



**YOUNGSTOWN
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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Special Board Meeting, Oct. 10, 2022, 5 p.m., Trustees Meeting Room, Tod Hall

Attendance

Members Present:

In person: Charles T. George, John R Jakubek, Joseph J. Kerola, Elsa Khan, Laura Lyden, Anita A. Hackstedde, Molly S. Seals.

Electronic: Michael A. Peterson, Eric Spiegel, Allen L. Ryan Jr., Julie Centofanti, Sergul Erzurum (Erzurum joined meeting during Executive Session).

Members Absent:

Helen Lafferty

Guests Present:

Holly Jacobs, Ron Cole, Sharyn Zembower, Stan Boney, Janet Rogers, Elizabeth Coss, Chris McBride, Shannon Tirone. (President Jim Tressel entered the Executive Session.)

I. Proof of Notice of Meeting

Secretary Seals said that pursuant to article ii, section 1, of the board's bylaws; written notice of today's meeting was timely provided to each of the trustees, student trustees, national/global trustees, the president and to the media. The notice was also posted to the board of trustees website.

II. Disposition of the Minutes

Chair Jakubek said approval of minutes for prior meetings will be deferred until the next meeting.

III. Executive Session

Chair Jakubek moved that the Board enter Executive Session for the purposes of, "consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of one or more public employees or officials (O.R.C. 121.22(G) (1))."

Trustee Seals conducted a roll-call vote: All trustees voted in favor of the motion. (Note that Trustee Erzurum did not join the meeting until the Executive Session started, so she did not vote on the motion.)

Time entered Executive Session: 5:09 p.m.

Time exited Executive Session: 6:49 p.m.

IV. New Business

Resolution to Appoint Interim President

The motion was moved by Trustee George, second by Trustee Hackstedde and unanimously approved. Trustee Seals conducted a roll-call vote: All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

(Resolution attached to minutes)

V. Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Jakubek welcomed Helen Lafferty as the university's interim president starting Feb. 1. He outlined her qualifications and said the board looks forward to a smooth, effective transition and to build upon the momentum across campus.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Jakubek declared the meeting adjourned.



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RESOLUTION TO APPOINT INTERIM PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, the term of Mr. James P. Tressel as President of Youngstown State University will conclude on Jan. 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a search process will be announced in the future to identify a permanent successor to Mr. James P. Tressel as President of Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the University, its employees, staff and students that an Interim President be appointed effective February 1, 2023, until a permanent successor President takes office or as otherwise may be determined by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University desires to continue the university's momentum in fulfilling the tenets of the Plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future, including Student Futures and Lifelong Learning, Academic Distinction and Discovery of Knowledge, and Collective Impact with the Region; and

WHEREAS, as a two-time graduate of YSU and a National/Global member of the YSU Board of Trustees for the past two years, Helen K. Lafferty has provided expertise and strong support to ensure YSU's stature as an Institution of Opportunity that inspires individuals, enhances futures and enriches lives.

WHEREAS, for nearly four decades, Dr. Lafferty has been an award-winning administrator and faculty member at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, including positions as associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, interim vice president for Academic Affairs, and the first University Vice President, and is currently College Professor of the Liberal Arts and Sciences and a full-time faculty member in the Department of Education and Counseling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does appoint Dr. Helen K. Lafferty as Interim President of Youngstown State University effective February 1, 2023. Also attached is Dr. Lafferty's resume; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chairperson to negotiate the final terms of an appointment for Interim President to be approved at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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