

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 14, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Christian Gardner (Chair)	Bassam Salem
Maria Garciaz	Randy Shumway
Jack O'Leary	Glenn Seninger
David Parkin	Jim Sorenson
J. Steve Price	

EXCUSED

Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Administrative Services
Kris Bosman	Chief Alumni Relations Officer
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Shanti Deemyad	President, Academic Senate
Michael Good	Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
Chase Hagood	Sr. Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs
Mark Harlan	Athletics Director
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Teresa Kehl	Special Assistant to the President
Jeff Labrum	Chief Operating Officer
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Lori McDonald	Vice President, Student Affairs
Melody Murdock	Director, PR/Communications
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Taylor Randall	President
Erin Rothwell	Vice President, Research
Jim Russell	Associate Vice President, Facilities
Laura Snow	Special Advisor to the President
Keith Squires	Chief Safety Officer
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
David Thomas	President, University of Utah Staff Council
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Rebecca Walsh	Director, PR/Communications
Karen West	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Marie Wintriss	President-elect, University of Utah Staff Council
Shawn Wood	Manager, PR/Communications
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President for Institutional Advancement

OTHERS ATTENDING

Geoffrey Landward	Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education
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## CALL TO ORDER

### Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:07 a.m. in the S.J. Quinney College of Law, Room 6619. Chair Christian Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused Trustee Katie Eccles and Provost Montoya who were unable to attend.

Chair Gardner extended a welcome to new Trustee/ASUU President Joe Boyden and acknowledged Senate President-elect Harriet Hopf. Chair Gardner acknowledged and thanked Dr. Shanti Deemyad for her leadership in her role as Senate President this academic year. Both Boyden and Hopf expressed their pleasure and honor to be able to serve in their new roles.

## GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix I)

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – University Leases (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – Report of Investments Portfolio for the Month of March (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – New Academic Unit – Division of Occupational and Environmental Health (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – New Academic Unit – Division of Physician Assistant Education and Sciences (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Certificates – School of Music (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – New Emphases – Chemical Engineering (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Name Change – BS Health & Physical Education Teaching (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Revise – Policy 6-101 Portfolio-Based Assessment (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Naming – Irene Fisher Community Engagement Workroom in Kahlert Village (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Naming – William R. Larson, DDS, Support Lab in the Ray & Tye Noorda Oral Health Sciences Building (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix XIII)

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, by David Parkin, second by Randy Shumway. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

Background materials are included in the Appendices (as noted above) and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

Action: 3.01 – Naming – Glenn B. Goodrich Conference Room in the Impact and Prosperity Epicenter

Heidi Woodbury, VP Institutional Advancement, presented item 3.01.

**Glenn B Goodrich Conference Room:** In recognition of a \$500,000 gift from the Beesley Family Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name a conference room in the Impact and Prosperity Epicenter the "Glenn B Goodrich Conference Room." A fully executed gift agreement is in place, and the gift will be paid in full by June 30, 2028.

**Motion to approve the item 3.01 by Steve Price second by Randy Shumway Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

Action: 3.02 – Naming – Stena Center for Financial Technology

Heidi Woodbury, VP Institutional Advancement, presented item 3.02.

**Stena Center for Financial Technology:** In recognition of a \$12,800,000 gift from a donor via the University of Utah Growth Capital Partners Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the Center for Financial Technology the "Stena Center for Financial Technology." A fully executed gift agreement is in place, and the gift will be paid in full by April 1, 2033.

**Motion to approve the item 3.02 by Bassam Salem second by Maria Garciaz Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Report: 5.01 – Current Events

Chair Gardner reflected on graduation season and thanked trustees for their participation in Commencement and the college convocations this month.

Report: 5.02 – Resolution of Appreciation – Glenn Seninger

Chair Gardner recognized Trustee Glenn Seninger, for his service to the University and U Alumni. Trustee David Parkin read the resolution noting the accomplishments during his tenure. Several commented on what a privilege it has been to work with Glenn the past few years and commended him on his leadership.

A copy of the resolution is included as Appendix XIV with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**Report: 6.01 – Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community, Distinguished Visitors and Research

President Randall referred Trustees to the written report included in the agenda materials.

A copy of the items is included as Appendix XV with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Report 6.02 – Current Events and Update

President Randall noted the following:

- May 24<sup>th</sup> – James LeVoy Sorenson Center for Medical Innovation Groundbreaking
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Topping Off Ceremony – Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine

**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS**Report: 7.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Chair Gardner referred Trustees to SVPAA Montoya’s written report posted on BoardDocs.

Trustee Randy Shumway brought Trustees attention the following item noted withing SVPAA Montoya’s written report and what an amazing accomplishment for these students.

- Four students have been named as recipients of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Moses Samuelson-Lynn (math major), Alyssa Lee (elementary education major), Zachery Thiede (Latin and German major) and Catherine Warner (math major) will be studying in Taiwan, Germany and Italy.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVI with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## Report: 6.02 – Health Sciences Report

In a written report to the Board, Sr. Vice President Good noted the following:

### **Utah Ranks Best State in America and Top 5 for Health Care Quality**

- Utah ranks #1 Best State Overall and #5 for health care quality, according to U.S. News & World Report's annual Best States rankings published May 7. Best States rankings analyze more than 70 metrics across eight categories, including fiscal stability, health care, infrastructure and crime and corrections. Utah performed the best in education (#2), economy (#3), and infrastructure (#3).

### **HS Academics**

- The Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine is pleased to welcome one of its alumni as this year's commencement speaker on May 17: Monica Bertagnoli, MD, director of the National Institutes of Health. This year, the school has 309 graduates:
  - 116 students graduating with Doctor of Medicine degrees
  - 40 graduating with PhDs in nine different degree areas
  - 121 graduating with Master's degrees in 17 different degree areas
  - 32 students graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Studies

### **Research Milestones**

- After 25 years, research led by Stefan Pulst, MD, Dr. med, professor and chair of neurology, has uncovered the genetic cause of a serious progressive movement disease called spinocerebellar ataxia 4 (SCA4), bringing answers to families and opening the door to future treatments. The disease is especially common in Utah, and the researchers were able to trace its origins in the state back to one of the original Salt Lake Valley pioneer couples. The findings were published Nature Genetics.

### **Awards, Grants & Recognition**

- Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research selected Sara Bybee, PhD, assistant research professor of nursing, and Julie Valentine, PhD, RN, professor of nursing, to serve as Ambassadors. Ambassadors commit to ongoing contact with and education of Congressional members and staff regarding the importance of nursing research and funding for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR).

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## **ASUU UPDATE**

### Report: 8.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Joe Boyden referred Trustees to his written report and shared an update on ASUU's current plans and activities.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVIII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## ACADEMIC SENATE

### Report: 9.01 – Academic Senate Report

Dr. Shanti Deemyad referred Trustees to her written report and shared an update on the Academic Senate.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XIX with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## INFORMATION AGENDA

### Information: 9.01 – Graduate Review – Department of Mathematics

### Information: 9.02 – University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics (UUHC) Financial Pulse

Chair Gardner referenced the Information Agenda and invited questions. None were raised.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XX - XXI with the official minutes of this meeting on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## CLOSED SESSION

### Action 10:01 – Vote to go into closed session

Chair Gardner noted at this point, The Board of Trustees will be voting to close this meeting per state law in order to:

- discuss the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems
- and to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental.

The closed portion of this meeting will take place in this room (S.J. Quinney College of Law, Room 6619) and all persons other than the board will be excused. On behalf of the Trustees, the Chair invited members of the President's Cabinet to remain in the room as well.

Chair Gardner took a roll call of the Trustees by name indicating whether they were in favor or opposed to closing this meeting.

Christian Gardner – Aye  
 Joe Boyden – Aye  
 Maria Garciaz – Aye  
 David Parkin – Aye  
 Steve Price – Aye

Bassam Salem – Aye  
 Glenn Seninger – Aye  
 Randy Shumway – Aye  
 Jim Sorenson - Aye

**Motion to approve Closed Session by Bassam Salem second by David Parkin Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Joe Boyden, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger, Randy Shumway, Jim Sorenson

Action 10:02 – Closed Session

**ADJOURN**

Resolution: Chair Gardner recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 10:40 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 11, 2024.

**Motion to approve by David Parkin second by Glenn Seninger. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye:**  
Joe Boyden, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Glenn Seninger,  
Jim Sorenson

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 11 June 2024