

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

January 12, 2011

President Simon called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Brian Breslin, Dianne Byrum, Joel Ferguson, Melanie Foster, Mitch Lyons, Faylene Owen, George Perles, and Diann Woodard (by telephone).

University officers present: President Simon, Provost Wilcox, Vice President Poston, Secretary Beekman, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Gray and Groves, Interim Vice President Maybank and Senior Advisor and Director Granberry Russell. Faculty liaisons present: John Powell. Student liaisons present: Stefan Fletcher.

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

1. On a motion by Trustee Ferguson, supported by Trustee Owen, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the agenda.
2. There was no Public Participation on Issues Germane to the Agenda.
3. Election of Officers

A. Board of Trustees Officers—Chairperson

Trustee Foster **moved to nominate** Trustee Ferguson to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Perles **moved to nominate** himself to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

The candidates were voted on in the order nominated.

Roll call vote for Trustee Ferguson to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

Trustee Breslin	yes
Trustee Byrum	yes
Trustee Ferguson	yes

Trustee Foster	yes
Trustee Lyons	yes
Trustee Owen	yes
Trustee Perles	no
Trustee Woodard	yes

**THE BOARD VOTED to elect** Trustee Ferguson as its Chairperson.

B. Board of Trustees Officers—Vice Chairperson

Trustee Ferguson **moved to nominate** Trustee Foster to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Owen moved a vote of acclamation, with support from Trustee Ferguson.

**THE BOARD VOTED to elect** Trustee Foster as its Vice Chairperson.

3. Trustee Comments

Trustee Ferguson thanked the Board members for their confidence. He said that an important goal for the Board of Trustees is to keep educational costs for MSU students low. Trustee Ferguson welcomed Trustees Breslin and Lyons to the Board.

Trustee Foster thanked the Board members for their vote of confidence and welcomed Trustees Breslin and Lyons to the Board.

Trustee Owen said she looked forward to serving with Trustees Breslin and Lyons.

Trustee Perles congratulated Trustees Breslin and Lyons.

Trustee Byrum congratulated Trustees Breslin and Lyons.

Trustee Woodard said she looked forward to meeting Trustees Breslin and Lyons.

Trustee Breslin thanked everyone for their kind words. He said he looked forward to working with everyone.

Trustee Lyons said he was honored to serve on the Board.

4. There was no Public Participation on Other Issues

5. On a motion by Trustee Ferguson and supported by Trustee Foster, **THE BOARD VOTED to adjourn at 10:10 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Beekman  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees