

A stated meeting of the Purdue University Board of Trustees convened on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 9:35 a.m. in Room 326 of Stewart Center on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Trustees present: Gary Lehman, chairman; Sonny Beck; Kevin Boes; JoAnn Brouillette; Theresa Carter; Vanessa Castagna; Malcolm DeKryger; Michael Klipsch, vice chairman; David Ricks; and Shawn Taylor.

Officers and administrators in attendance were: Mung Chiang, president; Patrick Wolfe, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity; Chris Ruhl, chief financial officer and treasurer; Eva Nodine, vice president, deputy cfo, assistant treasurer, and assistant secretary; Steve Schultz, senior vice president and general counsel; and Cindy Ream, corporate secretary and senior executive assistant to the Board.

I. ROLL CALL

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order and noted all trustees were in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes for Executive Sessions convened on August 1, 2024, October 3, 2024, December 12, 2024; Stated Meeting on August 2, 2024.

III. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee convened a public meeting immediately prior to this Stated Meeting. Chairman Lehman read the list of items on which the Committee voted to recommend full Board approval, which includes the unanimous consent agenda along with other routine items, as follows:

- (WL) Ratification of the Indiana ACPA Professor in Concrete Paving and Materials Science
- (WL) Approval of two new degrees, M.S. Radiopharmaceutical Manufacturing and M.S. Sport Management
- (WL) Approval of Resolution for Security Updates – General Counsel Steve Schultz provided insight for the updates which included removing Michael Berghoff, Eva Nodine and Steve Schultz from the list of those needing access to classified information relating to the national defense security.
- (SW) Approval of Conflict-of-Interest Disclosures

Chairman Lehman asked if any of the Board members wished to have an item removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Hearing no such request, and upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the unanimous consent agenda. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Research Awards Recognition

President Chiang recognized individually those who received major sponsored research funding awards of \$1M and above from September 2024 to January 2025. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

Faculty Presentation – Dr. Linda Wang, Davidson School of Chemical Engineering

President Chiang introduced Dr. Linda Wang, Norman and Jane Li Professor Chemical Engineering, Davidson School of Chemical Engineering. Dr. Wang's presentation focused on clean technologies for producing critical materials from wastes and mineral ores. A copy of her presentation was filed with the minutes.

Resolution of Appreciation for Friends of Purdue University

President Chiang submitted the Resolution of Appreciation for the Board's approval.

President Chiang profiled the gifts of \$1,000,000.00 or more which the university had received since the Board's stated Meeting on December 13, 2024. The donors of these gifts were recognized in the following Resolution of Appreciation:

WHEREAS, the following friends of Purdue University have generously contributed \$1,000,000 or more to move Purdue to greater excellence and preeminence; and

WHEREAS, the University wishes to acknowledge the significance of these gifts to new directions, advancements, and momentum in Purdue's history, progress, and future;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

- 1. That the University and the Trustees are grateful to these individuals for their leadership and support of Purdue University; and*
- 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees as part of the permanent record of the University.*

FRIENDS: Wende Sawyer Hutton and Steve Sawyer, to support the College of Science; Jeannie and Jim Chaney, to support the College of Liberal Arts; Jake and Kyle Allen, to support the College of Pharmacy; Donald and Susan Barrick, to support Intercollegiate Athletics, the College of Pharmacy, and the College of Veterinary Medicine; David and Beth Bergeron, to support the John Martinson Honors College; Barbara Duckworth, to support the School of Mechanical Engineering; Norman and Liubov Gilsdorf, to support the College of Engineering; William and Patricia Joyner, to support the Purdue Polytechnic Institute; Donna Reed, to support the College of Agriculture; and Lori and Peter Ziesmer, to support Intercollegiate Athletics.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the resolution. Supporting materials and a formal copy of the resolution were filed with the minutes.

President Chiang presented a proposal for consideration by the Board for approval of Winter Recess consistent with years past.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the proposed Winter Recess.

Next, President Chiang shared that Purdue University Northwest is requesting reapplication approval for 2026 for the PNW Specialty License Plate.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the PNW Specialty License Plate reapplication. A copy of supporting documents were filed with the minutes.

Purdue Computes Report

President Chiang highlighted key aspects of Purdue Computes as part of the 2024-25 Strategic Pillar Reports. He provided a brief overview of the four dimensions of the Purdue Computes pillar, which include Computing, Semiconductors, Physical AI, and Quantum. In his presentation, he shared rankings, goals, and future developments. A copy of the presentation was filed with the minutes.

V. UNIVERSITY STAFF

Provost Wolfe respectfully requested approval to name Dr. John Sutherland the Distinguished Professor of Environmental and Ecological Engineering. He shared that Dr. Sutherland is internationally recognized as a leader in the field of sustainable manufacturing. He noted that Dr. Sutherland became a member of the National Academy of Engineering in 2023.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of trustees voted unanimously to approve Dr. Sutherland's appointment as the Distinguished Professor of Environmental and Ecological Engineering. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

Dr. Sutherland thanked the Trustees, President Chiang, Dean Raman and his colleagues in Mechanical Engineering. He thanked his family, especially his ever-patient wife, for their support. He recognized his advisor and mentor for many years Dick deBoer at the University of Illinois.

Next, Chairman Lehman sought approval for a Resolution of Appreciation for Brian Edelman. In a special surprise, General Counsel Schultz arranged a video call with Mr. Edelman so he could receive the resolution "in person." Chairman Lehman took a moment to highlight Mr. Edelman's significant contributions to Purdue, noting that during his ten years with the Purdue Research Foundation (PRF), no other decade has seen such remarkable growth and achievements. Chairman Lehman remarked that leadership is often measured not just by one's accomplishments during their tenure, but by the continued success after they depart. He highlighted that Mr. Edelman had built a strong team that is carrying forward the legacy of his work and continuing the progress he set in motion. Mr. Lehman thanked him and wished Mr.

Edelman the best in his retirement. President Chiang mentioned Mr. Edelman's involvement in securing Saab's commitment to West Lafayette. He agreed with Chairman Lehman's comments and thanked Mr. Edelman. Mr. Edelman thanked the Board and President Chiang.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ratify the Resolution of Appreciation for Brian Edelman. A copy of the Resolution was filed with the minutes.

WHEREAS, Brian E. Edelman has been a valued leader of the Purdue Research Foundation as president from 2017 to 2025 after joining the Foundation as chief financial officer and treasurer in 2015 and later being promoted to chief operating officer; and

WHEREAS, Brian is regarded for his tremendous impact on and transformation of PRF — forging the future for innovation, connection, commercialization and placemaking at Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, Brian's guidance enabled the Foundation to excel in its mission of supporting Purdue and its students, faculty and alumni in ever-increasing ways, including through Purdue Aviation, the Back a Boiler program, the Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy at Purdue, and the Purdue for Life Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Brian was instrumental in leveraging the foundation's partnership with the city of West Lafayette and Purdue to finance, design and construct the State Street Redevelopment Project — a one-of-a-kind transportation gateway between town and gown that has transformed the campus community; and

WHEREAS, Brian cultivated the development and execution of the 450-acre, \$1+ billion Discovery Park District at Purdue — bringing to life a live-work-play community for the university's next generation of students, families and corporate partners; and

WHEREAS, Brian led his team in attracting and deepening relationships with top companies such as Rolls-Royce, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Saab, Inari, imec, Cook Medical, SK hynix, Endocyte and others; and

WHEREAS, Brian oversaw the establishment of a dominant university intellectual property commercialization engine that put Purdue in the top five among the nation's most prolific universities in terms of U.S. patents received for three years running; and

WHEREAS, Brian led the effort to protect and defend the inventions and technologies of Purdue innovators, leading to landmark court wins valued at \$32.5 million in past compensatory damages; and

WHEREAS, Brian provided the strategic vision that enabled the university's endowment to maintain steady year-over-year growth through careful stewardship of investments — even in the midst of challenging periods such as the COVID-19 pandemic — thus strengthening the endowment and providing a strong platform for his successor to build upon; and

WHEREAS, Brian earned his Master of Science degree in finance from Purdue's then-Krannert School of Management and subsequently embarked on an illustrious business career with Eli Lilly and Company before joining the Purdue ecosystem;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

- 1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Brian Edelman as president of the Purdue Research Foundation; and*
- 2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Brian for his loyalty and service to Purdue University; and*
- 3. That Brian is to be congratulated and thanked for his tremendous contributions to our University; and*
- 4. That his achievements are part of the great, permanent history of Purdue and will never be forgotten; and*
- 5. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Trustees as part of the permanent record of the University for all to witness.*

VI. DESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS FOR ROSS-ADE FOUNDATION

Chairman Lehman shared that the terms for Malcolm DeKryger and Mike Klipsch as Directors for Ross-Ade Foundation have expired and he recommended for approval that Malcolm and Mike serve another one-year term.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Purdue University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve Malcolm DeKryger and Mike Klipsch serve another year term as Directors for Ross-Ade Foundation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.