

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

January 8, 2015

President Simon called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 11:05 a.m. in the Board Room.

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

University officers present: President Simon, Provost Youatt, Vice President and Secretary Beekman, Vice President and General Counsel Noto, Vice Presidents Gore, Haas, Russell, Swain, and Udpa. Faculty liaison present: Phylis Floyd. Student liaison present: James Conwell.

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

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

Chairman Ferguson provided introductory comments. Chairperson Ferguson stated that it is always healthy periodically to review best practices relative to governance and leadership, and, in that spirit, the Board will review its governance and leadership practices at the Board Retreat in June.

A. Board of Trustees Officers—Chairperson

Trustee Woodard **moved to nominate** Trustee Ferguson to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Ferguson accepted the nomination.

Trustee Perles **moved to nominate** Trustee Breslin to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Breslin declined the nomination.

Trustee Perles **moved to nominate** Trustee Mosallam to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Mosallam declined the nomination.

**THE BOARD VOTED to elect** Trustee Ferguson as its Chairperson. Trustee Perles voted no.

B. Board of Trustees Officers—Vice Chairperson

Trustee Breslin **moved to nominate** Trustee Lyons to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

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

4. Trustees' Comments

Trustee Ferguson said that he would be working immediately to organize the committees of the Board and commented that the best is ahead of the Board.

Trustee Byrum stated that she looks forward to the year ahead.

Trustee Lyons welcomed Trustee Foster back to the Board of Trustees and thanked the Board members for their support in electing him Vice Chairperson.

Trustee Foster thanked everyone for the warm welcome back to the Board and stated that she has met with several of the deans and vice presidents and will soon meet with the rest. She noted the Spartan pride that she has witnessed in the various one-on-one conversations that she has had across campus and stated that she looks forward to working collaboratively with her peers.

Trustee Woodard wished everyone a Happy New Year and said that she looks forward to the coming year.

Trustee Mosallam wished everyone a Happy New Year. He welcomed Trustee Foster to the Board and echoed Trustee Ferguson's comments about looking into best practices and reviewing how business is conducted, including the election of leadership. He looks forward to serving on the Board.

Trustee Perles congratulated Trustee Foster on being elected to the Board. He stated that he plans to be a team player and will work with the rest of the Board to move in the same direction.

Trustee Breslin congratulated Trustee Foster and welcomed her back to the Board. He congratulated Trustee Perles on his re-election to the Board.

5. There was no Public Participation on Other Issues.
6. On a motion by Trustee Byrum, supported by Trustee Breslin, **THE BOARD VOTED to adjourn** at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Beekman  
Vice President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees