

Minutes  
OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS  
March 14, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The public board meeting was called to order by Chair Donna M. Alvarado.

The roll was called by Regent James M. Tuschman. Those present were:

Donna M. Alvarado	Walter A. Reiling, Jr.
Bruce R. Beeghly	Jerome F. Tatar
Anthony D. Houston	James M. Tuschman
James F. Patterson	

Regent Tuschman stated "the record reflects that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code § 3333-1-14, adopted in accordance with §121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code."

Consideration of matters related to the agenda (items may be amended, added to or deleted from the agenda at the discretion of the board.)

Regent Tuschman stated at 10:10 AM that the board would adjourn and go into executive session. The roll was called by Regent James M. Tuschman to adjourn and go into executive session.

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A motion was made by Regent Houston after roll call was read to adjourn and go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Regent Reiling and passed unanimously.

The board ended executive session at 10:50 AM and began the public board meeting.

Regent Tuschman presented and read Resolution 3.1 - Resolution recognizing the service of Dr. E. Garrison Walters as Interim Chancellor

WHEREAS, Dr. E. Garrison Walters, Ph.D., has served the Ohio Board of Regents with vision, sensitivity, and distinction as Interim Chancellor for the past ten months, as well continuing to serve as Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Economic Advancement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters has displayed a calm demeanor, employed creativity and demonstrated exceptional skill in leading a professional staff and

engaging policymakers during a period fraught with great challenges and dramatic change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters has been an unceasing advocate of a long-term compact between the business, policymakers and higher education to improve the ability of colleges and universities to effectively raise degree attainment levels and promote a skilled workforce.

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters has long been a tireless champion of the concept that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge and innovation-based economy, higher education fuels the economy and increases all Ohioans' prospects for prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters has led the creation and development of numerous innovative major initiatives, such as the Third Frontier Network – the nation's leading fiber-optic research and education communications network; OhioLink – a nationally recognized electronic consortium of college, university, and state libraries; the Ohio Learning Network – Ohio's premiere e-learning organization; the Ohio Plan – the forerunner of the state's progressive research and technology commercialization project; the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science – a unique virtual program to provide student and industry with much-demanded skills; and Speed2Scale – a creative strategy to stabilize a struggling state university; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walters's significant contributions on behalf of Ohio's college students, the Board of Regents and the entire higher education community cannot truly be measured by his leadership on the many groundbreaking initiatives of the past without acknowledging the tremendous accomplishments that are yet to come;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Ohio Board of Regents hereby commends Interim Chancellor Dr. E. Garrison Walters, Ph.D., for extraordinary service to this board, higher education and the state of Ohio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; The Ohio Board of Regents hereby acknowledges the dedication and leadership demonstrated by Dr. Walters and thank him warmly for his outstanding service.

A motion was made by Regent Tuschman to approve Resolution 3.1. The motion was seconded by Regent Reiling and passed unanimously.

Regent Tuschman presented and read Resolution 3.2 - Resolution appointing Eric D. Fingerhut as Chancellor:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents requires the services of a Chancellor who has a deep passion for and understanding of higher education; the ability to reach out to political leaders to incorporate their concerns into

higher education strategy and policy; demonstrated success in obtaining broad business participation in and support of policy development; understands local and regional idiosyncrasies and the ability to build local bases of community support; will be visible and effective in the national context of higher education policy; and a demonstrated proficiency in recruiting and retaining top talent, in prioritizing the many assignments given to and arising from all levels of the staff, and in organizing, leading, and motivating staff to achieve clearly determined goals; and

WHEREAS, Eric D. Fingerhut has served the State of Ohio with distinction as a member of the Ohio Senate from 1999 through 2006, serving on committees related to health, aging, environment, insurance, tax policy, economic development and education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fingerhut served as a United States Congressman, serving on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, the Foreign Affairs Committee, and the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fingerhut has demonstrated his commitment to championing higher education in the Ohio Senate and serving as a business professor and director of Economic Development Education and Entrepreneurship at Baldwin-Wallace College and as an adjunct faculty member in the Case Western Reserve University Department of Political Science, School of Law, and Weatherhead School of Management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents believes that Mr. Fingerhut's traits of keen intellect, tireless energy, deep passion for higher education and innate ability to build strong relationships will serve Ohio higher education well in its attempts to compete in today's knowledge and innovation-based economy;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Ohio Board of Regents hereby appoints Eric D. Fingerhut as Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, effective March 14, 2007.

A motion was made by Regent Tuschman to approve Resolution 3.2. The motion was seconded by Regent Beeghly and passed unanimously.

Chancellor Eric Fingerhut announced that Garrison Walters was appointed as Executive Vice Chancellor.

The next meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at the Ohio Board of Regents, Columbus, Ohio @ 1:30 p.m.