

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 31, 2022

Chairperson Byrum called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 12:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Dianne Byrum, Melanie Foster, Renee Knake Jefferson, Dan Kelly via livestream, Pat O'Keefe via livestream, Brianna Scott via livestream, Kelly Tebay via livestream, and Rema Vassar via livestream.

University officers present: Provost and Executive Vice President Woodruff; Executive Vice Presidents Beauchamp and Woo; Senior Vice Presidents Frace, Gore and Wilbur; Acting Board Secretary and Vice President and General Counsel Quinn; Vice Presidents Bollman, Guerrant, and Swain. Faculty liaisons present: Stephanie Anthony and Karen Kelly-Blake. Student liaisons present: Hannah Jeffrey, Jo Kovach, Belle Letcher, and Stevie Quijas.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, unless otherwise noted.

1. On a motion by Trustee Byrum, supported by Trustee Foster, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the proposed agenda.
2. Personnel Actions

Chairperson Byrum presented the following personnel action:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University will commence a search for the next president of the University;

WHEREAS, Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., M.D., has tendered his resignation as President of Michigan State University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby accepts the resignation of Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., M.D., as President of the University;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Teresa Woodruff is hereby appointed Interim President of Michigan State University, effective November 4, 2022 and continuing until the Board appoints a new permanent President;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Interim President of the University is hereby granted authority to exercise all duties and responsibilities of the President of Michigan State University under the Board's Bylaws, University policies, resolutions of the Board, and otherwise under law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to execute such documents and agreements as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with the implementation of this action.

Trustee Byrum **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Foster.

Roll Call Vote

Trustee Byrum-Yes
Trustee Foster-Yes
Trustee Knake Jefferson-Yes
Trustee Kelly-Yes
Trustee O'Keefe-Yes
Trustee Scott-Yes
Trustee Tebay-Yes
Trustee Vassar-Yes

THE BOARD VOTED to approve the recommendation.

3. Chairperson's Report and Trustee Comments

Chairperson Byrum gave the following remarks.

The Board fully intends to conduct a competitive, robust search for the next permanent president of the university. A search firm will be identified in the coming days or weeks, the very near term. We will be outlining a search process that will be put forward to the greater campus community. I do not have the details at this time, or I would be sharing them with you. Teresa Woodruff is eligible to submit her name and application for consideration in the competitive search process. So, with these comments, hearing no further comments from my trustees, I would now turn the floor over to Dr. Woodruff for her comments.

Interim President Woodruff gave the following remarks.

Thank you, Diane, and thank you to the Board for entrusting me with the honor to work collaboratively and in continuing to move Michigan State University forward. I am appreciative of the long hours each of you dedicated to MSU and of your steadfast commitment to our great university. That commitment is shared by all of us in the MSU community. This shared commitment serves as both a guide and a call to uphold our values and mission and to support one another in the pursuit of our daily and long-term goals. While this is a heavy moment for our

institution, I am convinced and confident that together we will persevere and continue to not only uphold but to advance our shared mission. We are in a series of abrupt and difficult transitions, and I want to thank President Stanley for all he has accomplished on behalf of MSU during this unprecedented time of challenge. His dedicated commitment will have a lasting and transformative impact across the breadth of the university. Every member of our community including our Board of Trustees, executive leadership, deans, faculty and academic staff, staff, students, and alumni play a significant role in advancing MSU and will continue to do so. Together we will work to build greater trust and affirm transparency and advance strategic initiatives. As we undertake the shared work, we will continue to prioritize the cultivation of a safe and inclusive campus community characterized by care and respect for others, to enhance culture, community, and communication. The Trustees and I are aligned in our support of the university wide plans, our strategic plan, our DEI plan, and our RVSM plan. We are also aligned in our belief that the university must continue to improve the effectiveness of investigations and the experiences of individuals under our RVSM plan. We are also aligned in our belief that the university must continue to improve the effectiveness of investigations and the experiences of individuals under RVSM and anti-discrimination policies. We are working to resolve existing matters and look forward to working collaboratively in this effort. The expectations of our collaborative roles in support of MSU must be clear, strong, and mutually understood, and accepting this role as interim president. I also accept the challenges and opportunities that coexist and that we will navigate together. Please know that I stand by all of you, students, faculty, academic staff, staff, alumni, trustees, and members of our entire Spartan Community. Each of us plays a unique and significant role and my request is that we be all in for MSU. I look forward to engaging with you all through an upcoming listening tour and plan to provide frequent updates on the State of the University. Together we will navigate our way forward to make all Spartans proud.

4. Request to Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Byrum, supported by Trustee Foster, THE BOARD VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Quinn
Acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees