



MINUTES
FOR REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

The second meeting in 2015 of the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University was held on the 1st Floor, L. William Seidman Center, on the Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids campus of Grand Valley State University on Friday, April 24, 2015.

The following members of the Board were present:

Victor M. Cardenas
David S. Hooker, Chair
John C. Kennedy, Vice Chair
Mary L. Kramer
John G. Russell
Megan S. Sall
David L. Way
Kate Pew Wolters
Thomas J. Haas, President, Ex Officio

The following Executive and Board officers were present:

Jim Bachmeier, Vice President for Finance and Administration,
and Treasurer, Board of Trustees
Jesse M. Bernal, Vice President for Inclusion and Equity
Thomas A. Butcher, Vice President and General Counsel
Gayle R. Davis, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Teri L. Losey, Executive Associate to the President and Secretary, Board of Trustees
Karen M. Loth, Vice President for Development
Matthew E. McLogan, Vice President for University Relations

The meeting was called to order at 10:58 a.m.

I. CHAIR – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

II. SECRETARY’S REPORT

15-2-1 (1) Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

On motion by Mr. Russell and second by Mr. Way, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting, held February 13, 2015, are approved as distributed.

15-2-2 (2) Motion to Adopt Agenda

On motion by Mr. Cardenas and second by Mrs. Wolters, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees agenda for the April 24, 2015, meeting is approved as distributed.

15-2-3 (3) Committee to Nominate Board Officers

The Board Chair has identified the following trustees to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Mary L. Kramer, Chair
David L. Way

The Board of Trustees will receive a report from the Nominating Committee and will elect officers at its July 10, 2015 meeting.

15-2-4 (4) Honorary Degree – Calley

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Ms. Kramer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the granting of an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Brian Calley, Lt. Governor, State of Michigan, to be awarded at the Commencement ceremony on December 12, 2015, where he will be Commencement Speaker. Mr. Calley was sworn in as America’s youngest lieutenant governor on January 1, 2011.

15-2-5 (5) Commencement Reminders

Spring Commencement will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Van Andel Arena in downtown Grand Rapids. The first ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and the second at 3 p.m. Additional information regarding robing location, parking arrangements, etc. for the April 25 ceremonies has been mailed to Board of Trustee members.

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Additionally, the Traverse City Commencement ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan beginning at 6 p.m.

15-2-6 (6) Personnel Actions

On motion by Mr. Cardenas and second by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the personnel actions as reported at this meeting.

III. GENERAL REPORTS

15-2-7 (7) Development Division Report

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Ms. Sall, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees gratefully accepts the gifts and pledge payments of \$2,127,944.03 from the University presented at this meeting for January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015.

15-2-8 (8) Naming of Allendale Classroom/Labs Building

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Allendale Classroom/Labs Building at Grand Valley State University is a facility that will be used by science students for an enhanced educational opportunity that includes hands-on laboratory experience and expanded research, allowing them to put theory into practice;

AND WHEREAS, Dr. P. Douglas Kindschi, former Dean of the School of Sciences and Mathematics and professor of Mathematics, and currently the Director of the Kaufman Interfaith Institute, has been part of Grand Valley State University for 40 years;

AND WHEREAS, Dr. P. Douglas Kindschi built the foundation for the Sciences and Mathematics programs which allow Grand Valley State University to provide its students with a rigorous and premier science curriculum as an integral part of the liberal arts education;

AND WHEREAS, Dr. P. Douglas Kindschi was influential in the creation of these nationally recognized academic programs: the Seymour and Esther Padnos College of Engineering and Computing, the Robert B. Annis Water

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Resources Institute, and led the effort to build the Seymour and Esther Padnos Hall of Science;

AND WHEREAS, Dr. P. Douglas Kindschi recognized the need for increased support by higher education of science education at elementary and secondary levels, and created the Coalition for Excellence in Science and Math Education, the Regional Math and Science Center, and hosted the regional and national Science Olympiad Competition at Grand Valley for many years;

AND WHEREAS, Dr. P. Douglas Kindschi and his wife, Barbara, created an endowment that will provide continued academic support for students and faculty in the sciences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the naming in perpetuity for the Allendale Classroom/Labs Building as the P. Douglas Kindschi Hall of Science as presented at this meeting.

- 15-2-9 (9) Revisions to *Administrative Manual* - Chapter 4, Section 2 – Faculty
 2.7 – Probationary Appointments
 2.30.4 – Sabbatical Leave

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Mr. Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the changes to Chapter 4, Section 2.7 and 2.30.4 of the *Administrative Manual* as presented at this meeting.

- 15-2-10 (10) Housing 2016 Debt Financing

On motion by Mr. Russell and second by Ms. Sall, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Housing 2016 Debt Financing as presented at this meeting.

- 15-2-11 (11) 2015-2016 Auxiliary Operating Budgets

On motion by Mr. Russell and second by Mr. Kennedy, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2015-2016 Auxiliary Operating Budget as presented at this meeting.

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- 15-2-12 (12) 2015-2016 Endowment Fund Spending Rates

On motion by Mr. Russell and second by Ms. Sall, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2015-2016 Endowment Fund Spending Rates as presented at this meeting.

- 15-2-13 (13) Strategic Planning 2010-2015, Annual Progress Report for 2014

- 15-2-14 (14) Grand Valley State University Strategic Plan 2016-2021

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Mr. Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University had previously reviewed and approved the Strategic Positioning: Strategic Plan 2010-2015 to ensure that the university operates in a way to realize its mission;

AND WHEREAS, a selected group of University representatives were convened to update the Strategic Positioning: Strategic Plan 2010-2015 for an additional five year period;

AND WHEREAS, all constituents were afforded the opportunity to participate in and be heard by the strategic planning process;

AND WHEREAS, the Board has supported strategic planning and engaged in its policy-making through its use of the Strategic Plan for guidance;

AND WHEREAS, the faculty and student governance bodies and the Administrative Professional Committee endorsed the Strategic Plan 2016-2021;

AND WHEREAS, the Board has directed the administration to exercise its responsibilities to ensure that an updated Strategic Plan is approved, that the plan is implemented, and that accountability is measured.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University endorses the Strategic Plan 2016-2021 as presented at this meeting.

- 15-2-15 (15) Charter Schools Report

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Crossroads Charter Academy, Big Rapids (7 years)

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On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Mr. Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on February 20, 1998, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Crossroads Charter Academy (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on February 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a seven (7) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Endeavor Charter Academy, Springfield (7 years)

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Mr. Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on February 20, 1998, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Endeavor Charter Academy (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on February 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

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WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a seven (7) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Paragon Charter Academy, Jackson (7 years)

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Mr. Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on February 20, 1998, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Paragon Charter Academy (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on February 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a seven (7) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee

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affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Reach Charter Academy, Roseville (7 years)

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Mr. Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on April 25, 2008, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Reach Charter Academy (the “Academy”); and

WHEREAS, the University’s Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President’s designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a seven (7) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Warrendale Charter Academy, Detroit (7 years)

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Mr. Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on June 18, 2001, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Warrendale Charter Academy (the “Academy”), and authorized the

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reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meeting on April 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a seven (7) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics, Spring Lake (7 years)

On motion by Mrs. Wolters and second by Mr. Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on April 26, 1996, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics (the "Academy"), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on June 18, 2001, and February 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2022;

III. GENERAL REPORTS, cont'd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a seven (7) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Appointment of Charter School Board of Directors

On motion by Ms. Sall and second by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees appoints the Charter School Board of Directors as presented at this meeting.

15-2-16 (16) Student Senate Report

15-2-17 (17) Faculty Achievements

15-2-18 (18) President's Report

IV. CHAIR – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

15-2-19 (19) Recognition of Former Trustees Shelley E. Padnos and Michael D. Thomas

By acclamation of the Board of Trustees, the following two resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Shelley E. Padnos

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees today honors Shelley E. Padnos whose service as a Trustee of Grand Valley State University ended December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, Shelley E. Padnos served with distinction for eight years; and

WHEREAS, she was chosen by her colleagues to chair the Finance and Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, her colleagues elected her to chair the Board of Trustees; and

IV. CHAIR – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR cont'd.

WHEREAS, she was a contributing member of the 2016-2021 Strategic Positioning Committee representing the perspectives of the board; and

WHEREAS, her constructive review of university policies and practices led to quality improvements for the university; and

WHEREAS, her support for students, faculty and staff is recognized in the Padnos & Sarosik Reading Room in the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons; and

WHEREAS, her engagement with Grand Valley continues a Padnos family tradition first begun by her grandparents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby commends Shelley E. Padnos for her service to the university; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Shelley E. Padnos as evidence of our admiration and appreciation.

Michael D. Thomas

The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees today honors Michael D. Thomas whose service as a Trustee of Grand Valley State University ended December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, Michael D. Thomas served with distinction for eight years; and

WHEREAS, he was chosen by his colleagues to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, he was diligent in all respects in his service to the university; and

WHEREAS, his concerns about student affordability, access, and program quality consistently guided his actions and impacts he had as trustee; and

WHEREAS, his wise counsel to his colleague Trustees and to university officers is much appreciated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby commends Michael D. Thomas for his service to the university; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Michael D. Thomas as evidence of our admiration and appreciation.

IV. CHAIR – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR cont'd.

15-2-20 (20) Motion to Adjourn

RESOLVED, on motion by Mr. Cardenas and second by Mr. Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

David S. Hooker, Chair
Board of Trustees

Teri L. Losey, Secretary
Board of Trustees