

## Election of Board Officers

### BACKGROUND

The Chair and Vice Chair serve as the officers of the Board. Board Officers serve two-year terms beginning on July 1 of even-numbered years. The [Board Officers Policy](#) sets out the process for electing the officers of the Board.

The terms of the current Board Officers are scheduled to end on June 30, 2022. At the October 8, 2021 Board meeting, Board Chair Borkar reminded trustees that when she accepted a second term as Chair, a large consideration was the importance in having continuity of leadership on the Board as the 2019 presidential transition occurred. Borkar noted that, with another presidential search underway, the current Board Officers would be ending their terms at the same time the next university president is expected to be arriving.

Given this timing, Borkar proposed a special election of the Chair and Vice Chair for a term that would better support the start of the next presidency. There was overall consensus of trustees in support of a special election at a future fall Board meeting.

### BOARD SECRETARY FINDINGS

Using the Board Officers Policy as guidance, on October 11, former Board Secretary Colbert solicited nominations from trustees for the Board Chair and Vice Chair positions. Eight trustees responded to the request, the large majority recommending Kirk Schueler as Board Chair and Patty Bedient as Vice Chair, or any combination of the two for those positions. Trustees Julie Manning and Preston Pulliams were also nominated by a trustee for the Vice Chair position.

Trustees Schueler and Bedient confirmed their willingness to serve as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Given obligations to other efforts for the Board and personal commitments, Trustees Manning and Pulliams expressed their gratitude for being nominated but declined.

The proposed term of the elected officers **includes the remainder of the current Chair and Vice Chair's terms effective from December 10, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and a new term starting July 1, 2022 lasting through June 30, 2023 2024.** ~~would be upon election by the Board to June 30, 2023.~~

### NEXT STEPS

The Board will consider the nominations put forth for election as Board Chair and Vice Chair.