



## MINUTES

**Committee Members Present:** Rani Borkar (*chair*), Darry Callahan (*vice chair*), Ed Ray (*ex officio*), and Kirk Schueler

**Other Trustees Present:** Mike Bailey, Mark Baldwin, Julia Brim-Edwards, Michele Longo Eder

**University Staff Present:** Jennifer Almquist, Debbie Colbert, Becca Gose, and Marcia Stuart

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

Committee Chair Rani Borkar called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. She announced that earlier in the week she appointed Patty Bedient to the committee. She then asked the assistant board secretary to call the roll and noted a quorum.

### 2. Consent Agenda

#### a. Minutes of the May 23, 2017 Executive & Audit Committee Meeting

Borkar noted for trustees that a corrected version of the May 23, 2017 Executive & Audit Committee meeting minutes was located in TAB A. The corrected version fixes a typo noted by Trustee Mike Bailey. A motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected minutes. The motion carried.

### 3. Action Item

#### a. Recommendation of Potential Candidates for Vacant Trustee Position

Chair Borkar introduced the next item on the agenda, which was to recommend potential candidates to the Governor for the vacant position on the Board. She reminded trustees that the Board has a policy that guides the process for making recommendations to the Governor. The policy seeks a balance and diversity of perspectives, backgrounds, experience, and skills among the Board members. Borkar noted that, as part of that process, in May, the committee walked through a needs assessment with Board Secretary Debbie Colbert. The assessment looked at the current skills, background, and diversity of the Board. Based on that assessment, the committee asked President Ray to identify potential candidates that would bring gender, racial and ethnic diversity, and a broad range of skills. Borkar reported that the committee also discussed adding representation from the fields of health and medicine and the arts. Borkar then asked President Ray to provide an overview of his recommendations contained in TAB B.

Ray said that he was pleased to report that each of the three candidates expressed their honor and appreciation at being considered for the vacant Board position. First, Ray presented Charlene Addy McGee, reminding the committee that she had been recommended as a potential candidate in 2015. Ray praised her remarkable record, which includes being recognized in 2017 with the OSU Alumni Association Young Alumni Award. McGee currently works as the deputy refugee health coordinator for Multnomah County, and she has also done extensive community health work in Liberia. Next, Ray presented Julie Manning, vice president of marketing, public relations, and development with Samaritan Health Services in Corvallis. Manning is the immediate past mayor of the City of Corvallis and, during her time in office, she was integral in fostering relationships between Oregon State University and the City of Corvallis. Ray referenced public comments made before the Board calling for greater representation of the Corvallis community. Lastly, Ray presented Lorenzo Poe, who recently retired as the chief equity and diversity officer and director of partnership development for Portland Public Schools. Ray noted his distinguished career working with a number of community organizations and his knowledge of the public education system in the Portland metro area. In conclusion, Ray said that he thinks the Governor would be pleased and impressed by these candidates.

During the discussion that followed, Trustee Kirk Schueler asked whether McGee currently resided in Oregon. Colbert confirmed that McGee returned in 2015 from Liberia and is currently working in Multnomah County. Trustee Julia Brim-Edwards shared that she has known Poe for nearly 20 years and has worked with him as co-chair of the Portland Public School Board of Education. She said that Poe has strong relationships with communities of color in the Portland area. Borkar thanked Ray for identifying strong potential candidates and said she would look forward to working with any of them. She said the committee's role was to identify candidates who satisfied the needs assessment and, according to the Board's policy, the next step would be to submit names to the Governor for her consideration.

Following the discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the President's recommendations for potential candidates for submission to the Governor. The motion passed.

#### **4. Adjournment**

With no further business proposed, Chair Borkar adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Almquist  
Assistant Board Secretary