

# The University of Michigan

## Board of Regents Meeting

### March 19, 2026, Ann Arbor

The regents met at 3:30 p.m. at the Alexander Ruthven Building, University Hall, Ann Arbor, and via a livestream link on the university gateway. Participating were Regents Acker, Behm, Bernstein, Brown, Hubbard, Ilitch, Meyers and White. Also attending were Chancellor Alexander, Vice President Baird, Interim Executive Vice President Hewlett, Vice President Harmon, Interim Vice President Kettenbeil, Vice President Kinsey, Vice President Kolb, Vice President Lupia, Vice President Lynch, Provost McCauley, Executive Vice President Miller, Vice President Pendse, and Interim Chancellor Scarlatta.

### Call to Order and President's Opening Remarks

President Grasso called the meeting to order and called the roll.

He said, "I want to start today with the news of a national championship – specifically, the Michigan Debate Team. We have one of the oldest collegiate debate programs in the country, and for the last two years, our student competitors have been the best. Earlier this month, they won the American Debate Association National Championship, successfully defending their 2024 title. No university has secured back-to-back championships in 15 years.

"And speaking of championships, I want to wish both our men's and women's basketball teams the best of luck as they start NCAA tournament play today and tomorrow. That includes hosting the first two rounds of the women's tournament at Crisler Center. And the hockey team will compete for the Big Ten title on Saturday. Whether they are making strong arguments or scoring points, we're proud of how these students represent Michigan.

"This month's agenda includes a request to approve honorary degree recipients for our Spring Commencement. They are: Shirin Ebadi, a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and the founder of the Defenders of Human Rights Center in Iran will be awarded a Doctor of Laws; Ingeborg Hochmair Desoyer, an electrical engineer who pioneered the cochlear implant will receive a Doctor of Engineering and deliver remarks at Rackham Graduate Exercises; Michael Phelps, a world-champion swimmer who has won more Olympic medals than anyone, also trained here at Michigan, will be awarded a Doctor of Laws; Regent Emeritus Ronald Weiser, an Ann Arbor business leader and philanthropist, served eight years on this board, will receive a Doctor of Laws; and Jalen Rose, who starred here at Michigan and in the NBA, and is also a broadcaster and philanthropist. He will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters and will be our commencement speaker at Michigan Stadium.

President Grasso continued and said, "I know many of you are aware that Michigan Medicine is currently negotiating a new contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

“Let me note at the outset that Blue Cross coverage for UM employees and retirees will not be affected by this contract because the University self-funds its health insurance plan, so we do not rely on Blue Cross to finance it. It is our view that Michigan Medicine and Blue Cross and Blue Shield should be shoulder to shoulder in our collective efforts to provide the best care for our patients.

“To this end, our goal in this negotiation is to secure a new agreement that will protect our patients and ensure that our Michigan Medicine team can continue to provide the highest quality care to all Michiganders.

“Sadly, over the past several weeks, Blue Cross has repeatedly shared inaccuracies and untrue claims — many of which are frightening patients. I would like to take a moment to set the record straight. Blue Cross has continued to falsely state we want a 44% increase in reimbursement. In reality, Michigan Medicine is asking for a continuation of its current contract and has offered to base any payments above that on clear and quantifiable performance outcomes. In other words, we are willing to take responsibility to earn a substantial portion of any increase based on quality, safety and outcomes metrics that both parties accept.

“If we do not secure a new contract by July 1, there will be a significant negative impact on the ability of hundreds of thousands of patients to secure in-network access to Michigan Medicine physicians, clinics, and hospitals. And these are patients who not only want to come here for their care, but in many cases cannot get the care they need elsewhere.

“Despite Blue Cross’ claims, we want to assure our community members that our current contract remains in effect and patients should keep their appointments as scheduled.

“We are grateful for the support that we have heard and seen near and far from across the state. Dr. David Miller, our executive vice president for medical affairs and the CEO of Michigan Medicine and practicing surgeon, and his team are doing outstanding work representing the interest of patients and the University in these critical conversations.

Dr. David Miller said, “President Grasso, thank you so much for your support of Michigan Medicine. I often speak in my role as an administrator but today I would like to speak as a surgeon. Over the past several weeks I have continued doing what I have done my entire career, caring for patients. And many of the people I treat are facing complex diagnoses and complex cancer treatment decisions. They travel from across the state to come to Michigan Medicine because they need highly specialized care and the expertise of our teams. Lately, in between conversations I have been hearing a different kind of question. What will I do if I can no longer get care at Michigan Medicine? These patients have relationships with the doctors and the nurses that define Michigan Medicine and help them through the hardest moments of their lives. They are going through the most difficult experiences imaginable and time and again we give them hope. And, now, they are concerned and scared they could lose access to care. As physicians, nurses, and other members of our care teams, our focus should be on helping patients heal. My top priority is and always has been making sure our patients have

access to the world-class care they deserve. And I want to make sure my colleagues have the resources they need to provide that care. 24/7, 365, forever.

“That is why I feel strongly about the importance of our contract with Blue Cross. Our proposal is straightforward. Let’s keep our current contract in place and earn the right for more, only if we demonstrate real value for patients. That approach keeps our patients at the center, supports our extraordinary teams who care for them every day, and ensures the communities we serve continue to have access to the care they need. At the end of the day, this is about doing the right thing for our patients and their families.”

President Grasso said, “Today’s Regent meeting will be the last I chair. My final day as president is May 8. While I have the responsibility of leading the University for a few more weeks, I want to spend a few minutes today reflecting on the past 10 months.

“When Regent White called me in early May 2025 to discuss the appointment of an interim president, I thought she wanted my advice on potential candidates. I wasn’t expecting to be offered the position, but I also had no hesitation in accepting.

“Being president of your alma mater – an institution that is also the best university in the world – is both an honor and a privilege. I also have the unique honor of being the only person to have led two of Michigan’s three campuses. I think that has great potential for a Michigan trivia question.

“I want to thank the regents for their faith and confidence in me. Today’s higher education environment is both challenging and stimulating, and I appreciate your deep commitment to Michigan’s success.

“That same environment required me not to approach this job with the mindset of an interim president. There was, and still is, too much at stake to just hold the wheel for the next leader. Instead – and I have said this many times – it was essential to move Michigan into the passing lane and to show now, more than ever, how we contribute to the public good.

“We’ve achieved a great deal. We are more popular than ever among students seeking a Michigan education, with record applications. All three campuses have seen their first-year student enrollments grow. I particularly want to commend the leaders at UM-Flint for three straight years of increased enrollment. Our research enterprise is robust and continues to advance health care, boost the economy, and expand our understanding of the world. Nationally, we are second only to MIT in the number of inventions and startups. And UM-Dearborn has become an R2 institution.

“We have renewed and sharpened our strategic vision, building on the ‘Look to Michigan’ moniker while sharing our story more boldly with the nation. Our aim is not simply to be among the finest universities, but to stand as the model university, one that demonstrates how discovery, education, and service can be joined in enduring commitment to the public good.

“Guided by that vision, we work tirelessly in the public interest, mindful that the true measure of a great university is not only the knowledge it creates, but the humanity it advances. That includes our \$50 million investment in a new Center for American Dialogue. I believe our center will stand out for its approach to tangible results, and I look forward to our soft launch next month, featuring Congresswomen Debbie Dingell and Lisa McClain, and a keynote address by former New York Times columnist and cultural commentator David Brooks.

“Our vision also includes a \$250 million commitment to a biotechnology innovation institute that will accelerate our medical discoveries from the lab to patients faster than ever before. To borrow from Louis Pasteur, our laboratories are the temples of the future – sacred dwellings advancing prosperity and well-being for all of humanity.

“We have the support of alumni and friends as we carry out our mission, particularly with giving for our students and our research. Our current fundraising campaign has raised \$4.5 billion, which is 64 percent of our \$7 billion goal.

“And we have hired an experienced, winning football coach who is committed to our student-athletes and who will lead our program with fierceness, dignity, and pride.

“More than anything, we have placed a premium on restoring stability and integrity. These are not my accomplishments; they are our shared successes. We all know that Bo Schembechler expressed this best when he emphasized, ‘The team, the team, team.’ That philosophy is what makes Michigan the leader and the best.

“Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni share a love for this university that I believe is unmatched in higher education. I have been fortunate to interact with exceptional scholars, talented staff, and accomplished alumni. And our students – whether in Ann Arbor, Dearborn, or Flint – show a maturity and optimism that reassures me we are all in capable hands moving forward.

“People perform at their best when they feel valued and heard, and when they take pride in the institution they represent. With the insights and support of my executive team, I believe we have strengthened our culture of creativity, curiosity, and commitment to the public good.

“I am both grateful for and energized by the expertise and skills of the executive officers who sit at this table. I am equally grateful and indebted to the senior leaders from UM-Dearborn, with whom I re-entered the Michigan orbit, who provided me not only with counsel and support but also with a most memorable experience.

“I also want to recognize and thank the dedicated staff in the Office of the President. With the upcoming arrival of Kent Syverud, they will be supporting their fifth president in as many years. That is not easy, given that each leader has their own style. But the team is consistently professional, and I cannot applaud them enough for their efficiency, goodwill, and loyalty to Michigan.

“Lastly, I am thankful for the love and support of my wife, Susan, and our four children, Benjamin, Jacob, Elspeth and Caitlin. No one can do this job alone. Whether I’ve had a good day or a bad day — and this job has both — they are by my side. Susan and I may be leaving the President’s House, but our hearts will always be in Ann Arbor.

“There is still much to accomplish in the coming weeks and months. I am fully embracing a job I love – the best ... and most challenging in higher education. I’ve had good conversations with President-elect Syverud and am optimistic about what’s next for Michigan.

“Nearly 175 years ago, Michigan’s first president, Henry Tappan, issued a challenge at his inauguration that I believe should always serve as our North Star: “This young University,” he said, “shall we not carry it forward to perfection?”

“We all want the best for the University of Michigan. We will always – always – embrace bold challenges and perform consequential work for the betterment of society. Michigan is and will always be the defining research university, advancing knowledge in enduring service to humanity, the planet, and the public good.

“Thank you for the extraordinary privilege of playing a part in Michigan’s timeless saga – advancing its mission to leave a lasting, positive mark on the world, today ... and for generations to come. And, as always, Forever Go Blue.”

### **Regents’ Committee Reports**

**Finance, Audit and Investment Committee** - Regent White said that the committee, including Regents Bernstein, Hubbard and Meyers met with Interim Executive Vice President Hewlett, and for discussions on debt issuance, and with members of the audit team for an update on a number of audit services. Vice President Lupia gave a report on the effects of federal research changes.

**Health Affairs Committee** - Regent Brown said that he and committee chair Regent Behm, met with EVPMA Miller, Michigan Medicine CFO Eric Strucko, and other UM-Health leaders for discussions on finances and other matters. Several informational reports and updates were also received.

**Personnel, Compensation and Governance Committee** - Regent Ilitch reported that the committee, including Regents Acker and White met with Provost McCauley, for a discussion with College of Literature Science & the Arts Dean, Rosario Ceballo for a conversation on the current state of the university's oldest and largest college. The committee also had a discussion on the coming presidential transition.

### **Presentations**

**SACUA Annual Report** - Provost McCauley introduced Derek Peterson, chair of the Faculty Senate, and Ali, collegiate professor of history and African studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Professor Peterson reported that Michigan faculty are newly energized around shared governance, reflected in expanding the Faculty Senate to include clinical professors and record participation (3,000+ voters), plus listening sessions and community-building across campuses. He noted the following three faculty priorities: First, DEI—after the March 2025 DEI office closure, faculty urged restoring legally compliant equity efforts and using President-elect Syverud’s return to reopen a campuswide dialogue to provide clear direction. Second, generative AI—Michigan has been “AI-forward” for students but hasn’t sufficiently supported faculty on academic integrity, which calls for university-wide infrastructure and options such as AI-free learning communities, locked-down writing/work platforms, proctored writing spaces, and clearly labeled AI-free vs. AI-allowed courses. And third, athletics governance with stronger faculty oversight, starting with making the ABIA chaired by a faculty member and expanding the Integrity & Compliance office’s role and presence in athletics.

**Research Commercialization** - Vice President Lupia introduced Associate Vice President for Research Kelly Sexton, who reported that UM is a global leader among research universities and that Innovation Partnerships helps translate campus discoveries into real-world impact through three services: building industry/foundation collaborations (Alliances), protecting and licensing IP (Licensing), and launching startups (Ventures). The office reported record commercialization results last year, with 673 inventions (second nationally) and 31 new startups (also second). Examples include a \$25 million industry-sponsored sports science institute; the histotripsy/HistoSonics breakthrough (now used on 3,000+ patients and acquired for \$2.25B); the TRAILS nonprofit scaling youth mental health supports to thousands of high schools; and Cura Oncology’s FDA-approved leukemia drug, part of a broader track record of 10 FDA-approved therapeutics, with more drugs and devices currently in clinical trials/testing. Associate Vice President Sexton credited sustained university investment in commercialization infrastructure for achieving these milestones and thanked the regents for their support.

Regent Meyers congratulated UM musical theatre alum Ethan Van Slyke (Class of 2024), who recently joined the national touring cast of the Tony Award-winning musical *The Outsiders*, following a run in Detroit. Van Slyke joins fellow Wolverine Nolan White, who stars as Ponyboy Curtis. He noted that UM’s musical theatre program is ranked No. 1 nationally.

Regent Bernstein read the following:

### **Regents Resolution**

The Regents of the University of Michigan extend our sincere appreciation to Domenico Grasso as he completes his one-year term on May 8, 2026.

Domenico has dedicated himself to elevating UM’s impact through the Look to Michigan vision and campaign. He has reaffirmed confidence and pride in our institution while also encouraging our three campuses to consistently demonstrate our collective service to society and to be the leaders and best for the public good.

His leadership includes the previous seven years as an executive officer of the university and as the sixth chancellor of the UM-Dearborn – the first Michigan graduate to lead that campus. His leadership saw UM-Dearborn triple its external research funding and move to R2 status, increase graduation rates by 11%, and launch the Go Blue Guarantee to support students.

He has also served as professor of civil and environmental engineering in Ann Arbor and of public policy and sustainable engineering in Dearborn.

When chairing his first board meeting one year ago, he said that he came to UM in 1983, to pursue a doctorate in the College of Engineering. That is also when he met his wife, Susan Hull, a fellow engineering student. He went on to say, “Both experiences changed my life. To be sitting here, some forty years later is a tremendous privilege.”

Domenico, your University of Michigan career has come full circle.

On behalf of the Board of Regents, thank you, Domenico, for your integrity and service and for leading this institution – your alma mater – when called upon to do so. We wish you and Susan all the best in your retirement.

The resolution was followed by an extended standing ovation.

### **Vote on Conflicts of Interest**

On a motion by Regent White, seconded by Regent Behm, the regents unanimously approved the conflict of interest items, with Regents Acker, Behm, Bernstein, Brown, Hubbard, Ilitch, Meyers and White voting in favor.

### **Consent agenda**

**Minutes.** Vice President Kinsey submitted for approval the minutes of the meetings of February 19, 2026.

**Reports.** Interim Executive Vice President Hewlett submitted the Investment Report, the Plant Extension Report, and the University Human Resources Report.

**Research Report.** Vice President Lupia had no additional report.

**U-M Health Report.** Executive Vice President Miller had no report.

**Student Life Report.** Vice President Harmon had no report.

**University of Michigan-Dearborn.** Chancellor Scarlatta reported on the following: the third annual Graduation Summit on strategies for student retention and on-time graduation, with this year’s focus on AI, demographic shifts, and online learning; women’s ice hockey won the CCWHA Division I tournament championship for the first time (Feb. 22) and is competing nationally; and two players also discussed the growing impact of pro women’s hockey and the league’s first nationally televised game (March 22) in Detroit.

**University of Michigan-Flint.** Chancellor Alexander reported on the following: the *Michigan Times* relaunched this semester as an independent student news outlet, online at [mtimes.org](http://mtimes.org), rebuilding its staff and planning to return to print later this year; art professor Ash Arter was selected for the 2026 Whitney Biennial in New York, with the exhibition running through Aug. 23; the College of Innovation and Technology hosted a motorsports-themed STEM outreach event for middle and high school students, drawing 180+ attendees; and the campus Common Read (*Unraveled* by Maxine Bedat) culminated in Wear It Forward, a runway-style upcycling event featuring redesigned clothing for Wolverine Essentials, modeled by volunteers from campus and the Flint community.

**Voluntary Support.** Vice President Baird had no additional report.

**Personnel Actions/Personnel Reports.** Provost McCauley presented a number of personnel actions.

**Retirement Memoirs.** Vice President Kinsey submitted a number of retirement memoirs.

**Memorial statements.** Vice President Kinsey submitted one memorial statement.

**Degrees.** Recommendations for Honorary Degrees were submitted.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Regent White, seconded by Regent Behm, the regents unanimously approved the consent agenda.

### **University of Michigan-Dearborn Social Sciences Building College of Business Relocation**

On a motion by Regent White, seconded by Regent Jordan, the regents approved the relocation of the UM-Dearborn College of Business building project as described, and authorized issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

### **Palmer Commons Second and Third Floor Renovation**

On a motion by Regent White, seconded by Regent Hubbard, the regents approved the Palmer Commons Second and Third Floor Renovation project as described and authorized issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

### **Utility Tunnel Reinforcement Medical Center Campus Area**

On a motion by Regent White, seconded by Regent Hubbard, the regents approved the Utility Tunnel Reinforcement Medical Center Campus Area project as described, and authorized issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

### **Ronald McDonald House Ground Lease Extension and Expansion**

On a motion by Regent Brown, seconded by Regent Ilitch, the regents approved the ground lease extension and expansion as described on terms and conditions approved by the Interim Chief Financial Officer.

### **University Real Estate Policy Annual Report on Leases Exceeding 50,000 Square Feet**

Executive Vice President Hewlett submitted the university real estate policy, provided annually as required, as an item for information to the Board of Regents. The report includes all situations where the total square footage being leased in a particular building or in a related complex of buildings exceeds 50,000 square feet.

### **Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Outlay Submissions All Campuses**

Executive Vice President Hewlett stated that in October 2025, the U-M submitted to the State of Michigan capital outlay requests and five-year plans for the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses for the 2027 fiscal year. The plans include information on the university's mission, instructional programming, staffing and enrollment data, facility condition assessment, and major projects anticipated over the next five years. The Ann Arbor campus submitted the School of Public Health Classroom and Infrastructure Upgrade renovation project for funding consideration. The Dearborn campus submitted the Computer and Information Science Building renovation project for funding consideration again this year. The Flint campus did not submit a project request for the 2027 fiscal year.

### **UM Health-Sparrow Ionia Ambulatory Expansion Project**

On a motion by Regent Ilitch, seconded by Regent Acker, the regents unanimously approved the U-M Health Sparrow Ionia Ambulatory Expansion Project as described and authorized issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Earlier in the meeting the regents unanimously approved the following conflict of interest items that fall under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute. The following information is provided in compliance with statutory requirements:

### **Authorization for the University of Michigan to Enter into a License Agreement with an Innovation Partnerships Startup Incubator Firm Located at the North Campus Research Complex**

License agreements were approved.

1. The parties to the license agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan and the company listed in the attached spreadsheet.

2. The service to be provided is the license of space in the North Campus Research Complex I Innovation Partnerships Startup Incubator located at 1600 Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, Michigan with access to common area space within the building. The license durations including all options for renewal are outlined in the spreadsheet. The license will use the standard University of Michigan Innovation Partnerships Startup Incubator license template. The licensee company will pay the rates as stipulated in the attached spreadsheet for the current term and option years as indicated. The licensee company will be responsible for providing monthly updates concerning its business progress to the University of Michigan's Innovation Partnerships, and will have access to Innovation Partnerships personnel for advice concerning obtaining technology assessment, business consulting, technical assistance, capital raising, or other business services.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that the individuals listed on the spreadsheet are UM employees and owners and/or officers of the licensee company.

**Authorization for the University to transact with Honey Locust Productions LLC dba Honey Locust Health**

The agreements were approved.

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Epidemiology Department and Honey Locust Health.
2. The contract is for a duration of three years at a total cost not to exceed \$150,000. Honey Locust Health will supply the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the Regents.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that UM employee, Michael Rubyan, is a partner of Honey Locust Health.

**Authorize Execution of Investment Agreements for the Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund for Enexa Bio, Inc.**

The agreements were approved.

1. The parties to the agreement are The Regents of University of Michigan and Enexa Bio, Inc.
2. The Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund will execute applicable standard agreements for venture capital investing. The University will receive future equity in the Company, along with the right to purchase more equity. No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. Standard disclaimers of warranties and indemnification apply, and the Agreement may be amended by consent of the

parties. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

3. The pecuniary interests of UM employee Duxin Sun arise from his relationship with the Company.

### **Authorize Execution of Investment Agreements for the Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund for Decimal Code, Inc.**

The agreements were approved.

1. The parties to the agreement are The Regents of University of Michigan and Decimal Code, Inc.
2. The Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund will execute applicable standard agreements for venture capital investing. The University will receive future equity in the Company, along with the right to purchase more equity. No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. Standard disclaimers of warranties and indemnification apply, and the Agreement may be amended by consent of the parties. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.
3. The pecuniary interests of UM employees Michael Burns and John Vandervest arise from their relationship with the Company.

### **Approval of Commercialization Agreements**

The agreements were approved.

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and the companies described in Attachment A.
2. The University will retain ownership of the optioned, licensed, or reassigned technologies and may continue to further develop and use them internally. No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreements. Standard disclaimers of warranties and indemnification apply, and the Agreements may be amended by consent of the parties, such as adding related technology. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate. Terms specific to each Agreement are described in Attachment A.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that UM employees described in Attachment A, have outside activities, relationships, or interests in the companies described in Attachment A.

### **Authorization to enter into or amend Agreements**

The agreements were approved.

1. The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and the companies described in Attachment A.
2. The terms of the Agreements and/or Amendments conform to University policy. The funding support will not exceed the amount reported in Attachment A for each Agreement and/or Amendment. Since projects are often amended, these Agreements and/or Amendments include provisions for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.
3. The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that UM employees described in Attachment A, have outside activities, relationships, or interests in the companies described in Attachment A.

### **University of Michigan-Dearborn Administration Building Naming**

President Grasso said, "I am pleased to bring forward a request to name the administration building at UM-Dearborn in honor of Daniel E. Little. Dan served UM-Dearborn as its fifth and longest-serving chancellor, leading the university for 18 years. He was also an executive officer of the institution. He was a remarkable leader who enhanced UM-Dearborn's reputation and influence across southeast Michigan. As his successor as chancellor, I appreciated how effectively he had positioned UM-Dearborn for impact and service.

The President's Advisory Committee on Historical and Honorific Naming has reviewed and recommended this naming, which I enthusiastically endorse.

On a motion by Regent White, seconded by Regent Ilitch, the regents approved of the request to name the administration building at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in honor of Daniel E. Little.

### **New graduate degree program in Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning**

On a motion by Regent White, seconded by Regent Ilitch, the regents approved the new graduate degree, Master of Urban Technology, which will be the first of its kind in the nation. The program will be implemented upon approval from the Michigan Association of State Universities.

### **Student Government Report**

Central Student Government President Eric Veal, Jr., reported on the end of his term, which included: measurable institutional change through roles in major initiatives (e.g., presidential search advising and the graduation task force), Big Ten student leadership engagement, and added representation for military-affiliated students; concrete outcomes, including a Princeton Review partnership providing about \$4,000 in test-prep resources; programs supporting interview and commencement needs; expanded basic needs and food access efforts; work on

an August housing-gap pilot; and \$400,000+ distributed to 300+ student organizations, with plans to improve reimbursement processes; and advocacy with federal partners, including travel to Washington, D.C. He urged the regents to increase the student government fee to sustain student-led services, while thanking university leaders and partners.

**Public Comment**

The regents heard public comments from: Lilah Singer, Staff, on workplace violence; Kara Bernas, student, on UM/LANL Supercomputing Research Center; Larry Junck, faculty, on progress on UM’s carbon neutrality plan; Bob McMurray, community member; on the university’s role in promoting peace, in particular with China; Vanessa Shamany-Fakhoury, staff, on patient care experience at Michigan Medicine; Sarah Lorenz, student, homeownership for faculty and staff; and 7. Kate Mehuron, community member, on health care for transgender minors.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

The next meeting will be on May 21, 2026.