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**Official Proceedings of the**  
**Four Hundred and Twelfth Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**(A Regular Meeting)**  
**April 22, 2025**

The Four Hundred and Twelfth Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati was opened at 8:40 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the Digital Futures Building of the University of Cincinnati. Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. The proceedings of the Board, when not otherwise provided for by its bylaws, are governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Monica Turner, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Mrs. Turner asked that roll be called.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Monica Turner; Ronald D. Brown;  
Gregory Hartmann; Jill McGruder; Shelly Gillis;  
Steve Boymel; Kerry Byrne

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** J. Phillip Holloman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Neville G. Pinto, President;  
Patrick Kowalski, Senior Vice President for  
Administration and Finance;  
Kristi Nelson, Interim Provost and Senior Vice  
President, Academic Affairs;  
Lori Ross, General Counsel;  
Greg Postel, Executive Vice President for Health  
Affairs  
Joseph Cortas, Undergraduate Trustee;  
Joseph Lampton, Graduate Trustee;  
Tamika Odum, Faculty Senate Chair;  
Lindsey Mills, Faculty Senate;  
Everrett A. Smith, Faculty Senate;  
Brandi Elliott, University Staff Senate  
Madison Wesley, Student Body President  
Joshua Copley, Student Body President Elect

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Relations;  
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**THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 8:40 a.m. and, as noted on the first page of these minutes, roll call was taken.

Mrs. Turner:

Welcome, everyone. We're excited to see you here with us this morning. It's bright and sunny and so I'm sure we'll have a really great meeting. I am now calling the 412th meeting of the University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees to order. Thank you to everyone for being with us. Trustee Phillip Holloman and Trustee Steve Boymel will be attending virtually today.

As we get started, I'd like to welcome new people that are attending with us today. First, welcome Dr. Everett Smith, our new faculty representative. Dr. Everett Smith is a tenured associate professor of higher education at the School of Education at the University of Cincinnati. His expertise is in higher education, finance, governance, and policy. We're glad to have you with us today, Dr. Smith, so welcome. We appreciate and look forward to your engagement throughout your tenure.

I'd also like to welcome the new student body president, Joshua Copley, a third year criminal justice and political science double major pursuing a minor in psychology, a certificate

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of war and peace and security, and a certificate in international human rights. Welcome, Joshua.

We look forward to your report later in the meeting.

We also need to say goodbye to a few of our representatives who have been outstanding and delivered outstanding service to the university as both students but also as a part of our board. First, let me thank Joseph Cortas for your time and dedication as our board's undergraduate student representative. Joseph, we wish you all the best and offer our congratulations on your upcoming graduation and thank you for your service. You've always been very engaged and enlightened to try and make sure we're doing the right thing for students and the overall university, and we appreciate that. We'd like to present a gift to you. [Applause]

Next, I'd like to extend thanks and congratulations on behalf of the board to Madison Wesley, who is also joining us for her final meeting as the student body president. Madison, thank you for your hard work and vigilant advocacy on behalf of the students of the University of Cincinnati and to your service to the board. We appreciate all that you've done and wish you well. Congratulations, Madison. [Applause]

I'd also like to give my sincere thanks on behalf of the university, the board, and I'm sure President Pinto will have many thanks to give as well, to our Interim Provost Kristi Nelson for your final meeting. You've been giving great service and always willing to be a person that we can count on for the university, and we thank you for everything that you do. I'm going to reserve further comment because President Pinto, of course, would like to recognize you during his remarks, but thank you so much on behalf of the board. I'd like to ask everyone to acknowledge and thank all of these representatives with a round of applause. [Applause]

We will now transition to President Pinto's report. President Pinto, would you please share your report.

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Dr. Pinto.

Thank you, Chair Turner, and good morning, board members, university administration, students, faculty, and staff. It is a beautiful morning as Spring is here and it's a great feeling. We are closing out another academic year and with all closures come partings, so I also want to add my thanks and admiration to Madison and Joseph. Most of all, thank you for being students at the University of Cincinnati. I know the caliber of academic accomplishment that each of you have. You had many choices, but you chose to come here. Thank you for doing that. You put your faith in our university, and I believe you've benefited from it and you have certainly excelled both academically and in your co-curricular activities by stepping out as leaders at this institution. I know now as you in a few weeks will join the alumni of the university you will make us even prouder as proud Bearcats. Thank you for all that you have done.

I want to welcome student body president Joshua Copley. Welcome to your leadership position. I had the pleasure of swearing in Joshua along with student body vice-president Neelakshi Chatterjee and student senators during the Involvement Awards on March 25. Welcome and we look forward to working with you.

It's also great to have Everett Smith as part of the faculty senate representatives here. Welcome aboard. I look forward to getting to know you better and working with you on issues that touch faculty.

In addition, as Chair Turner said, this is a sad moment for me. It's the last meeting for my good friend and colleague, professor and Provost Kristi Nelson. Most of you probably don't know this, but years ago, Kristi was the teacher, and I was the student in administration. I had the benefit of learning so much from her when she was Senior Vice-Provost in the early stages for me as an administrator. I've been blessed with the knowledge, experience, compassion, and empathy that

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she shows in her academic leadership and always striving for excellence. I've tried to emulate that in my own career and I'm so grateful for her. But most of all, what she shows is loyalty to the institution. There is no more loyal faculty member, administrator than Kristi Nelson. She's come back twice as requested by me, but prior to that, she has stepped up well beyond what her responsibilities were and actually led two colleges of which she was not a faculty member because the university asked her to do it at that time.

Kristi has shown outstanding service. She has won the presidential medal for that service. I don't know how many we can give her. I wish I could give her a second one, so thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done. Please stand so we can acknowledge and thank you. [Applause]

Dr. Nelson's successor as Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs as I announced on April 8 is Dr. John Weidner, currently the Chair of the Council of Deans and also Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. John will take over his new responsibility on June 1 and I will formally introduce him to you.

As we reach the end of the semester, we look ahead to our Commencement ceremonies. We will have three ceremonies, one on May 1 for doctoral and master's degrees inside the Fifth Third arena as our traditional Commencement ceremony. Then we will have two on Friday, May 2, outdoors at Nippert Stadium. As the board is aware, we moved spring undergraduate ceremonies outside to Nippert to accommodate our growing numbers of graduates and their loved ones. Having benefited from a ceremony when we were renovating Fifth Third and had a ceremony in Nippert Stadium, if the weather cooperates, there is no more enjoyable and beautiful ceremony than one at Nippert Stadium. If you believe in the power of prayer, start praying today and let's hope we have a nice sunny day like we have today.

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In total we will welcome 7,503 new graduates to our community of 350,000 plus living alumni. This is the most ever for a spring Commencement. Graduation is always a special time, a defining moment when our purpose as an institution of higher education comes into clear focus. I hope many of you can join us for the ceremonies.

I shared my State of the University Address with the campus on March 25. As part of the All-University Faculty Meeting. We had a full room in this very space and more than 500 faculty and staff joined online. Thanks to Faculty Senate Chair Tamika Odum for organizing that meeting and partnering with us to make sure that it was a good and successful meeting.

This time of year is also special because it is a time when we recognize outstanding members of our community. I was fortunate to participate in some of the major awards for alumni and the community, beginning with the Cincinnati Business Achievement Awards on April 3. Alumni Week took place April 7 - 11. I was also able to participate in many of the gatherings including the UC Foundation Board preceded about the annual alumni celebration. Jen Heisey, Associate Director of the Alumni Association and team did a wonderful job celebrating outstanding alumni for each of our colleges along with the following top awards: The William Howard Taft Medal for notable achievement went to Darrell Miller, a graduate of CCM; the Robert E. Dobbs Distinguished Service Award went to a former board member, Phil Collins, who was a graduate of the Lindner College of Business; the Marian A. Spencer Mosaic Award went to Diana Maria Riva, also a graduate of CCM; and the Jeffrey Hurwitz Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award went to Nicholas Ernest, a graduate of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

We also celebrated the end of the semester with the Faculty Awards last week where we awarded 14 outstanding members of our faculty. Speaking of outstanding faculty, we recently

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learned that CCM's Mara Helmuth was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. She was one of 14 scholars selected for music composition in the 2025 Class of Fellows. The Guggenheim Foundation now is in its 100th year supporting the work of visionary scientists, writers, scholars, and artists.

On the student front I'm pleased to share the news that UC now has its third Truman scholar. Last week I had the pleasure of surprising Harshman Sihra with this wonderful news. Harshman is a liberal arts major with concentration in medical sciences and sociology. Harshman was selected as one of 54 Truman scholars nationwide from a pool of 743 candidates nominated from 288 colleges and universities.

Next, I'd like to acknowledge the passing of Senate Bill 1 in the State of Ohio. The Legislation was passed by Governor DeWine on March 28 and takes effect on June 26. We have asked our leaders to evaluate all areas within our university, particularly as it relates to DEI programs and practices to assure we are prepared to come into compliance with the new law by the appropriate deadlines. As you're aware, these topics have occupied much of our attention this semester and our leaders have convened more than 50 open forums across our campuses with students, faculty, and staff and community members. We will continue to share information as it becomes available and consult with our students, staff, faculty members, and community members as we walk through the process together. In addition to Senate Bill 1, we continue to monitor changes to federal research funding under the current administration. As you are aware, this is a serious threat to our research mission.

Finally, let me acknowledge the challenges faced by a small number of our international students who have had a terminated designation in the student exchange and visitors program. Clearly, this is a tremendous concern, and we are doing what we can to support these students.

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Anyone with concerns should connect with our international services team. My thanks to them for working diligently and hard to support members of our student body and also to our faculty, staff, and other students who have supported these students.

I have provided you with a printed copy highlighting key accomplishments since the last board meeting. In the interest of time, I'll mention just a couple. This week we announced a \$5 million anonymous gift to support UC Blue Ash and UC Clermont Colleges. I believe that is the largest gift that these colleges have received in their history. The generous donation will provide eight internships and co-ops, expanded career services and offerings, and more scholarship support for students at both campuses. These funds will eliminate the need for many students to work part-time jobs by elevating paid internships and co-ops.

In addition, UC researchers from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences received a grant from Paralyzed Veterans of America to design a device to help restore hand grasping motions. UC's Derek Wolf said biomedical engineers are aiming to combine an exoskeleton device with functional electrical dissimulation that runs electricity through a paralyzed muscle to get the muscle to contract.

On the back side of the report, you will see examples of some impressive media mentions for our university. As one example, local media covered the opening of UC's new and expanded Bearcat Pantry and Resource Center. The new pantry space is on the main floor of Stratford Heights and serves a vital role in helping students who need extra assistance with food and everyday necessities.

Chair Turner, that concludes my report.

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Mrs. Turner:

Thank you, President Pinto. We will now proceed with our committee meetings.

**THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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The Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, and Governance and Internal Affairs Committee began at 8:56 am and concluded at 9:18 am.

Mrs. Turner:

There being no further business, we will now call our regular meeting to order.

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 9:18 a.m. and, as noted on the first page of these minutes, roll call was taken.

**Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Mrs. Turner:

Are there any additions, corrections, or deletions to the Minutes? Hearing none, may I have a motion and a second to approve December 17, 2024, and February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes?

*(Upon a motion moved by Mrs. McGruder, and second by Mr. Byrne, a roll call vote was taken)*

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**AYE:** Monica Turner; Ronald D. Brown; Gregory Hartmann;  
Jill McGruder; Shelly Gillis; Steve Boymel(virtual); Kerry Byrne

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** J. Phillip Holloman

Mrs. Turner:

Thank you. The Minutes are approved.

**Additional Action Item**

Mrs. Turner:

Our next recommendation is the approval of an honorary degree. President Pinto, will you comment on this recommendation?

Dr. Pinto:

It is my pleasure to recommend Jagtar “Jay” Chaudhry and P. Jyoti Chaudhry for honorary degrees from the University of Cincinnati. Jay is a remarkable triple graduate from the University of Cincinnati holding a master’s degrees in industrial engineering, electrical engineering, and business administration. His wife has an MBA from the Lindner College of Business. They used their education to be extremely successful entrepreneurs and an innovative couple. They founded SecureIT in 1996, one of four tech companies they founded in the first part of their careers. These companies were ultimately acquired by such industry leaders as AT&T, Motorola, and Secure Computing. In 2007 Jay and Jyoti cofounded Zscaler. As CEO, Jay is responsible for its growth into the world's largest internet security provider whose clients include 35 percent of all Fortune 500 companies.

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For his remarkable career, Jay has been honored twice as Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year. He is a first generation student and grew up in a small Indian village in the foothills of the Himalayas. He finds time to visit his hometown every year where he and Jyoti built a school and funded a mobile medical infrastructure. Recently, they established a Chaudhry Family Scholarship Fund with the \$4 million cash gift to support first generation Pell eligible students in UC's Gen-1 Impact House. This visionary donation will fund the UC education of approximately 150 students beginning in the fall filling the financial gaps of every Pell eligible student living in the Gen-1 Impact House. Jay and Jyoti are exactly the type of alumni we should lift up for being resourceful, innovative, committed, and humble.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

**Approval of the Items Recommended by the Board Committees**

Mrs. Turner:

Thank you. It is now time to vote on all the items. The full board has been present at the committee meetings held today and has received the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, Governance and Internal Affairs Committee, and the Non-Committee Item.

May I have a motion to approve all the recommended items?

*(Upon a motion moved by Mr. Brown, and a second by Mrs. Gillis, a roll call vote was taken.)*

<b>AYE:</b>	Monica Turner; Ronald D. Brown; Gregory Hartmann; Jill McGruder; Shelly Gillis; Steve Boymel (virtual); Kerry Byrne
<b>NAY:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	J. Phillip Holloman

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Mrs. Turner:

The motion passed and all items are approved. Thank you.

**Approval of the Items Recommended by the Board Committees**

Listed below are the items recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, Compensation Committee at their respective meetings and non-committee recommendations, today,

April 22, 2025:

**A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

**25.04.22.01**      Approval of Academic Appointments

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the appointments of faculty and academic administrators. These recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

**Emeritus Status**

Thomas Beck, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Arts and Sciences Department of Chemistry Effective April 1, 2025
Kenneth Berman, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department of Computer Science Effective May 1, 2025
Ann Black, MA	Associate Professor Emerita College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning School of Architecture and Interior Design Effective January 1, 2025
Barbara Boat, PhD	Adjunct Associate Professor Emerita College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience Effective February 1, 2025

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Suzanne Boyce, PhD	Professor Emerita College of Allied Health Sciences Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Effective April 30, 2025
R. Bruce Bracken, MD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Urology Effective January 1, 2025
Cindy Damschroder, MA, MSArch	Professor Emerita College of Cooperative Education and Professional Studies Department of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning Co-Op Effective February 1, 2025
Lin Fei, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Effective March 11, 2025
Frank Gerner, PhD	Senior Associate Dean Emeritus College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Effective July 1, 2025
Carla Greany, DNP, MSN, RN	Professor Emerita UC Blue Ash College Department of Nursing Effective April 1, 2025
Anton Harfmann, MArch	Professor Emeritus College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning School of Architecture and Interior Design Effective January 1, 2025
Nora Honken, PhD	Associate Professor – Educator Emerita College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department of Engineering and Computing Education Effective August 14, 2025

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Eileen King, PhD	Professor Emerita College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Effective January 1, 2025
Margaret Kupferle, PhD	Associate Professor Emerita College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering Effective January 1, 2025
Susan Riley, MEd	Assistant Dean Emerita UC Clermont College Effective February 1, 2025
Miguel A. Roig-Francoli, PhD	Professor Emeritus College Conservatory of Music Department of Composition, Musicology and Theory Effective June 1, 2025
Eugene Rutz, MD	Associate Dean Emeritus College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Effective June 1, 2025
Bahram Shahrooz, PhD	Professor of Emeritus College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering and Construction Management Effective May 1, 2025
Peter Sturm, MD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Orthopedic Surgery Effective March 1, 2025
Philip Wilsey, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Effective May 1, 2025
Bradley Wilson, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services School of Human Services Effective May 1, 2025

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**Endowed Chair / Professorship Appointments**

Rashmi Adaval, PhD	James S. Womack / Gemini Chair of Signage and Visual Marketing Lindner College of Business Department of Marketing Effective April 22, 2025 – August 14, 2028
Mercedes Falciglia, MD	The Albert W. Vontz, Jr, Professorship Of Diabetes College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine Effective May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2030
Brian Grawe, MD	The Mary S. and Joseph S. Stern, Jr, Endowed Chair in Musculoskeletal Research College of Medicine Department of Orthopedic Surgery Effective February 1, 2025 – December 31, 2030
Christy Holland, PhD	Hanna Endowed Chair of Cardiology College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine Effective November 1, 2024 – August 31, 2029
Michael Privitera, MD	The Matthew B. Lindner and Michael Privitera, MD, Endowed Chair of the UC Epilepsy Center College of Medicine Department of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine Effective April 22, 2025 – August 31, 2030
Lily Wang, MBBS	Robert R. Lukin, M.D., Endowed Chair of Neuroradiology College of Medicine Department of Radiology Effective July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2030

**Unit Head Appointment**

Eric Anderson	Unit Head UC Blue Ash College Department of Media Communications and Technology Effective May 1, 2025 – August 14, 2028
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**Unit Head Reappointments**

Annette Redmon, JD, MBA	Unit Head UC Blue Ash College Department of Business and Economics Effective August 15, 2025 – August 14, 2030
Krista Sigler, PhD	Unit Head UC Blue Ash College Department of History, Philosophy and Political Science Effective August 15, 2025 – August 14, 2030
Thomas Talavage, PhD	Unit Head College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department of Biomedical Engineering Effective August 15, 2025 – August 14, 2030
Jennifer Wells, DVM	Unit Head UC Blue Ash College Department of Veterinary Technology Effective August 15, 2025 – August 14, 2032

**Recommendations for Tenure or Promotion**

**From Associate Professor to Professor**

*College of Medicine*

Daniel Lucas	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
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**From Instructor of Clinical to Assistant Professor of Clinical**

*College of Medicine*

Kurt Fuhrmann	Anesthesiology	Effective 09/01/25
John Shearer	Anesthesiology	Effective 09/01/25
Nicholas Unkrich	Anesthesiology	Effective 09/01/25
Jose Gomez-Arroyo	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/25
Chelsey Thomas	Anesthesiology	Effective 09/01/25
Mahima Prasad	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Effective 09/01/25

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College of Nursing

Amanda Yeager	Advanced Practice Nursing	Effective 08/25/25
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**From Assistant Professor of Clinical to Associate Professor of Clinical**

College of Medicine

Michael Putnam	Family & Community Medicine	Effective 09/01/25
Arunab Mehta	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/25
Meghan Chlebowsky	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Katherine Edmunds	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Sang Hoon Lee	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Kellina Lupas	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Elisa Marcuccio	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Ekemini Ogbu	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Jeremy Rubinstein	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Meredith Schuh	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Sara Zak	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
David Lehenbauer	Surgery	Effective 09/01/25

**From Associate Professor of Clinical to Professor of Clinical**

College of Medicine

Sheila Angeles-Han	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Sarah Corathers	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Deborah Elder	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Garick Hill	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Amy Nathan	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Joanna Thomson	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
Chet Villa	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25

**From Research Assistant Professor to Research Associate Professor**

College of Medicine

Paritha Arumugam	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
LaQuita Jones	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25

**From Associate Professor Educator to Professor Educator**

College of Medicine

Dominick DeBlasio	Pediatrics	Effective 02/25/25
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**25.04.22.02**      Approval of Remediation Report

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Remediation Report in response to the mandate by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Section 3345.062 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that the Boards of Trustees of each state institution of higher education issues a report regarding the remediation of students.

**25.04.22.03**      Approval of 2025 Distinguished Research Professors Award

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following appointments: Erynn Masi de Casanova, PhD, Sociology, in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Doug Mast, PhD, Biomedical Engineering, in the College of Engineering and Applied Science as the 2025 Distinguished Research Professors.

**25.04.22.04**      Approval of 2025 Distinguished Teaching Professor Award

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following appointment: Dr. Janet Dong, Professor in the College of Engineering and Applied Science, for the 2025 Distinguished Teaching Professor Award.

**25.04.22.05**      Approval of New Fellows of the Graduate College

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the appointments for membership in the Fellows of the Graduate College. Each person has been reviewed and elected by the membership of the Fellows of the Graduate College:

**Dana Cloud**  
 Communication, Film, and  
 Media Studies College of Arts  
 and Sciences

**Tai Collins**  
 School of Psychology  
 College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

**Emily Kang**  
 Mathematical Sciences  
 College of Arts and  
 Sciences

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**Karen Machleit**

Marketing  
 Lindner College of Business

**Renu Sah**

Pharmacology, Physiology and  
 Neurobiology College of  
 Medicine

**Brett Scott**

Ensembles and Conducting  
 College-Conservatory of  
 Music

**Rose Marie Ward**

Graduate College - Dean

**Jure Zupan**

Physics  
 College of Arts and Sciences

**25.04.22.06**

**Approval of New Fellows of the Academy for Teaching and Learning**

**Synopsis:**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the faculty for induction into the Academy of Fellows for Teaching and Learning. These recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities:

**Melanie Kroger-Jarvis**

Professor-Educator College of  
 Nursing

**Cedrick Kwuimy**

Associate Professor, Engineering and Computer  
 Education College of Engineering and Applied  
 Science

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**Megan Church-Nally**

Associate Professor Educator,  
 Psychology College of Arts and  
 Sciences

**Phoebe Reeves**

Professor,  
 English UC  
 Clermont

**Krista Sigler**

Associate Professor, History  
 Philosophy and Political Science UC Blue Ash

**Anne Vonderheide**

Professor Educator, Chemistry  
 College of Arts and Sciences

**25.04.22.07**

Approval of New Undergraduate Degree- Bachelor of Science in Fashion Business – Joint Degree Program – DAAP and Lindner College of Business

**Synopsis:**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Bachelor of Science in Fashion Business, a joint degree between Lindner College of Business and the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

**25.04.22.08**

Approval of New Graduate Degree- Master of Science in Clinical Data Science – College of Medicine

**Synopsis:**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the new Master of Science in Clinical Data Science in the College of Medicine. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

**25.04.22.09**

Approval of Establishment of the UC Center for Public Health – College of Medicine

**Synopsis:**

It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the University of Cincinnati Center for Public Health.

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**B. Finance and Administration Committee**

**25.04.22.10**      Approval of Block Lease Update: University Park Apartments

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve and authorize the Block Lease Agreement (BLA) renewal for University Park Apartments (UPA), maintaining a housing capacity of 754 undergraduate beds for an additional six academic years.

**25.04.22.11**      Approval of Property Acquisition: 346 Probasco

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the acquisition of 346 Probasco Street.

**25.04.22.12**      Approval of Blue Ash Property Donation

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the acceptance of a 9.6-acre parcel of vacant land located at 11160 Labelle Avenue in Mason, Ohio, adjacent to the Harris Benedict and Johnson Nature Preserves. The donation of this land will support the continued protection and preservation of the adjacent nature preserves, which are utilized by the UC Biology Department.

**25.04.22.13**      Approval of Rieveschl Hall Final Phase

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$15.5 million to fund the final phase of renovations at Rieveschl Hall.

**25.04.22.14**      Approval of Crosley Tower Remediation and Demolition

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$47,355,000 to fund the remediation and demolition of Crosley Tower and the Clifton Court Garage.

**25.04.22.15**      Approval of Naming Recommendation: *Antonio Chang Ong, MD Lab for Neurosurgical Innovation and Training*

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the name *Antonio Chan Ong, M.D. Lab for Neurosurgical Innovation and Training*.

**25.04.22.16**      Approval of Naming Recommendation: *Dean and University Professor Gordon and Fabienne Christenson Study Room*

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the name *Dean and University Professor Gordon and Fabienne Christenson Study Room*.

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**25.04.22.17**      *Approval of Naming Recommendation: Henry and Amelia Nasrallah Board Room*

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the UC Board of Trustees approve the name *Henry and Amelia Nasrallah Board Room*.

**25.04.22.18**      *Approval of Naming Recommendation: Indoor Practice Facility & Performance Center Naming Opportunities #1*

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the UC Board of Trustees approve the following naming opportunities for the new Indoor Practice Facility & Athlete Performance Center:

- 1) Larry & Rhonda Sheakley Indoor Practice Facility
- 2) Raymond & Dorothy Sheakley Athletics Performance Center
- 3) Head Trainer's Office In Memory of Matthew R. Mangine Jr.
- 4) Coggins Family Health and Wellness Office
- 5) Shepherd Family Cryo Therapy Room
- 6) Burns Family Football Training Center
- 7) The Neat Family supporting the Head Strength Coach
- 8) Ginger Warner Nutrition Office
- 9) Michele and Michael Schuster Sports Science Room
- 10) Perry Family Plaza
- 11) Dever Family Foundation
- 12) Mike Derks #74, Class of 1985 O-Line Meeting Room
- 13) Fogarty Family Quarterback Meeting Room
- 14) Mike and Susie Leonard Team Meeting Room
- 15) Mike and Michele O'Rourke Defensive Coordinator Office
- 16) The Frank Middendorf Family supporting the Offensive Coordinator
- 17) Lyle and Gretchen Shaw Offensive Line Room
- 18) Stephen and Karen Wolf Running Backs Room
- 19) In Celebration of John Widecan, the Director of FB Operations
- 20) Chief of Staff Room In Memory of Anestis "Irish" and Janeen Condorodis
- 21) Chris and Jess Cicchinelli Offense Conference Room
- 22) Gary J. Gruber Family Defense Conference Room
- 23) Gould Family Terrace
- 24) Gould Family Dining Hall
- 25) Will and Jean Schwartz Grab & Go
- 26) Ben Flick Zen Den
- 27) The Kuhlman Family Photo Studio
- 28) Thomas and Sondra Copanas Cardio Deck

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**25.04.22.19**      *Approval of Naming Recommendation: Indoor Practice Facility & Performance Center Naming Opportunities #2*

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the UC Board of Trustees approve the following naming opportunities for the new Indoor Practice Facility & Athlete Performance Center:

- 1) Dever Family Foundation Recruiting Wing
- 2) Thornburgh Family (on indoor facility facade)
- 3) Byrne Family (on indoor facility facade)
- 4) Rick and Diana Wilson Fuel Station
- 5) Dr. Grawe (on training table #1)
- 6) Dr. Utz (on training table #2)
- 7) Bob Mangine (on training table #3)
- 8) Angelo Colosimo (on training table #4)

**25.04.22.20**      *Approval of Naming Recommendation: Science Library*

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the UC Board of Trustees approve the name *Science Library*.

**C.      Governance and Internal Affairs Committee**

**25.04.22.21**      *Approval of Reappointments to the Board of Directors of UC Health LLC*

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati approve the following reappointments to the UC Health LLC Board of Directors:

Gregory P. Hartmann - term ending December 2025  
 Dr. Mary Mahoney – term ending December 2025

**D.      Non-Committee Items**

**25.04.22.22**      *Approval of Honorary Degrees*

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Jagtar “Jay” Chaudhry and P. Jyoti Chaudhry's nominations for Honorary Degrees.

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**Unfinished Business and New Business**

Mrs. Turner:

We are now moving on to the reports of the board representatives. We start with the Undergraduate Student Trustee Report by Joseph Cortas.

**Undergraduate Student Report**

Mr. Cortas:

Good morning, Chair Turner, members of the Board, President Pinto, Cabinet, and esteemed guests. Five years ago, I walked this campus for the first time with a quiet sense of awe. The intersecting paths, the distinctive halls, the hopeful conversations held just out of earshot, all of it left me with the unshakable feeling that something extraordinary was happening here. Throughout my time at the University of Cincinnati, I've listened, not for consensus, but for conviction. In those voices, I heard the highest aspiration of a public university: that any student, no matter their origin or obstacle, might come here and find both belonging and purpose.

I have seen this university at its most resilient, in the recovery from pandemic uncertainty, in the momentum of record-breaking enrollment, and in the daily perseverance of our students. I've also seen it in moments of pause, of protest, in silences that called us to reflect, and in voices that refused to go unheard. Our university, like our students, is not one thing. It is many. It is in motion and it is becoming. During my time on this board, I have listened, I have learned, and I've tried to lead in a way that honors both our aspirations and our imperfections. I worked to strengthen student services, to build bridges between institutions and individuals, and to mentor the next generation of student leaders. I collaborated on policy. I advocated for clarity. I asked hard questions and learned even harder lessons. Through it all, I came to believe that the real strength

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of this university is not found in any structure or system, but in its people. It always has been because leadership is not about the position you hold, it's about the condition you leave behind. I believe that condition must be more just, more accessible, and more transparent than what we inherited. That belief guided my work not for my sake, but for students I may never meet.

As I offer this final report, I do so not with closure, but with continuity in mind because our work, the work of learning, of listening, of building together, does not end with a term. It lives on in the people we uplift, and in the paths, we leave better marked for those who follow. To the Board, thank you for your trust. To the administration, thank you for your partnership. To the students, thank you for letting me carry your stories, your hopes, and your challenges into this room.

Thank you, Chair Turner. This concludes my report.

Mrs. Turner:

Thank you, Joseph. We will now have the Graduate Student Report by Joseph Lampton.

**Graduate Student Report**

Mr. Lampton:

Thank you and good morning, Chair Turner, President Pinto, Board members, Board representatives, and all our guests. As we conclude an eventful spring semester, I would like to start by highlighting recent graduate student success here at UC.

First, I would like to congratulate College of Medicine graduate student Alex Sprague for winning UC's 3-Minute Thesis competition in February. Then, later in March, Alex placed second in the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools regional 3-minute thesis competition for his

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research investigating detecting throat and mouth cancer earlier on. Additionally, earlier in April the Graduate College hosted Graduate Student Appreciation Week seeking to highlight the contributions and value of graduate and professional students at UC. Over 1,000 graduate students, including online, participated in weeklong social activities, career development workshops, wellness sessions, and more.

Lastly, it is important to acknowledge recent state legislative changes serve as a reminder that the badge of allyship is never permanently bestowed, rather it is leased with rent being due every single day. The reductions brought upon our campus not only enhance the rent that is now due, but also the debt we are historically in.

With this comes our opportunity to prove our values will be able to remain the same as we move forward. The opportunity to show that the words that have since been scrubbed from our websites weren't just words on websites, but the fundamental heartbeat of who we are as a premiere urban university.

As we continue forward it is our vital duty to synthesize compassionate strategies within our new frameworks to ensure any current or prospective student from any walk of life can look inward with complete acceptance of themselves and know that they are the Next Lives Here.

Thank you and this concludes my report.

Mrs. Turner:

Thank you, Joseph. We will now have the Faculty Senate Report by Tamika Odum.

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**Faculty Senate Report**

Dr. Odum:

Thank you, Chair Turner; President Pinto, Board Members, and Guests, for this opportunity to give a report on behalf of the university faculty and faculty senate.

As many are aware the recent passing of Senate Bill 1 requires the development of several university policies that impact the academic mission of the university. While these changes have been difficult for many across campus it has presented an opportunity to practice shared governance in ways we have not seen in quite sometime. Our top priority this semester has been ensuring faculty voice is centered in the development of new policies in response to Senate Bill 1. Matt Serra organized a small team of administrators and faculty to help reimagine what these policies could look like at UC. Senate is currently soliciting feedback from more than 4,000 faculty in an effort to capture faculty voice across all colleges. As you can imagine this has been no easy feat, faculty have been working diligently, and many have been working until late hours of the night to ensure faculty voice is represented. This process serves as a reminder that shared governance is alive and moving as efficiently as possible given the constraints that lie ahead.

Though policy development in response to Senate Bill 1 has taken up much of our attention, I would like to share a few additional examples of collaborative decision-making. In February the senate endorsed the revised version of the proposed general education curriculum changes. In March we worked collaboratively with Staff Senate, Student Government, and the Graduate Student Association for a special joint meeting of the governing bodies. The meeting was focused on how the legislative changes will impact the university. This meeting was the most well attended joint meeting in more than a decade, reaching capacity with more than 150 attendees. During this meeting we presented a resolution in support of collaboration between governing bodies to foster

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a unified campus culture that values shared governance, mutual respect and shared responsibility. In the resolution we specifically pledged to establish the Collaborative Governance Commission (CGC) designed to formalize our collaborative agreement and lead the charge of the commission. In addition, we asked leaders from around campus to join us in conversation about the future of UC in the wake of recent legislative changes. With many questions submitted in advance and several questions posed during the meeting, we were able to facilitate a fruitful discussion. Attendees asked for more time, and we are currently working with the governing bodies and panelists to identify our next meeting that will continue the conversation.

In collaboration with Staff Senate, we hosted a Budget Townhall and this meeting was also well attended. Pat Kowalski presented a high-level overview of what to expect with the next budget model. This was an opportunity for faculty and staff to express concerns and ask clarifying questions as they seek to understand what's to come.

March was a busy month and concluded with the faculty senate All University Meeting where President Pinto delivered his State of the University Address with close to 100 attendees in person and reaching capacity online with more than 500 people joining, we had a successful all university meeting. Audience support and participation was a strong indicator that students, faculty, and staff care deeply about this university and want to be part of shaping its future.

In the midst of the work of senate we are also in the process of building senate leadership for the next academic year. This means its election time. We are currently running an election for officer positions, a new board of trustee rep, and four new at-large senators. We are also running an election for faculty senate committees and university committee membership. I am very pleased with faculty involvement in this election cycle and I look forward to continued strength in governance next academic year. Our current senate committee chairs have been hard at work

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making sure the governance process runs smoothly and efficiently. I can't thank them enough for their leadership and commitment to ensuring our participation in collaborative decision making is meaningful and impactful.

As we close out the semester, I find myself reflecting on who we are as faculty and who we are as a university. This academic year has reminded me that we must work together to create a shared vision that ensures UC is a place where opportunity, affordability and access remain at the heart of who we are. Faculty senate is committed to being part of shaping this vision for our future.

Thank you, and that concludes my report.

Mrs. Turner:

Thank you, Tamika. With that, we will now have the Staff Senate Report by Brandi Elliott.

**Staff Senate Report**

Dr. Elliott:

Good morning, Chair Turner. Members of the board, President Pinto, and distinguished guests. I am pleased to provide an update on behalf of UC staff and the Staff Senate regarding our recent activities and initiatives. The Staff Senate Cabinet participated in two joint leadership meetings with President Pinto on February 24 and March 13. These sessions provided the governing bodies with critical updates on legislation impacting higher education. All members of our Staff Senate Cabinet were in attendance.

In February I initiated the transition plan with our Chair-Elect Dr. Tracy Pritchard, who you'll have the opportunity to meet at our June board meeting. At our March meeting, Tina Mahle,

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Director of Staff Success, presented an overview of Staff Professional Development Month. The practice featured remarkable participation with over 21 virtual sessions, recognition events, new employee mixers, and staff excellence awards.

On March 12, I participated in a panel discussion for Staff Professional Development Month titled “*Leading from the Middle - Insights and Strategies*” from UC Staff Senate Chairs. This session explored effective leadership within the university, strategies for staff advocacy, and the importance of representative leadership. The panel also included past Senate Chairs Chris Collins, Heidi Pettyjohn, and Chair-Elect Dr. Tracy Pritchard. Provost Nelson delivered the official university welcome address at the Staff Excellence Awards that took place Friday, March 28. The event celebrated ten exemplary staff members with attendance from deans, vice-presidents, and vice-provosts. We recognized over 80 nominees who exemplify the excellence and dedication of UC staff. This year’s awardees were:

- Lori Bishop Ley
- Dana Bisignani
- Samantha Coleman Browning
- Sara Lehew
- Sarah Matthews
- Lauren Thomas
- Jessica Shafer
- Antoine Spriggs
- John Williams
- Laura Wooldridge

As Dr. Odum mentioned, on March 10, all governing bodies convened a shared governance meeting to share legislative updates. The Staff and Faculty Senate cohosted a town hall featuring Pat Kowalski who stayed for a two-hour session to give updates, and we appreciate that. The April meeting was held on the campus of UC Blue Ash and featured digital technology updates from

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Bharath Prabhakaran and job architecture project updates from Heather Cox. During this meeting the senate voted and passed the following proposals and resolutions:

- Recommendations for Financial Administrators Training Academy
- A recommendation for Staff Sabbatical Leave
- A resolution in support of the collaboration among the University of Cincinnati Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, and Student Governments.

The recommendations were forwarded to Human Resources for further action. The Staff Senate, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is actively aligning its efforts with the new legislative requirements. More information will be provided at the board meeting in June.

Registration is now open for UC Serves, which will take place May 16. Volunteer opportunities are available for morning, afternoon, and the entire day. The next Staff Senate meeting is scheduled for May 7. Updates will be given from Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

The Staff Senate remains committed in its mission to advocate for staff, foster collaboration with governing bodies, and celebrate the invaluable contributions of the University of Cincinnati staff. Through our efforts we aim to support our thriving university community.

I would also like to add a special thank you to Provost Nelson for her outstanding leadership and best wishes to both Madison and Joseph. It's been an honor working with you both and congratulations on your graduation as well. And of course, I'd also like to echo Joseph to congratulate Dr. Nicole Blount.

This concludes my report.

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Mrs. Turner:

Thank you very much, Brandi. We have one more report, which is the Student Government Report.

**Student Government Report**

Mr. Copley:

Good morning, chair, board members, President Pinto and those in the gallery. As we approach the close of spring semester, I'm sharing updates and accomplishments of undergraduate student government. Thank you to the remarkable leadership of Madison Wesley. This year has been one of tremendous progress and success. Her dedication to the student body and commitment to broader UC community has left a lasting impact. Madison has set a high standard and one that is challenging to uphold.

As I transition into this role as the next undergraduate student body president, I do so with excitement and a deep sense of responsibility. My name is Joshua Copley and I'm a third-year student majoring in criminal justice and political science minoring in psychology. I've had the privilege of serving as Co-President of the Criminal Justice Society and CECH Student Ambassadors, in addition to a University of Cincinnati Conduct Board member.

My journey through student government began during my sophomore year as a Director of Voter Engagement and Relations Committee. In my junior year, I was elected Senator at Large. During my time I participated in over 100 senate meetings, committees and focus groups to address challenges students are facing. I ran with Wilaini Alicea, an international affairs and criminal justice double major who brings a strong involved perspective through her leadership to Women in Law as Director of Outreach, as well as her previous service as a CECH Tribunal Senator and

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Director of Clifton Community Relations. Her passion to help students amazes me, and I'm excited to work with her.

We ran on a platform of representation, innovation, security, and empowerment, Some of our specific initiatives include improvements to the Night Ride and shuttle services, enhanced faculty training for online courses, expanding Green Dot Access, and growth of the Bearcat Pantry.

I'm excited to begin the next chapter of campus involvement and ultimately to give back to the community that led us here. As we look forward, it's equally important to reflect on what we've achieved. This academic year our senate passed 53 bills including 21 appropriation bills allocating over \$20,000 towards enhancing the student experience. This funding supported a range of initiatives from empowering student organizations to hosting diverse events, to providing free graduation photos for seniors facing financial barriers. It also enabled a successful housing fair in addition to the National Suicide Hotline to our Bearcat cards. Additionally, we dedicated time to cleaning up and clarifying bylaws that govern and protect the interest of the student body this past year with both impact and intentionality.

I'm proud of what undergraduate student government accomplished and excited for the opportunity to continue working along with you in the future.

Mrs. Turner:

Thank you for your time. I would also like to give President Madison Wesley an opportunity to offer a few words.

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Ms. Wesley:

Thank you. I just wanted to express how truly grateful I am for the privilege I was given this past year to serve as representative of the undergraduate student body to this board. Each of you inspire me to strive to reach the fullest potential as I enter our network of alumni. Thank you all for being role models.

To Joshua, I urge you to lead with courage and conviction and I'm honored to pass the baton to the two of you. Thank you for your continued service to our great university. You are what makes this a great place to be a student.

Thank you.

**Executive Session**

Thank you to everyone for your reports and, more importantly, your leadership and service to the university. I will now call for an Executive Session. After the Executive Session, the board members will not return to conduct further business.

Our next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. May I have a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering the employment or compensation of public employee or official to confer with the university attorney concerning disputes involving a university that are subject of pending or imminent court action and matters required to be kept confidential by law?

*(Upon a motion moved by Mr. Byrne, and a second by Mr. Brown, a roll call vote was taken.)*

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**AYE:** Monica Turner; Ronald D. Brown; Gregory Hartmann; Jill McGruder;  
Shelly Gillis; Steve Boymel (virtual); Kerry Byrne  
**NAY:** None  
**ABSENT:** J. Phillip Holloman

Mrs. Turner:

Thank you. Motion carried. We will proceed with the Executive Session. Thank you all for being here today.

**Adjournment of Executive Session and Regular Meeting**

Mrs. Turner:

We are now back on record. There being no further business before the board, may I have motion and a second to adjourn?

*(A motion was moved by Mr. Byrne, and second by Mrs. McGruder)*

Mrs. Turner:

All those in favor say “aye.” All opposed say “nay”. Motion carries. Thank you. The meeting is adjourned.

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MONICA TURNER  
CHAIRPERSON

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JILL MCGRUDER  
SECRETARY