

**THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**July 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Conference Center, Main Classroom Building, Penn State York, York, PA and via video conference on Friday, July 22, 2022 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The following Trustees, constituting a quorum, were present: Schuyler (chair), Kleppinger (vice chair), Amorós, Bendapudi, Black, Brown, Cairns, Dambly, Davis, de Levie, Delligatti, Detwiler, Dietrich, Dunn, Fenchak, Fenza, Gursahaney, Hagarty, Harpster, Hartzler, Hasenkopf, Hoffman, Houston, Lubrano, Paterno, Pope, Potts, Rakowich, Rapp, Riegel, Rowland, Schneider, Short, Sokolov, and Wagman. The Governor's non-voting representative, Mr. Shipley, was in attendance.

Present by invitation were Penn State York Chancellor Christiansen; Emeriti Trustee Jubelirer; constituent representatives Achampong, Duffey, Egolf, Elrod, Gibbard, Lynch, Quinland, Ray, Romig, Smith, S., Stine, Sturges, Szczygiel, Wede, and Wright; staff members Austin, Bundy, Dunham, Gaudelius, Guadagnino, Harvey, Lokman, Moore, Sims, Sitzabee, Smith, M.W., Sonstebly, Stedelin, Thorndike, and Weiss; Penn State Behrend Chancellor Ford; and Campaign Executive Committee members joined via Zoom.

Chair Schuyler opened the meeting by expressing the Board's gratitude to everyone at Penn State York for their generosity of time, dedication, and commitment in showcasing the beautiful campus and hosting the July Board meetings. He thanked Chancellor Christiansen and his staff for their hospitality and asked all in attendance to stand to be recognized.

Chair Schuyler welcomed new Trustees Fenchak, Gursahaney, Hasenkopf, Riegel and Sokolov.

Chair Schuyler recognized and thanked Executive Vice President and Provost Nicholas Jones for his longtime commitment and service to the Board and the University. Provost Jones announced he will step down August 15<sup>th</sup> and transition into a new role as Special Assistant to the President through the end of 2022 and will return to Penn State's College of Engineering as a professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Jones served as provost for nine years, leading a series of transformative efforts and accomplishments. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Justin Schwartz, Harold and Inge Marcus Dean in the College of Engineering will assume the role of Interim Executive Vice President and Provost. The Board will work with Schwartz as the University conducts a national search for Jones' successor.

Chair Schuyler welcomed new academic leaders assuming key roles since May, including Laura Pauley, professor of Mechanical Engineering as Executive Director of the University Faculty Senate; Jennifer Stedelin as Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; Francis Achampong, Chancellor of Penn State Mont Alto as Chair of the University's Academic Leadership Council; Megan Nagel as Interim Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer at Penn State Greater Allegheny; and Colin Neill as Interim Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer at Penn State Great Valley.

Chair Schuyler recognized and welcomed Neeli Bendapudi to her first official Board of Trustees meeting as Penn State's 19<sup>th</sup> President. He also noted that the Board met in executive session earlier in the day to discuss various privileged matters and called the meeting to order.

Shannon Harvey, Associate Secretary of the Board, reported all Trustees were present except for Trustees Pegula, Redding, and Wolf, constituting a quorum.

**Consent Agenda Action Items**

Chair Schuyler noted that there were four Consent Agenda Action Items for consideration before the Board and stated if anyone thought one or more items should be discussed and voted on separately, the item or items would be excluded from the Consent Agenda and discussed and voted on separately. Trustee Fenchak requested Item B be discussed and voted on separately. A motion to approve Consent Agenda Action Items A, C and D was seconded and approved by the Board. A separate motion to approve Consent

Agenda Action Item B was seconded and approved by the Board. Trustee Fenchak voted against the motion.

- A. Approval of *Minutes* from June 29, 2022 and May 6, 2022 Meetings
- B. Election of At-Large Membership to the Executive Committee

The Committee on Governance and Long-Range Planning recommended that the Board of Trustees approve resolution B.

RESOLVED, That Daniel J. Delligatti be elected as an at-large member to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, effective immediately.

- C. Proposed Election of Directors to the Corporation for Penn State

The Committee on Governance and Long-Range Planning recommended that the Board of Trustees approve resolution C.

RESOLVED, That the following persons be elected to the Board of Directors of The Corporation for Penn State:

Tracy A. Riegel  
Steven B. Wagman

- D. Proposed Approval of Granting of Trustee Emeritus Status

The Committee on Governance and Long-Range Planning recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the granting of trustee emeritus status for Kathleen Casey, Richard Dandrea, Barbara Doran, and William Oldsey.

### **Other Action Items**

Chair Schuyler noted that there were three Finance, Business and Capital Planning Action Items for consideration before the Board.

- A. Proposed Final Plan Approval and Authorization to Expend Funds, Susan Welch Liberal Arts Building, University Park

The Committee on Finance, Business and Capital Planning recommended that the Board of Trustees approve resolution A. Sara Thorndike provided supporting remarks and context for this item. A motion to approve the following resolution was seconded and approved by the Board. Trustee Fenchak voted against the motion.

RESOLVED, That the final plans for the Susan Welch Liberal Arts Building at University Park, as designed by Bohlin Cywinski Jackson of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, are approved.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That authorization to expend funds and award contracts to accomplish the project is approved in the amount of \$127,700,000.

- B. Proposed Final Plan Approval and Authorization to Expend Funds, Field Hockey Stadium Upgrades, University Park

The Committee on Finance, Business and Capital Planning recommended that the Board of Trustees approve resolution B. Sara Thorndike provided supporting remarks and context for this item. A motion to approve the following resolution was seconded and approved by the Board.

RESOLVED, That the final plans for the Field Hockey Stadium Upgrades at University Park, as designed by Crawford Architects of Kansas City, Missouri, are approved.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That authorization to expend funds and award contracts to accomplish the project is approved in the amount of \$12,820,000.

C. Consideration of Proposed Tuition and Fees Effective for 2022 Fall Semester and General Salary Increase

The Committee on Finance, Business and Capital Planning recommended that the Board of Trustees approve resolution C. Sara Thorndike provided supporting remarks and context for this item. A motion to approve the following resolution was seconded and approved by the Board in a roll call vote (26-6). Trustees Brown, de Levie, Fenchak, Lubrano, Paterno, and Pope voted against the motion. Trustees Dunn and Hagarty abstained.

RESOLVED, That the proposed tuition and fee rates for 2022 fall semester be approved and that the general salary increase of 2.5% for eligible employees be approved for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 as an addition to the interim operating budget approved in May 2022 by the Board of Trustees.

**Final Report: A Greater Penn State for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Excellence Campaign**

Chair Schuyler noted the University's record-breaking fundraiser came to a close on June 30, 2022 after six years, setting a new campaign fundraising record with a final total of \$2,204,949,028 in support. He recognized Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Rich Bundy and his team, Campaign Chair/Trustee Sokolov and Campaign Vice Chairs James Ingram, Peter Tombros, Martha Jordan, and Trustee Fenza. Trustee Sokolov and Bundy provided a final campaign update and key achievements.

Chair Schuyler introduced President Bendapudi for the President's Report and Discussion.

**President's Report and Discussion**

In her first report to the Board of Trustees, President Bendapudi discussed the University's broad economic impact and its commitment to provide accessible educational opportunities to individuals. President Bendapudi discussed a range of topics from Penn State's land-grant mission and student success to access and social mobility and research and economic development.

President Bendapudi's Report is available [here](#).

**Information Report on Penn State York**

Penn State York Chancellor David Christiansen discussed the transformative education at the campus and outlined examples of its success, including undergraduate research; the Graham Fellows Program for Entrepreneurial Leadership; student clubs, organizations and athletics; and outreach programs throughout the York community. In closing, he shared how the transformative education of Penn State York benefitted Nathalie Cabrera, who graduated in May 2022, and was in attendance with her family to be recognized.

**Closing Remarks/Announcements**

Chair Schuyler thanked Chancellor Christiansen and his team for welcoming the Board to campus and their assistance in preparing for the meetings and providing a wonderful experience.

There being no other business, the public meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank T. Guadagnino  
Secretary, Board of Trustees