

OCTOBER MEETING, 2025

The University of Michigan
Flint
October 16, 2025

The regents met at 3:30 p.m. at the Riverfront Center, Flint, and via a livestream link on the university gateway. Participating were Regents Acker, Bernstein, Brown, Hubbard, Ilitch, Meyers and White. Regent Behm was absent. Also attending were Chancellor Alexander, Vice President Baird, Executive Vice President Chatas, Vice President Harmon, Vice President Hunter, 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, "It's wonderful to be at UM-Flint. As you might imagine, I have deep affection for our regional campuses and everything they do for our state. I want to thank Chancellor Laurence Alexander and his leadership team for hosting us today.

"I also want to applaud the continued increase in enrollment we are seeing here in Flint. It's gratifying to know that UM-Flint is making a critical difference in people's lives, which, in turn, benefits the community and beyond. Congratulations to the enrollment management team and everyone who contributes to making UM-Flint an attractive and life-changing destination for students. I plan to return to Flint in early December and look forward to a more extended visit with our faculty, staff, and students.

“Since we last met, the University has launched a national media campaign showcasing our Look to Michigan vision and how we work for the public good. This is an impressive campaign that spans print, digital, audio, and social media in major markets nationwide. We want the nation to look to Michigan as a beacon of hope. We are working to lead our fellow universities in reaffirming public trust in higher education and have a powerful story to tell. I’d like to thank Vice President Richie Hunter and her communications team for their creativity and energy in leading this effort.

“I also want to commend Vice President Chris Kolb, who – with the Board’s approval today – will continue leading as our chief government relations official for the next five years. I can’t imagine any previous vice president for government relations navigating such a challenging, strenuous, and uncertain time as we’ve seen in recent years. It’s my pleasure to recommend him for reappointment.”

Chancellor Alexander introduced the presentation: *Secure Modeling and Intelligent Learning in Engineering Systems (SMILES) Lab*, with Khalid Malik, professor of computer science and director of cybersecurity.

Professor Malik explained that with the rise of highly realistic deepfake videos the need for detection tools has become crucial for sectors like justice, finance, and national security. SMILES Lab invested \$1.3 million to develop robust deepfake detection technology, now being commercialized globally. The lab can also address critical health challenges, applying AI and physician expertise to detect and classify cerebral and aortic aneurysms, aiding in stroke prevention and improved medical decisions. Additionally, the lab tackles internet safety for children working with global partners for AI-driven cybersecurity solutions.

Regents’ Committee Reports

Finance, Audit and Investment Committee - Regent White said that the committee, including Regents Bernstein, Hubbard and Meyers met with Executive Vice President Chatas, and Chief Investment Officer Erik Lundberg, for an update on the endowment. The committee reviewed the FY 2025 External Audit Results and Required Auditor Communications with PricewaterhouseCooper auditors, and reviewed the Audit Services charter with Hilaire Nachtrab, interim executive director of audit services.

Health Affairs Committee - Regent Brown said that he and committee chair Regent Behm, met with EVPMA Miller for an update on UM-Health with Eric Strucko, Michigan Medicine CFO, for an update on finances. They also received a number of informational reports.

Personnel, Compensation and Governance Committee - Regent Ilitch reported that the committee, including Regents Acker and White met with Provost McCauley, for a discussion with the Dean of the College of Engineering, Karen Thole.

President Grasso said, “We learned last week, Geoff Chatas, our CFO, will become the Chief Operating Officer at Yale University.”

Regent Bernstein, read the following:

Regents Resolution

The Regents of the University of Michigan extend their congratulations to Geoffrey Chatas, executive vice president and chief financial officer, on his appointment as senior vice president of operations at Yale University. Mr. Chatas will be stepping down from his position at UM effective October 31.

Executive Vice President Chatas was appointed to his current position in October 2021. He previously served as senior vice president and chief operating officer at Georgetown University and as senior vice president for business and finance and chief financial officer at The Ohio State University.

He led UM’s business and finance organization, which includes investments, finance, facilities and operations, and human resources. He oversaw and helped to develop the

university's diversified financial strategy resulting in continued strong support for faculty, research and clinical care, and helped keep a UM education accessible to students from all backgrounds. Recently, he provided leadership in navigating complex federal research funding issues, and in the development of the Campus Plan 2050, a roadmap for campus development, sustainability and innovation. He leaves the university financially strong and well positioned for the future.

The Regents thank Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Chatas for his friendship and service and wish him all the best in his new role.

The regents thanked Geoff for his invaluable expertise and steadfast leadership, and for his professionalism and insight. His openness to change, innovation, and pursuit of efficiency, transformed the university's operations. Yale is fortunate to have him join their leadership team.

Bobby Hewlett, the current vice president for finance, will serve as executive vice president and chief financial officer in an interim capacity starting November 1.

Vice President Chatas thanked the board and reflected on the significance of his final board meeting being held in Flint, where his grandparents settled after immigrating from Greece. The University transformed their path from immigrants to professionals in various fields. He shared his honor in serving the university, appreciation for his colleagues, the board, and his dedicated team in business and finance.

Regent Acker asked to make some comments on the ongoing Big Ten Enterprises conversation.

He expressed serious concerns about the Big Ten's proposed equity deal, which would exchange cash for a long-term share of the conference's revenue and future. College sports should be about student-athletes, tradition, and communities—not solely about financial gain or maximizing profits. Recent changes have sacrificed storied rivalries and increased travel burdens for student-athletes, negatively affecting their well-being and college experience.

Selling equity isn't a solution to the financial challenges facing the conference; instead, expenses must be addressed, and creative, sustainable solutions should be found. Consultants and board experts have reviewed the deal and strongly oppose it, recommending more efficient alternatives. Michigan is proud of its longstanding commitment to the conference and the responsibility to strengthen all member schools, but only with sound financial decisions.

Ultimately, the Big Ten's leaders and trustees should reject shortsighted deals and refocus on the true stakeholders: students, alumni, fans, and taxpayers. New leadership is needed, and suggested that the Big Ten trustees travel to Ann Arbor for meaningful discussions on shaping a future for college athletics that values tradition, community, and the public good over corporate interests.

Regent Bernstein echoed the seriousness and far-reaching consequences of the Big Ten's proposed private equity deal, comparing it to a payday loan—a short-term fix rather than a sustainable solution. There are viable alternatives the conference hasn't explored and the rush to finalize this deal as reckless and shortsighted. The urgency for the deal is unclear, and the conference should slow down and consider better solutions to its financial challenges. As stewards of the university's future, the UM board opposes this private equity deal and encourages other Big Ten universities to do the same.

Consent agenda

Minutes. Vice President Kinsey submitted for approval the minutes of the meetings of September 18, 2025.

Reports. Executive Vice President Chatas submitted the Investment Report, the Plant Extension Report, the University Human Resources Report, and the Regents Report on Non-

Competitive Purchases equal to or over \$50,000 from Single Sources, July 16, 2025 through September 15, 2025.

Research Report. Vice President Lupia submitted the Research Award and Expenditures Report ending August 31, 2025. He reported that UM has once again surpassed \$2 billion in research expenditures, reaching \$2.16 billion—a milestone that establishes UM as one of the largest comprehensive public research universities in the nation. This achievement reflects a 5.9% increase from the previous year and highlights the university’s impact on medical innovations, economic growth, and technological advancements across its Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses. Over the past year, UM’s innovation efforts have resulted in the creation of 31 start-up companies and a record 673 licensed inventions, which contribute to job creation and positive change. Despite a changing federal funding landscape, UM remains dedicated, innovative, and resilient in serving Michigan and the nation, affirming its role as a trusted research partner. He thanked the Regents, university leaders, and the entire Michigan community for their support.

UM Health System Report. Executive Vice President Miller had no report.

Student Life Report. Vice President Harmon had no report.

University of Michigan-Dearborn. Chancellor Scarlatta reported that during homecoming week, President Grasso returned for a lively campus forum including a Q&A session. Notable guests from Ann Arbor, included Vice President Pendse who spoke about cybersecurity, and Vice President for Communications Richie Hunter who discussed campaign initiatives. Additionally, two new research grants were awarded to Dearborn faculty: \$1.1 million from NIH to develop nanotechnology for targeted brain injury treatment, and \$600,000 from NSF for research to improve surgical decisions in glaucoma patients.

University of Michigan-Flint. Chancellor Alexander reported that UM Flint's moot court team earned impressive national rankings, including 19th overall and improvements in appellate brief writing and oral advocacy. Fundraising efforts on campus are strong, including a nearly \$955,000 gift for public service education and a \$600,000 gift from the Dorothy Gay Davis Trust to enhance the Thompson Library with new study spaces. The contributions recognize donor legacies and are expected to have a lasting positive impact on students and the campus 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. There was no action with respect to degrees.

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

FY 2026 University Budget Book

EVP Chatas submitted the University Budget Book for fiscal year 2026 that sets forth the budget approved by the Board of Regents at the June 2025 meeting.

The following items were taken together:

University of Michigan Lease at 1700 M Street, Washington, D.C.

University of Michigan Lease at 1000 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, Michigan

The University of Michigan Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Camp Davis Mess Hall Replacement

University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute Addition

Regional Clinically Integrated Network (CIN)

On a motion by Regent Bernstein, seconded by Regent White, the regents approved each of the six items listed, as described.

Vice President Baird reported that donors continue to support impactful initiatives at UM. Regent Emeritus Ron Weiser has made another generous gift, adding to his longstanding legacy of contributions in areas such as cancer research, advancing democracy, global emergency diplomacy, and food allergy research.

Director of Athletics Warde Manuel provided more detailed information about this supplemental item and his appreciation for receiving another generous gift from Regent Emeritus Ron Weiser, continuing his legacy of philanthropy, particularly in support of Michigan athletics. In recognition, he requested for Regents approval to name the head wrestling coach position after Ron Weiser and the director of track and field and cross country position after his son, Marc. As students, Ron competed on the wrestling team, and Marc was part of the track and field team. These honors once again highlight the Weiser family's ongoing commitment to the university and serve as an inspiring example for student-athletes about giving back.

On a motion by Regent Brown, seconded by Regent Ilitch, in recognition of Ron Weiser's exceptional generosity to UM, the Board of Regents approved the naming of the Ronald N. Weiser Head Wrestling Coach and the Marc A. Weiser Director of Track and Field and Cross Country, effective immediately.

Continuing with even more good news, Executive Vice President Miller brought forward four supplemental items as follows:

Request to accept a gift of the land for the new facilities donated anonymously for this purpose
Request to name a new outpatient cardiovascular services space the Samuel and Jean Frankel Cardiovascular Center
Request to name the Sidney and Madeline Forbes Advanced Imaging Center
University of Michigan Troy Specialty Care Campus

Executive Vice President Miller reported that The University of Michigan is expanding patient access in southeast Michigan thanks to transformative gifts from Madeline and Sydney Forbes and anonymous donors. These gifts will fund two new interconnected facilities in Troy: the Sydney and Madeline Forbes Advanced Imaging Center and an outpatient center for the Frankel Cardiovascular Center, both built next to the recently approved Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg Troy Center for Specialty Care Building, which is currently under construction. These state-of-the-art facilities will offer earlier diagnoses, more effective treatments for cancer and other diseases, and expert cardiovascular care closer to home for the nearly 200,000 people who currently travel to Ann Arbor each year for care. The generosity of the Forbes family and all the donors will have a lasting impact on healthcare in Michigan.

On a motion by Regent Hubbard, seconded by Regent Ilitch, the regents approved the four items listed, as described.

Conflicts of Interest

Earlier in the meeting, on a motion by Regent Behm, seconded by Regent White, 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 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 amend an agreement with U.S. Good Business Lab Foundation

Amendments to an agreement were approved.

- 1) The parties to the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and U.S. Good Business Lab Foundation.
- 2) The proposed amendment is for the purpose of continued collaboration under a sponsored project funded by the National Science Foundation titled "Using AI to Expand the Job Search of Workers in the Post-Covid-19 Economy." The amendment provides additional funding in the amount of \$70,745. The terms of the contract will continue to comply with appropriate University requirements.
- 3) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that UM employee, Anant Nyshadham, is Chief Financial Officer, at U.S. Good Business Lab Foundation.

Authorization for the University to transact with Baker's Acres of Dexter, LLC

Authorization to transact was approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Facilities Planning and Development department, and Baker's Acres of Dexter, LLC.
- 2) The contract is for weekly delivery of vegetables over a 10-week period, as part of the employee wellness program, at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000. Baker's Acres of Dexter, LLC 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, Christine Baker, is the owner of Baker's Acres of Dexter, LLC.

Authorization for the University to extend a contract with Ganesh Designs, LLC

Authorization to contract was approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Department of Anesthesiology and Ganesh Designs, LLC.
- 2) The contract is for branding expertise and graphic and web design services for an extension of two years, through August 31, 2027 at a total cost not to exceed \$19,600. Ganesh Designs, LLC will be supplying all 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 Rose, is the owner of Ganesh Designs, LLC.

Authorization for the University to transact with Garrett's Space

Authorization to transact was approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Department of EVPMA/Dean and Garrett's Space.
- 2) The agreement is for a one-time sponsorship not to exceed \$1,000 with Garrett's Space, which 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 University of Michigan employees, Brandon Bond, Julie Halpert, Lindsay Bornheimer, and Robert Adams are Director, Employee, Director, and Board Member at Garrett's Space.

Authorization for the University to transact with Heat2Power, Inc.

Authorization to transact was approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Aerospace Engineering department and Heat2Power, Inc.
- 2) The transaction is a one-time purchase not to exceed \$120,061. Heat2Power, Inc. 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 University of Michigan employees, Andrej Lenert is owner and director and Stephen Forrest is stockholder, owner, partner and director of Heat2Power, Inc.

Authorization for the University to extend a contract with Honey Locust Productions LLC

Authorization to contract was approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Health Management and Policy and Honey Locust Health.
- 2) The contract will be amended for one additional year at a total cost not to exceed \$1,000,000. 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.

Authorization for the University to transact with QuSteam

Authorization to transact was approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Electrical & Computing Engineering (ECE) and QuSteam.

- 2) The contract is for the period 7/2/2025 - 8/8/2025, at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000. QuSteam will supply the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical of 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, Pei-Cheng Ku, is a board member of QuSteam.

Authorization for the University to enter into a contract with Theory and Social Inquiry

Authorization to enter into a contract was approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the UM and its Sociology Department and Theory and Social Inquiry.
- 2) The contract is for copy-editing services for five years at a total cost of \$50,000. Theory and Social Inquiry 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 University of Michigan employee, Greta Krippner, is director of Theory and Social Inquiry.

Authorize Execution of Investment Agreements Under the Accelerate Blue Fund or similar funds managed by Innovation Partnerships for A3 Technologies, Inc.

The agreements were approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and the Accelerate Blue Fund or similar funds managed by Innovation Partnerships for A3 Technologies, Inc.
- 2) No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. If the transaction proceeds, the parties to the Agreements would include the University and the Company, and the University would receive an equity interest or future equity interest in the Company in return for its investment(s). The Agreements would reflect typical venture capital investing documentation. Innovation Partnerships is

seeking approval for financing agreements up to a total of no more than 10% of the total assets under management in the respective Innovation Partnerships Managed Funds in potential investments (through one or more rounds of financing) in the Company. It is understood that, upon approval of this item, Innovation Partnerships Managed Funds will have no obligation to enter into the Agreements or proceed with any investment in the company.

- 3) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that UM employees, Benjamin Jorns, Christopher Sercel, Tate Gill, Eric Viges, and William Hurley, are partial owners of the company, and/or undertake a senior company officer or board role.

Authorize Execution of Investment Agreements Under the Accelerate Blue Fund or similar funds managed by Innovation Partnerships for Enexa Bio, Inc.

The agreements were approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and the Accelerate Blue Fund or similar funds managed by Innovation Partnerships for Enexa Bio, Inc.
- 2) No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. If the transaction proceeds, the parties to the Agreements would include the University and the Company, and the University would receive an equity interest or future equity interest in the Company in return for its investment(s). The Agreements would reflect typical venture capital investing documentation. Innovation Partnerships is seeking approval for financing agreements up to a total of no more than 10% of the total assets under management in the respective Innovation Partnerships Managed Funds in potential investments (through one or more rounds of financing) in the Company. It is understood that, upon approval of this item, Innovation Partnerships Managed Funds will have no obligation to enter into the Agreements or proceed with any investment in the company.
- 3) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that UM employee, Duxin Sun, is a partial owner of the company, and/or undertakes a senior company officer or board role.

Authorize Execution of Investment Agreements Under the Accelerate Blue Fund or similar funds managed by Innovation Partnerships for Media Shield, Inc.

The agreements were approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and the Accelerate Blue Fund or similar funds managed by Innovation Partnerships for Media Shield, Inc.
- 2) No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. If the transaction proceeds, the parties to the Agreements would include the University and the Company, and the University would receive an equity interest or future equity interest in the Company in return for its investment(s). The Agreements would reflect typical venture capital investing documentation. Innovation Partnerships is seeking approval for financing agreements up to a total of no more than 10% of the total assets under management in the respective Innovation Partnerships Managed Funds in potential investments (through one or more rounds of financing) in the Company. It is understood that, upon approval of this item, Innovation Partnerships Managed Funds will have no obligation to enter into the Agreements or proceed with any investment in the company.
- 3) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that UM employee, Hafiz Malik, is a partial owner of the company, and/or undertakes a senior company officer or board role.

Authorize Execution of Investment Agreements Under the Accelerate Blue Fund or similar funds managed by Innovation Partnerships for Meld Health, Inc.

The agreements were approved.

- 1) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and the Accelerate Blue Fund or similar funds managed by Innovation Partnerships for Meld Health, Inc.
- 2) No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. If the transaction proceeds, the parties to the Agreements would include the University and the Company, and the University would receive an equity interest or future equity interest in the Company in return for its investment(s). The Agreements would reflect typical venture capital investing documentation. Innovation Partnerships is seeking approval for financing agreements up to a total of no more than 10% of the total assets under management in the respective Innovation Partnerships Managed

Funds in potential investments (through one or more rounds of financing) in the Company. It is understood that, upon approval of this item, Innovation Partnerships Managed Funds will have no obligation to enter into the Agreements or proceed with any investment in the company.

- 3) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that UM employee, Alexandre Da Silva, is a partial owner of the company, and/or undertakes a senior company officer or board role.

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.

Intellectual Property and Commercialization Policy Changes

Changes to the Intellectual Property and Commercialization Policy were approved by the Vice President for Research and Innovation in consultation with the President and were presented to the Board of Regents as an information item.

Request to modify the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities

President Grasso said, “Today, we are requesting your approval of a modification to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

“The University has had this policy on the books since the 1990s. A year ago, we changed our procedures. Today’s amendment reinstates the use of an appeals board to review hearing outcomes and provide recommendations to the vice president for student life. Regent Behm is absent, and therefore cannot vote, but he expressed his support for the recommended changes.”

On a motion by Regent Acker, seconded by Regent Hubbard, the regents approved the recommended policy change and the recommendation that any future modifications to this clause in the Statement be governed by the standard amendment protocol set forth in section “J” of the Statement.

Student Government Report

Flint Student Government President Samantha Jarbou, a junior majoring in biology and representing over 7,100 students emphasized the unique strengths and determination of the Flint

campus community. She expressed concern that Flint's voice is underrepresented in the current presidential search process, which is critical for the university's future. In response, Flint's student leaders have taken proactive steps to ensure student perspectives are heard, including partnering with central student government leadership. She urged the Regents to seek out and amplify Flint voices throughout the search and other decision-making processes, highlighting that greater inclusion builds unity, trust, and ensures all experiences shape the university's future.

Regent Bernstein said, "We had dinner last night with some of the leadership of the University, and they were all saying that at student events this semester, they're running out of food, there's not enough chairs, the rooms are too small, and they all said it was your fault. Because you have been so engaging and energizing with respect to the relationship between our faculty, our staff, and our students. You were given credit for this. It's an enormous accomplishment that benefits Flint and the University more generally. So thank you for that. We also look forward to you and your counterparts in Ann Arbor and Dearborn having opportunities to come together in smaller groups for conversations about the presidential search."

Public Comment

The regents heard public comments from: David Rosenfeld, alumnus, on Michigan Medicine's decision to deny gender affirming care to trans/non binary patients under 19; and Brendan LaFrenier, student, on UM acting as a fiscal sponsor for a social change project.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

The next meeting will be on November 20, 2025.