Pediatrics on the Twin Cities campus for the period of February 12, 2024 through August 11, 2025. This project is funded by non-sponsored philanthropic funding, specifically the Kidz1stFund. The funds are available this fiscal year, as well as in FY25. The basis for supplier selection is included in the docket.
- To Zoom Communications, Inc. for an estimated \$13,150,000 to provide an enterprise Voice Communication and Video Collaboration solution systemwide for the University of Minnesota through the Office of Information Technology (OIT) for the period March 7, 2024 through October 7, 2031 with three optional one-year contract extensions through October 7, 2034 for an additional estimated \$6,975,000. The total value of the contract, if all options are exercised, would be an estimated \$20,125,000. This approval authorizes both the base term and the optional contract extensions. The source of funds for the purchase is currently budgeted with existing voice modernization efforts and will continue to be funded utilizing O&M funds. The basis for supplier selection is included in the docket.

Capital Budget Amendments

- Advanced Operations Center
- Hasselmo Hall Cryo Lab
- Mondale Hall Courtroom Renovation
- St. Paul Student Center

Employment Agreements

- Jordan Cofer, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Dean, Morris Campus
- Mark Coyle, Athletics Director, Twin Cities campus
- Corey Hetherman, Defensive Coordinator, Football, Twin Cities campus

Real Estate Transactions

- Purchase of 78 acres in Carlton County for the College of Food, Agricultural and National Resource Sciences (CFANS).

Schematic Designs

- Advanced Operations Center
- Hasselmo Hall Cryo Lab
- Mondale Hall Courtroom Renovation

Regent Farnsworth requested to separate out the Coyle Employment Agreement. A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve on behalf of the Board the remaining items in the Consent Report. A motion was made and seconded, and on a vote of 8 to 2 the committee voted to approve on behalf of the Board the Coyle Employment Agreement. Regents Farnsworth and Gulley voted no.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regent Mayeron invited Senior Vice President Frans to discuss the information items in the docket:

- A. Reports of the State of Minnesota
 - Biomedical Science Research Facilities Funding Program Report
 - Capital Appropriations Expenditure Report
 - Unemployment Insurance Aid Report
- B. Ratings Report Update

The docket materials for this item begin on page 170. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

Regent Mayeron recognized and expressed appreciation to Senior Vice President Frans for his service as senior leader liaison to the Finance & Operations Committee. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



BRIAN R. STEEVES
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Governance & Policy Committee
February 9, 2024**

A meeting of the Governance & Policy Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Kodi Verhalen, presiding; Douglas Huebsch, Ruth Johnson, Janie Mayeron, Mary Turner, and Penny Wheeler.

Staff present: Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause; Interim Chancellor David McMillan; Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson; Vice Presidents Kenneth Horstman, Calvin Phillips, Mercedes Ramírez Fernández, Alice Roberts-Davis, Jakub Tolar, and Julie Tonneson; General Counsel Douglas Peterson; Executive Director Brian Steeves; Associate Vice President Michael Volna; and Executive Director of Government and Community Relations Melisa López Franzen.

The docket materials for this meeting are [available here](#).

BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY: *RESERVATION AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY*

Regent Verhalen invited Executive Director & Corporate Secretary Steeves and Associate Secretary Jason Langworthy to review proposed amendments to Board of Regents Policy: *Reservation and Delegation of Authority*, as detailed in the docket. Jon Steadland, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Associate Vice President Volna, and Leslie Krueger, Assistant Vice President Planning, Space, and Real Estate were also invited to address the committee.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 3. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

PRESIDENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Regent Verhalen invited Associate Secretary Jason Langworthy to review proposed amendments to Board of Regents Policy: *Institutional Conflict of Interest* related to presidential conflicts of interest, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 15. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

Verhalen recessed the meeting at 9:08 a.m. due to disruption. Verhalen called the meeting back to order at 9:15 a.m.

BOARD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: NEXT STEPS

Regent Verhalen invited Executive Director & Corporate Secretary Steeves and Associate Secretary Jason Langworthy to discuss next steps for considering the Board's committee structure, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 20. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Regent Verhalen invited Executive Director & Corporate Secretary Steeves to discuss the information items in the docket:

- Referral of Motion

The docket materials for this item begin on page 33. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.



BRIAN R. STEEVES
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Special Committee on University Relations
February 9, 2024**

A meeting of the Special Committee on University Relations of the Board of Regents was held on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Robyn Gulley, presiding; Mary Davenport, James Farnsworth, Tadd Johnson, and Mike Kenyanya.

Staff present: Interim President Jeffrey Ettinger; Chancellors Lori Carrell and Janet Schrunk Ericksen; Vice President Julie Tonneson; Executive Director Brian Steeves; Chief Public Relations Officer Chuck Tombarge; and Executive Director of Government and Community Relations Melisa López Franzen.

The docket materials for this meeting are [available here](#).

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Regent Gulley invited Executive Director of Government and Community Relations López Franzen to provide an update on the strategic work taking place within the Office of Government and Community Relations to advance the University's priorities with the Federal Government and the State of Minnesota, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 3. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Regent Gulley invited Chief Public Relations Officer Tombarge to discuss the public relations and internal communications functions across the University system, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 11. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS BEST PRACTICES
IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Regent Gulley invited Chief Public Relations Officer Tombarge to engage the special committee in a discussion of best practices in public relations and internal communications at a public university, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 35. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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BRIAN R. STEEVES
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Board of Regents
February 9, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota was held on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 9:51 a.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Janie Mayeron, presiding; Mary Davenport, James Farnsworth, Robyn Gulley, Douglas Huebsch, Ruth Johnson, Tadd Johnson, Mike Kenyanya, Bo Thao-Urabe, Mary Turner, Kodi Verhalen, and Penny Wheeler.

Staff present: Interim President Jeffrey Ettinger; Chancellors Lori Carrell, Mary Holz-Clause, and Janet Schrunk Ericksen; Interim Chancellor David McMillan; Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson; Senior Vice President Myron Frans; Vice Presidents Kenneth Horstman, Calvin Phillips, Mercedes Ramírez Fernández, Alice Roberts-Davis, Jakub Tolar, and Julie Tonneson; General Counsel Douglas Peterson; Executive Director Brian Steeves; Chief Auditor Quinn Gaalswyk; Chief Public Relations Officer Chuck Tombarge; Associate Vice President Michael Volna; and Executive Director of Government and Community Relations Melisa López Franzen.

The docket materials for this meeting are [available here](#).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board voted unanimously to approve the following minutes as presented in the docket materials:

Audit & Compliance Committee – December 7, 2023
Special Committee on Academic Health – December 7, 2023
Mission Fulfillment Committee – December 7, 2023
Finance & Operations Committee – December 7, 2023
Governance & Policy Committee – December 8, 2023
Special Committee on University Relations – December 8, 2023
Board of Regents – December 8, 2023
Litigation Review Committee – December 14, 2023
Litigation Review Committee – January 19, 2024

The docket materials for this item begin on page 3. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

REPORT OF THE INTERIM PRESIDENT

Interim President Ettinger delivered the report of the President.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 33. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Regent Mayeron delivered the report of the Chair.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 34. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

RECEIVE AND FILE REPORTS

Regent Mayeron noted the following report to receive and file this month:

- Virtual Forum Comments

The docket materials for this item begin on page 35. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

CONSENT REPORT

Regent Mayeron presented for review and action the Consent Report as described in the docket materials, including:

- A. Gifts
- B. Election of the Interim Treasurer
- C. Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Minnesota Alumni Association
- D. Report of the All-University Honors Committee
- E. Report of the Naming Committee

The docket materials for this item begin on page 36. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

A motion was made and seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Report.

UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Regent Mayeron invited Interim President Ettinger and Executive Vice President and Provost Croson to present for action the University Performance and Accountability Report, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 97. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

A motion was made and seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the University Performance and Accountability Report.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND FAIRVIEW HEALTH SERVICES: LETTER OF INTENT

Regent Mayeron invited Interim President Ettinger, Senior Vice President Frans, and Vice President Tolar to present for review and action the resolution related to the Non-Binding Letter of Intent with Fairview Health Services, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 125. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

A motion was made and seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution related to the Non-Binding Letter of Intent with Fairview Health Services as follows:

WHEREAS, in late 2023, the University of Minnesota (University) and Fairview Health Services (Fairview) each gave reciprocal notices of their intent not to renew the 1997 Academic Affiliation Agreement and related agreements between the parties when they end, by their terms, on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the University viewed its notice to Fairview around the 1997 Academic Affiliation Agreement as an affirmation of a commitment to work with Fairview to redesign the parties' joint public health mission for the years beyond 2026, recognizing that any such notice, while a contractually required formality carrying legal consequences for both parties, serves as a challenge to all concerned to work together to build a better future for Minnesota's public health; and

WHEREAS, the University and Fairview have been engaging in good faith discussions around a redesigned relationship and have prepared a Non-Binding Letter of Intent (Non-Binding LOI), attached to this resolution, that reflects the parties' interest in advancing discussions around creating a new relationship, centered around the University's eventual ownership and control of the University of Minnesota Medical Center, and that allows for the parties to begin the next steps of necessary due diligence around such relationship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents as follows:

1. The Non-Binding LOI is approved.
2. The Interim President or delegate are hereby authorized to execute, deliver, and enter into, on behalf of the University, the Non-Binding LOI.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Regent Farnsworth, chair of the committee, reported that the committee did not act on any items this month.

The committee docket materials can be found [here](#). The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

REPORT OF THE MISSION FULFILLMENT COMMITTEE

Regent R. Johnson, chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to approve on behalf of the Board the following item.

The committee docket materials can be found [here](#). The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

- 1) Approval of the Consent Report for the Mission Fulfillment Committee as presented to the committee and described in the February 8, 2024 committee minutes.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Regent Wheeler, vice chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to approve on behalf of the Board the following items.

The committee docket materials can be found [here](#). The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

- 1) An amendment to the University's Supplemental FY 2025 State Budget Request
- 2) Approval of the Consent Report for the Finance & Operations Committee as presented to the committee and described in the February 8, 2024 committee minutes.

Wheeler reported that the committee voted 8-2 to approve on behalf of the Board the following item.

- 3) An amendment to the employment agreement for Twin Cities Athletics Director Mark Coyle

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Regent Verhalen, chair of the committee, reported that the committee did not act on any items this month.

The committee docket materials can be found [here](#). The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

REPORT OF THE LITIGATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Regent T. Johnson, chair of the committee, reported that the committee held two meetings since the last Board of Regents meeting in December. At both meetings, the committee considered and adopted a resolution that authorized the closing of the meeting. In the closed meeting, discussion was held on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege.

The committee docket materials can be found [here](#) and [here](#). The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC HEALTH

Regent Wheeler, chair of the special committee, reported that the special committee did not act on any items this month.

The committee docket materials can be found [here](#). The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Regent Gulley, chair of the committee, reported that the committee did not act on any items this month.

The committee docket materials can be found [here](#). The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT NON-PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED MATTERS

Regent Mayeron announced that due to time, this item would be deferred to a later meeting.

Mayeron recessed the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

SELECT FINALISTS TO BE INTERVIEWED FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Regent Mayeron called the meeting back to order at 11:07

Regent Thao-Urabe joined the meeting.

Mayeron led the Board in a process to select finalists to be interviewed for president of the University of Minnesota, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 142. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

Mayeron asked each Regent to provide remarks on all candidates.

Mayeron recessed the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Mayeron called the meeting back to order at 12:34 p.m.

Regents identified their preferred candidates by using dots to indicate their preference. Based on that exercise, the Board reached consensus to eliminate the candidate with the fewest dots.

A motion was made and seconded and the Board voted unanimously to name Candidates A, B, and C as finalists for President of the University of Minnesota.

Mayeron directed that a roll call vote be taken. The vote was as follows:

Regent Davenport	Yes
Regent Farnsworth	Yes
Regent Gulley	Yes
Regent Huebsch	Yes
Regent R. Johnson	Yes
Regent T. Johnson	Yes
Regent Kenya	Yes
Regent Thao-Urabe	Yes
Regent Turner	Yes
Regent Verhalen	Yes
Regent Wheeler	Yes
Regent Mayeron	Yes

On a vote of 12 to 0, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.



BRIAN R. STEEVES
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Litigation Review Committee
February 13, 2024**

A special meeting of the Litigation Review Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Tadd Johnson, presiding; Ruth Johnson, Mike Kenya, Janie Mayeron, and Mary Turner.

Staff present: Interim President Jeffrey Ettinger; Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson; General Counsel Douglas Peterson; Associate Secretary Jason Langworthy; and Chief Auditor Quinn Gaalswyk.

Others present: John Casserly, Chuck Gross, Susan Kratz, Tim Pramas, Carrie Ryan Gallia, and Brian Slovit.

The docket materials for this meeting are [available here](#).

**RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT NON-PUBLIC SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE LITIGATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The meeting convened in public session at 4:30 p.m. A motion was made and seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, based on advice of the General Counsel, the Board of Regents Litigation Review Committee has balanced the purposes served by the Open Meeting Law and by the attorney-client privilege, and determined that there is a need for absolute confidentiality to discuss litigation strategy in particular matters involving the University of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, Subd. 3 and 13D.05 Subd. 3(b), a non-public special meeting of Litigation Review Committee be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center, for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privileged matters including the following:

- I. *Tracy Bibelnieks v. Regents of the University of Minnesota; Bethany Kubik v. Regents of the University of Minnesota*
- II. Office of Civil Rights, Department of Investigation, complaints
- III. *Imran Mohamed, a minor child, by his parents and natural guardians, Fardosa Omar and Osman Farah, and Fardosa Omar individually and Osman Farah individually v. Regents of the University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Physician f/d/b/a University of*

*Minnesota Physicians Smiley's Family Medicine Clinic and/or Smiley's
Clinic*

The committee voted unanimously to adopt the resolution and the public portion of the meeting ended at 4:34 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason R. Langworthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

JASON R. LANGWORTHY
Associate Secretary

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Board of Regents
February 26, 2024**

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Janie Mayeron, presiding; Mary Davenport, James Farnsworth, Robyn Gulley, Douglas Huebsch, Ruth Johnson, Tadd Johnson, Mike Kenyanya, Bo Thao-Urabe, Mary Turner, Kodi Verhalen, and Penny Wheeler.

Staff present: Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson; Vice President Alice Roberts-Davis; General Counsel Douglas Peterson; Executive Director Brian Steeves; and Chief Public Relations Officer Chuck Tombarge.

The docket materials for this meeting are [available here](#).

INTERVIEW FINALISTS FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Regent Mayeron outlined the process by which the Board would interview the three finalists, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 3. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

Mayeron invited Laura Bloomberg to interview for the position of president.

Mayeron recessed the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Mayeron called the meeting back to order at 10:47 a.m. and invited Rebecca Cunningham to interview for the position of president.

Mayeron recessed the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Mayeron called the meeting back to order at 12:53 p.m. and invited James Holloway to interview for the position of president.

Mayeron recessed the meeting at 1:40 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

Mayeron called the meeting back to order at 1:46 p.m. and the Board completed Holloway's interview.

Mayeron recessed the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

SELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Regent Mayeron called the meeting back to order at 2:56 p.m. and provided further instructions to guide the Board's deliberations leading to selection of the 18th President of the University of Minnesota, as detailed in the docket.

The docket materials for this item begin on page 55. The closed-captioned video of this item is [available here](#).

Mayeron asked each Regent to provide remarks and identify a lead candidate, allowing additional time for Regents to discuss and advocate for a particular finalist.

Once a majority consensus was reached, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution related to selection of President of the University of Minnesota as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents (Board) selects Dr. Rebecca Cunningham as the President of the University of Minnesota effective July 1, 2024, as defined by the terms of an employment agreement to be negotiated between the University of Minnesota and Dr. Rebecca Cunningham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board delegates authority to the Board chair to negotiate and finalize an employment agreement with the President-Designate and submit that employment agreement to the Board for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs Interim President Ettinger and his administration to begin working with the President-Designate on a transition plan that ensures continuity of leadership and sustained advancement of the Board's priorities.

Mayeron directed that a roll call vote be taken. The vote was as follows:

Regent Davenport	Yes
Regent Farnsworth	Yes
Regent Gulley	Yes
Regent Huebsch	Yes
Regent R. Johnson	Yes
Regent T. Johnson	Yes
Regent Kenya	Yes
Regent Thao-Urabe	Yes
Regent Turner	Yes
Regent Verhalen	Yes
Regent Wheeler	Yes
Regent Mayeron	Yes

On a vote of 12 to 0, the resolution was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian R. Steeves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'S'.

BRIAN R. STEEVES
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary