



Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, May 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Trustees Present:

Mr. Warner Session, J.D., chair
Dr. Carolyn Rudd, Ed.D., vice-chair
Mr. Ken Grossinger, MSW, treasurer
Mr. Lamont Akins, secretary
Dr. Esther Barazzone, Ph.D., trustee
Mr. Albert Cacoza, trustee
Mr. David Croom, trustee
Mr. Michael Dannenberg, trustee
Mr. Bernard Grayson, alumni representative
Dr. Tracey Jackson, Ph.D., J.D, alumni representative
Ms. Amy Laitinen, trustee
Dr. Bisi Oyedele, trustee
Dr. Maurice Edington, Ph.D., President, *ex-officio*

Trustees Absent:

Mr. Kiran Terrelonge, student trustee
Mr. Josh Lopez, alumni representative

Executive Cabinet Present

Mr. David Franklin, chief operating officer
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
Dr. Richard Lucas, Ph.D. Chief Advancement Officer

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Session called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Ms. Rivers conducted roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

Roll call:

Trustee	Present	Absent
Mr. Warner Session (Chair)	x	☐
Dr. Carolyn Rudd (Vice-Chair)	x	☐
Mr. Ken Grossinger (Treasurer)	x	☐
Mr. Lamont Akins (Secretary)	x	☐
Dr. Esther Barazzone	x	☐
Mr. David Croom	x	☐



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Dr. Michael Dannenberg	x	☐
Dr. Bisi Oyedele	x	☐
Mr. Bernard Grayson	x	☐
Dr. Tracey Jackson	x	☐
Mr. Josh Lopez	☐	x
Mr. Kiran Terrelonge	☐	x
Mr. Albert Cacoza	x	☐
Ms. Amy Laitinen	x	☐
Dr. Maurice Edington (<i>ex-officio</i>)	x	

Chair Session noted that at the Full Meeting of the Board on May 6, 2026, the Board entered executive session and did not return to open session. He stated that no actions were taken during executive session.

Chair Session informed the Board that the purpose of the special meeting was to consider a resolution concerning an internal governance matter that had been brought to the attention of the Board. He stated that the Board has a responsibility under District law to provide oversight regarding matters affecting the governance and integrity of the University and that a complaint had been presented warranting further review and consideration.

A motion was made that the Board authorize the General Counsel to engage external counsel to conduct an investigation of the internal governance matter. The motion was seconded and carried by roll call vote.

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



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

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

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was moved and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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

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