Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, April 20, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Trustees Present:
Mr. Warner Session, J.D., chair
Dr. Carolyn Rudd, Ed.D., vice-chair
Mr. Lamont Akins, secretary
Dr. Esther Barazzone, Ph.D., trustee
Mr. Albert Cacozza
Mr. David Croom, trustee
Mr. Michael Dannenberg, trustee
Ms. Amy Laitenen, trustee
Dr. Bisi Oyedele, trustee
Mr. Bernard Grayson, alumni representative
Dr. Tracey Jackson, Ph.D., J.D, alumni representative
Mr. Josh Lopez, alumni representative
Mr. Kiran Terrelonge, student trustee
Dr. Maurice Edington, Ph.D., President, *ex-officio*

Trustees Absent:
Mr. Ken Grossinger, MSW, treasurer

Executive Cabinet Present
Dr. Ruthie Little-Berry, Ph.D., chief student development and success officer
Dr. April Massey, Ph.D., chief academic officer
Ms. Frenika Rivers, chief of staff and director of board operations
Ms. Avis Russell, J.D., general counsel

Staff Participants
Ms. Janet Joiner, board secretary

Call to Order and Roll Call
Chair Session called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and welcomed trustees, senior staff, and guests. Ms. Joiner conducted roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

Chairman's Remarks
Chair Session made a motion to add the governance matter considered the committee the whole to the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved with a roll call vote.

- **Motion: Mr. Cacozza**
- **Second: Dr Rudd**

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes from March 10, 2026. Dr. Oyedele made a correction regarding his attendance; the correction was noted and will be made to the minutes.

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Chair Session asked for motion to adopt the minutes as amended. It was seconded and the motion carried.

Trustee	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Warner Session (Chair)	x	☐	☐
Carolyn Rudd (Vice-Chair)	x	x	☐
Ken Grossinger (Treasurer)	☐	☐	☐
Lamont Akins (Secretary)	x	☐	☐
Esther Barazzone	x	☐	☐
David Croom	x	☐	☐
Michael Dannenberg	x	☐	☐
Bisi Oyedele	x	☐	☐
Bernard Grayson	x	☐	☐
Tracey Jackson	x	☐	☐
Josh Lopez	x	☐	☐
Kiran Terrelonge	x	☐	☐
Albert Cacozza	x	☐	☐
Amy Laitinen	x	☐	☐

- **Motion: Mr. Croom**
- **Second: Mr. Cacozza**

Action Items

Election of Officers

A motion by Dr. Rudd was made for the nomination of Warner Session as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the University of the District of Columbia for the period of May 15, 2026, through May 14, 2027. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jackson. The motion carried.

Trustee	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Warner Session (Chair)	x	☐	☐
Carolyn Rudd (Vice-Chair)	x	x	☐
Ken Grossinger (Treasurer)	☐	☐	☐

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Lamont Akins (Secretary)	x	☐	☐
Esther Barazzone	x	☐	☐
David Croom	x	☐	☐
Michael Dannenberg	x	☐	☐
Bisi Oyedele	x	☐	☐
Bernard Grayson	x	☐	☐
Tracey Jackson	x	☐	☐
Josh Lopez	x	☐	☐
Kiran Terrelonge	x	☐	☐
Albert Cacozza	x	☐	☐
Amy Laitinen	x	☐	☐

- **Motion: Dr. Rudd**
- **Second: Dr. Jackson**

Chair Session nominated the Vice Chair and Treasurer. A call was made for other nominations. Chair Session introduced a motion for the nominations of Vice Chair and Treasurer together. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Trustee	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Warner Session (Chair)	x	☐	☐
Carolyn Rudd (Vice-Chair)	x	x	☐
Ken Grossinger (Treasurer)	☐	☐	☐
Lamont Akins (Secretary)	x	☐	☐
Esther Barazzone	x	☐	☐
David Croom	x	☐	☐
Michael Dannenberg	x	☐	☐
Bisi Oyedele	x	☐	☐
Bernard Grayson	x	☐	☐
Tracey Jackson	x	☐	☐
Josh Lopez	x	☐	☐
Kiran Terrelonge	x	☐	☐
Albert Cacozza	x	☐	☐

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Trustee	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Amy Laitinen	x	☐	☐

- **Motion: Chair Session**
- **Second: Dr. Jackson**

Dr. Tracey Jackson made a motion to nominate herself as secretary. There was discussion about the role of Secretary and the process of the election of officers. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

Trustee	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Warner Session (Chair)	x	☐	☐
Carolyn Rudd (Vice-Chair)	☐	x	☐
Ken Grossinger (Treasurer)	☐	☐	☐
Lamont Akins (Secretary)	☐	x	☐
Esther Barazzone	☐	x	☐
David Croom	x	☐	☐
Michael Dannenberg	x	☐	☐
Bisi Oyedele	☐	☐	x
Bernard Grayson	☐	☐	x
Tracey Jackson	x	☐	☐
Josh Lopez	☐	x	☐
Kiran Terrelonge	x	☐	☐
Albert Cacozza	x	☐	☐
Amy Laitinen	☐	☐	x

- **Motion: Dr. Jackson**

Chair Session made a motion to authorize the General Counsel to resolve the agenda's governance matter. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Trustee	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Warner Session (Chair)	x	☐	☐
Carolyn Rudd (Vice-Chair)	x	x	☐
Ken Grossinger (Treasurer)	☐	☐	☐
Lamont Akins (Secretary)	x	☐	☐
Esther Barazzone	x	☐	☐

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Bisi Oyedele	x	☐	☐
Bernard Grayson	x	☐	☐
Tracey Jackson	x	☐	☐
Josh Lopez	x	☐	☐
Kiran Terrelonge	x	☐	☐
Albert Cacozza	x	☐	☐
Amy Laitinen	x	☐	☐

- **Motion: Mr. Cacozza**
- **Second: Dr. Jackson**

Chair Session made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Trustee	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Warner Session (Chair)	x	☐	☐
Carolyn Rudd (Vice-Chair)	x	x	☐
Ken Grossinger (Treasurer)	☐	☐	☐
Lamont Akins (Secretary)	x	☐	☐
Esther Barazzone	x	☐	☐
David Croom	x	☐	☐
Michael Dannenberg	x	☐	☐
Bisi Oyedele	x	☐	☐
Bernard Grayson	x	☐	☐
Tracey Jackson	x	☐	☐
Josh Lopez	x	☐	☐
Kiran Terrelonge	x	☐	☐
Albert Cacozza	x	☐	☐
Amy Laitinen	x	☐	☐

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Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Session expressed appreciation to Trustee Terrelonge for his service as a Student Trustee and his participation in the AGB Conference. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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