



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

The fourth meeting in 2021 of the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Daniel and Pamella DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health, on the Health Campus of Grand Valley State University on Friday, November 5, 2021 and also livestreamed via Zoom Webinar.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mikyia S. Aaron  
Victor M. Cardenas  
Randall S. Damstra  
Elizabeth C. Emmitt  
Susan M. Jandernoa, Vice Chair  
Noreen K. Myers  
Megan S. Rydecki, Chair  
Kate Pew Wolters  
Philomena V. Mantella, President, Ex Officio

The following Board officers and Executive officers were present:

Laura Aikens, Vice President for University Development  
Jesse M. Bernal, Chief of Staff to the President and Vice President for Inclusion and Equity  
Matthew E. McLogan, Vice President for University Relations and  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Chris Plouff, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs  
Gregory J. Sanial, Vice President for Finance and Administration and  
Treasurer, Board of Trustees  
Miloš Topić, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Digital Officer  
B. Donta Truss, Vice President for Enrollment Development and Educational Outreach  
Craig J. Wieschhorster, Assistant Treasurer, Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

21-4-1 (1) Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

On motion by Trustee Wolters and second by Trustee Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting, held June 25, 2021, are approved as distributed.

21-4-2 (2) Motion to Adopt Agenda

On motion by Trustee Jandernoa and second by Trustee Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees agenda for the November 5, 2021, meeting is approved as distributed.

21-4-3 (3) Personnel Actions

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Wolters, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

21-4-4 (4) Public Comment

II. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

III. GENERAL REPORTS

A) Academic and Student Affairs Committee Reports

21-4-5 (5) New Program Proposal – Education for Young Children, Birth to Kindergarten, General and Special Education, BA/BS

On motion by Trustee Jandernoa and second by Trustee Wolters, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the change to *Board of Trustees Policies* 3.2.2, Undergraduate Degree Programs, to add the Education for Young Children, Birth to Kindergarten, General and Special Education, BA/BS program, as presented at this meeting.

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

21-4-6 (6) 2021 Enrollment and Financial Aid Report

20-4-7 (7) Housing and Residence Life Report

B) Finance and Audit Committee Reports

21-4-8 (8) 2020-2021 Audited Annual Financial Statements

On motion by Trustee Damstra and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2020-2021 Audited Annual Financial Statements as presented at this meeting.

21-4-9 (9) 2020-2021 Annual Endowment Fund Report

On motion by Trustee Damstra and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2020-2021 Annual Endowment Fund Report as presented at this meeting.

21-4-10 (10) 2022-2023 Endowment Fund Spending Rates

On motion by Trustee Damstra and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2022-2023 Endowment Fund Spending Rates as presented at this meeting.

21-4-11 (11) Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Cash Liquidity Level

On motion by Trustee Damstra and second by Trustee Wolters, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Cash Liquidity Level as presented at this meeting.

21-4-12 (12) Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Five-Year Plan

On motion by Trustee Damstra and second by Trustee Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Capital Outlay Major Project Request for Fiscal Year 2023 and the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan as presented at this meeting.

### III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

#### C) Other Reports

21-4-13 (13) Development Division Report

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees gratefully accepts cash gifts of \$8,456,782.26 to the University presented at this meeting for June 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021.

21-4-14 (14) GVU Foundation Approval of Directors

On motion by Trustee Damstra and second by Trustee Emmitt, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves, with appreciation, the Grand Valley University Foundation Director.

21-4-15 (15) Charter Schools Report

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Jandernoa, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

21-4-16 (16) 2020-2021 Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Annual Report

21-4-17 (17) President's Report

President Mantella provided an update on Grand Valley's strategy process, Reach Higher 2025, that is being crafted collectively. The goal is to finalize a plan that at a high level reflects and directs Grand Valley's mission, vision, values, and priorities. It is framed around three commitments: educational equity, lifetime learning, and an empowered learning experience. Reach Higher 2025 pulls from Grand Valley's rich traditions of excellence and the President highlighted an example from each commitment. Dr. Paul Plotkowski, Dean of the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing, and the first student from Fort Valley State University, Javier Gullen, spoke about Grand Valley's unique partnerships with historically Black colleges and universities and the focus on educational equity. Lifetime learning was highlighted by Dr. Janet Winter, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs, Dr. Susan Strouse, Associate Professor and Director for the Center of Nursing Research, and registered nurse and GVSU student Heather Lewis, as they shared about the fully online registered nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. The empowered learning experience was highlighted

III. GENERAL REPORTS cont'd.

through the work of two faculty members, Dr. Stephen Mattox, Professor of Geology, and Dr. Erica Hamilton, Associate Professor of Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology. They were recognized for their deep commitment to student success. The Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU) presented Dr. Mattox with their professor of the year award from 2020 and Dr. Hamilton was nominated for their professor of the year award in 2021.

21-4-18 (18) Motion to Adjourn

RESOLVED, on motion by Trustee Rydecki and second by Trustee Myers the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

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Megan S. Rydecki, Chair  
Board of Trustees

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Matthew E. McLogan, Secretary  
Board of Trustees