

The University of Michigan Regents Communication Request for Action

Subject: Report of Executive Officer Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Timothy G. Lynch, vice president and general counsel, Office of the Vice President and General Counsel, retired from active status on August 25, 2026.

Vice President Lynch received his B.A. from the University of Rochester in 1990. He received his J.D. in 1995 from Georgetown University, where he was editor-in-chief of the law review. Before coming to Michigan, he had a distinguished legal career, including serving as Deputy General Counsel for Litigation and Enforcement and Acting General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Energy; Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; attorney at the Washington, D.C., law firm Shea & Gardner; and law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Cornelia Kennedy, in Detroit, Michigan. He also served as an adjunct law professor at Georgetown and the University of Virginia. Vice President Lynch joined the University of Michigan as vice president and general counsel in January 2013.

At the time of his retirement, Vice President Lynch was the university's longest-serving executive officer. As general counsel, he supported, guided, and protected our community, all in the spirit of justice and fairness. Among other things, he advised university leaders and the Board of Regents on complex issues involving governance, free speech, athletics, academic medicine, research, and student, faculty, and staff matters. His deep legal expertise, professionalism, and steady leadership helped guide the university through some of its most consequential moments at a particularly challenging time for higher education. He assembled and led an outstanding team of legal professionals who ensure the university's mission thrives in an increasingly complex world. He was also a dedicated mentor of attorneys in his office.

In addition to serving as general counsel, Vice President Lynch was a true citizen of the University. He for years taught a seminar on internal investigations at the Law School; served on the board of directors of the University Musical Society; served on the Executive Committee of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute; and chaired the faculty, staff, and student Advisory Committee on the University of Michigan Principles on Diversity of Thought and Freedom of Expression.

The Regents now salute this distinguished executive officer by naming **Timothy G. Lynch, vice president and general counsel emeritus**.

Requested by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Kinsey', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jon Kinsey

Vice President and Secretary of the University

September 2026