

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 9, 2019

President Engler called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:35 a.m. in the Board Room.

Trustees present: Dianne Byrum, Joel Ferguson, Melanie Foster, Dan Kelly, Brian Mosallam, Nancy Schlichting, Brianna Scott, and Kelly Tebay.

University officers present: President Engler, Provost and Executive Vice President Youatt, Executive Vice Presidents Udpa and Wilbur, Vice President and General Counsel Young, Secretary of the Board Barr, Vice Presidents Bales, Gore, Guerrant, Haas, Heil, Maybank, Swain; Senior Advisor and Director Russell and Chief of Staff Zeig. Faculty liaisons present: Jennifer Johnson, Mike Kaplowitz, Laura McCabe, Deb Moriarty, and Greg Swain. Student liaisons present: Ben Burke and Maysa Sitar.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present, unless otherwise noted.

1. On a motion by Trustee Foster, supported by Trustee Mosallam, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the amended agenda.
2. Public Participation
  - A. Selman Akbulut
  - B. Eylem Yildiz
  - C. Colin Wiebrecht
  - D. Anna Pegler Gordon
  - E. Justin Johnson
  - F. Jordan Lindsay
  - G. Shawna Rowe
  - H. Cody Mejeur
3. Election of Officers
  - A. Board of Trustees Officers—Chairperson

Trustee Schlichting **moved to nominate** Trustee Mosallam to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees with support from Trustee Tebay. Trustee Mosallam accepted the nomination.

Trustee Ferguson **moved to nominate** Trustee Byrum to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees with support from Trustee Foster. Trustee Byrum accepted the nomination.

**THE BOARD VOTED to elect** Trustee Byrum as its Chairperson 5-3, with Trustees Byrum, Ferguson, Foster, Kelly, and Scott voting for Byrum, and Trustees Mosallam, Schlichting, and Tebay voting for Mosallam.

B. Board of Trustees Officers—Vice Chairperson

Trustee Foster **moved to nominate** Trustee Kelly to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees with support from Trustee Ferguson. Trustee Kelly accepted the nomination.

Trustee Byrum moved to close nominations and that the Board cast a unanimous vote for Trustee Kelly as Vice Chairperson.

**THE BOARD VOTED to elect** Trustee Kelly as its Vice Chairperson.

4. Resolution

A. Counseling and Mental Health Services Support Fund

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees direct the Administration to establish a fund to assist with the cost of counseling and mental health services for former patients of Larry Nassar.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby directs the Administration to establish a fund to assist with the cost of counseling and mental health services for former patients of Larry Nassar.

Trustee Byrum **moved to approve** the recommendation, with support from Trustee Mosallam.

**THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the recommendation.

5. Trustee Comments

Trustee Byrum welcomed Trustees Schlichting, Scott and Tebay to the Board and thanked the Trustees for her nomination and election as Chairperson.

Trustee Scott stated as an incoming trustee she was disheartened to learn of the closing of the original healing fund. She noted that MSU has a moral obligation to provide a healing fund and thanked her colleagues on the board for supporting the resolution.

Trustee Mosallam welcomed Trustees Scott, Tebay, and Schlichting to the Board. He thanked the Board for supporting the healing fund and thanked Trustee Kelly for his leadership.

Trustee Schlichting stated that she hopes to use her governance experience to improve the Board and MSU.

Trustee Tebay expressed her thanks for the opportunity to serve and stated that she is listening.

Trustee Kelly welcomed the new Trustees and thanked his colleagues for supporting him as Vice Chairperson.

Trustee Foster welcomed Trustees Schlichting, Scott, and Tebay.

Trustee Ferguson welcomed Trustees Schlichting, Scott, and Tebay. He congratulated Trustees Byrum and Kelly for their leadership positions. He thanked Trustees Byrum and Foster for their work on the presidential search.

4. Request to Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Mosallam, supported by Trustee Kelly, **THE BOARD VOTED to adjourn** at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nakia Barr  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees