

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

January 17, 2019

Trustee Byrum called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:05 a.m. in the Board Room.

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

Trustee absent: Melanie Foster was traveling for University business.

University officers present: 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 Granberry Russell, and Chief of Staff Zeig. Faculty liaisons present: Mike Kaplowitz, Laura McCabe, and Deborah Moriarty. Student liaisons present: Ben Burke, Ten-niah Kinney, and Cookie Rifiotis.

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

1. On a motion by Trustee Byrum, supported by Trustee Kelly, the **BOARD VOTED to approve** the agenda.
2. Personnel Action

Trustee Byrum presented the Personnel Action.

As Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, I move that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby accepts John M. Engler's resignation as Interim President of the University, with an accelerated date of January 17, 2019, effective immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Satish Udpa is hereby appointed Acting President of Michigan State University, commencing immediately and continuing until the Board appoints a new permanent President;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Acting President of the University is hereby granted authority to exercise all duties and responsibilities of the president of Michigan State University under the Board's Bylaws, University policies, resolutions of the Board, and otherwise under law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to execute such documents and agreements as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with the implementation of this action.

Trustee Byrum **moved to approve** the resolution with support from Trustee Tebay. **THE BOARD VOTED to approve** the resolution.

3. Trustee Comments

Trustee Byrum thanked her colleagues on the Board for their support. She stated this decision will improve relations on the Board and within the MSU community. She said that MSU has made improvements regarding the prevention of sexual assault. Trustee Byrum stated that John Engler's recent comments did not reflect the values of the University.

Trustee Kelly stated this is not a partisan decision. Trustee Kelly said that this is a chapter in MSU's history and shall not be forgotten. He shared his commitment to making MSU a great university for years to come.

Trustee Mosallam stated that today is a new day at MSU and that the healing can begin. He congratulated Trustee Byrum as chairperson and welcomed Trustees Scott, Tebay and Schlichting to the Board. He thanked Trustee Kelly for his leadership and congratulated Dr. Udpa on his appointment.

Trustee Schlichting stated that values and behavior matter in leadership. She noted her faith in Dr. Udpa and asked for support from the community. She thanked Trustees Byrum and Mosallam for their leadership. She thanked the survivors, and stated she is listening.

Trustee Scott thanked Trustee Byrum for her leadership. She thanked her fellow board members for their commitment and Dr. Udpa for agreeing to the appointment.

Trustee Tebay apologized that the action took so long. She stated that she is listening and thanked Dr. Udpa for agreeing to serve as Acting President.

4. Liaison Comments

Ben Burke, COGS representative, stated student leadership looks forward to working with the Acting President to uphold the university's values.

Deb Moriarty, faculty liaison, thanked the Board for seeking faculty input on this decision. She stated that the faculty looks forward to working with Acting President Udpa.

5. Request to Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Kelly, supported by Trustee Mosallam, **THE BOARD VOTED to adjourn** at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nakia Barr
Secretary of the Board of Trustees