



## MINUTES

**Trustees Present:** Patty Bedient (*vice chair*), Rani Borkar, Julia Brim-Edwards, Darry Callahan, Susan Clark, Michele Longo Eder, Román Hernández, Becky Johnson (*ex-officio*), Lamar Hurd, Julie Manning, Kirk Schueler (*chair*), Inara Scott

**University Staff Present:** Jackie Bangs, Steve Clark, Becca Gose, Jen Humphreys

### 1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum

Chair Schueler called the public session meeting to order and asked Board Secretary Jackie Bangs to call the roll. Bangs noted a quorum and Schueler conducted a land acknowledgment.

### 2. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

### 3. Discussion Item:

#### Announcement of the finalists

Schueler began by sharing that two finalist candidates to serve as Oregon State University's next president will visit the OSU Corvallis campus next Monday and Tuesday as part of the presidential search process.

Schueler named the two individuals as:

- Jayathi Y. Murthy, dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science at University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and
- Charles R. Martinez, Jr., dean of the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin.

Schueler said that after the meeting the presidential website will have information about the candidates including the schedule of community conversations and public forums to be held on Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24. Schueler said the public community conversations and forums will be held in-person, streamed live and recorded with a link for later viewing available on the presidential search website. Schueler said that the search website also will have a link for OSU community members and stakeholders to provide feedback on candidates.

### 4. Action Items

#### a. Reimbursing costs related to finalists travel to OSU in Corvallis

Schueler said that the expenses would include amounts allowable under OSU's travel policy and may include airfare, car rental, hotel and incidentals like airport parking. Costs may range between \$1,500 - \$2,500 per finalist.

Schueler asked whether there was any discussion or public commenters signed up for the action item. With no discussion or public comment, a motion to approve reimbursing the reasonable costs of finalists' travel to OSU in Corvallis was made, seconded and approved.

**b. Reimbursing finalist candidates for certain professional advisors' fees**

Schueler began by sharing that in response to pre-negotiation conversations with the finalist candidates, he asks that the board reconsider this action item, which was voted down at the May 5 meeting. He said that in the past presidential search and interim presidential appointment, those candidates were offered reimbursement for legal and financial advising fees. Schueler said that he would like to permit each of the finalists to be reimbursed a reasonable amount to engage legal and financial advisors throughout those discussions. Discussion about this action item then occurred amongst the trustees.

Following the discussion, Schueler asked whether there was any public commenters signed up for the action item. With no further discussion or public comment, a motion was made for the board to authorize the board chair to execute a letter of agreement with each finalist for the presidential position that, in the chair's discretion, reasonably reimburses each finalist up to \$5K for costs and expenses of any legal or financial advisors assisting the finalist in reviewing, drafting and negotiating any proposed employment agreement with Oregon State University. The motion was seconded and carried.

**5. Adjournment**

With no other business, Chair Schueler expressed excitement about the two candidates and the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jen Humphreys

Assistant Board Secretary