Approved October 3, 2025

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Friday, August 1, 2025
Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Special Meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Friday, August 1, 2025 by Zoom conferencing. Chair Kurt A. Hofman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. In addition to Chair Hofman, the following individuals were present: Trustees Matthew M. Evans, Michael B. Fisher, Michael D. Ryan, Ronald E. Snead, Vivian TerMaat and LaShanda R. Thomas; University President Bill Pink; Provost and Vice President Bobby Fleischman; Vice President and General Counsel Miles Postema; Vice Presidents Dan Eichinger, Amanda Matheson, Kathy Mullins, David Pilgrim and Jeanine Ward-Roof; Board Counsel Mark Nettleton; Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman; and members of the University community. Trustee George K. Heartwell was absent with prior notification.

2. Hearing of the Public

No requests had been received to address the Board.

3a. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Trustee Snead, supported by Trustee Fisher, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

"RESOLVED, that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the items contained in the Consent Calendar as presented in the appended documentation:

a. Consent Calendar
   1. Personnel Item"

3b. Empowering Northern Michigan: Behavioral Health Education in Diverse Rural Communities (ENM-HRSA) Project Grant

It was moved by Trustee Ryan, supported by Trustee Fisher, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, Ferris State University was notified on June 25, 2025, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) that it was awarded funding in the amount of $600,000 for Year 1 of the 4-year project "Empowering Northern Michigan: Behavioral Health Education in Diverse Rural Communities" (ENM-HRSA Project); and,

WHEREAS, the total projected 5-year award is up to $2,395,067 (through 6/30/2029) and does not require any University matching funds; and,

WHEREAS, the project is funded by the HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program (BHWET, CFDA 93.732) under award #1M01HP54858-01-00; and,

WHEREAS, under the direction of Dr. Michael Berghoef, the ENM-HRSA Project will enable the Ferris State University's Master of Social Work (MSW) program to further embed academic and professional training into a community responsive framework for underserved, high needs, and high demand mental health service areas in northern Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, Board approval is required to accept the U.S. HRSA BHWET (ENM-HRSA Project) grant award, pursuant to Board-approved Contracting policy, Section 4-102, Contracting Authority of the Board, as it relates to grant awards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ENM-HRSA Program Grant Award in the amount of up to $2,395,067 for FY26-FY29 and authorizes President Bill Pink, or his designee, to administer the grant award, in accordance with the provisions of the grant and any applicable Board policies, as presented on this day."

3c. <u>State of Michigan Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Grant Program (ADN to BSN)</u>

It was moved by Trustee TerMaat, supported by Trustee Snead, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, Ferris State University was notified by West Shore Community College (WSCC) of their intention to enter into a subrecipient agreement with funding provided by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement and Potential (MILEAP) in the amount of up to $1,429,859 over 5 years for the "WSCC-FSU Associates Degree in Nursing to Bachelors Degree in Nursing" (ADN-BSN project); and,

WHEREAS, the total projected sub-recipient award is up to $1,429,859 (through 12/01/2028) and does not require any University matching funds; and, *WHEREAS, the primary project award to WSCC is funded by the U.S. Department of Treasury (CFDA 12.027); and,*

WHEREAS, under the direction of Dr. Teresa Raglin, the ADN-BSN Program will enable Ferris State University's nursing faculty to partner with WSCC as the required four-year- BSN granting institution, allowing individuals in this state who have attained an associate degree in nursing to complete a Bachelor of Science of degree in nursing; and,

WHEREAS, WSCC and FSU have partnered closely for years and will utilize all existing programs, including the existing WSCC-FSU articulation agreement, the Ferris State Connection Program and the Michigan Transfer Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Board approval is required to accept the WSCC-FSU ADN-BSN Project Sub-Recipient grant award, pursuant to Board-approved Contracting policy, Section 4-102, Contracting Authority of the Board, as it relates to grant awards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the WSCC-FSU ADN-BSN Program Sub-Recipient Grant Award in the amount of up to $1,429,859 for FY26-FY29 and authorizes President Bill Pink, or his designee, to administer the grant award, in accordance with the provisions of the grant and any applicable Board policies, as presented on this day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes President Pink, or his designee, to execute the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between West Shore Community College and Ferris State University, to formalize this action."

3d. Special Liquor Licenses for Ferris State University

It was moved by Trustee Fisher, supported by Trustee Snead, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998 (the "Act"), under MCL 436.1215 and Mich. Admin. Code R. 436.574, authorizes the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (the "Commission") to issue up to twelve (12) Special Liquor Licenses in a calendar year to the Board of Trustees for the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor on the premises of Ferris State University, which is governed by the Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, the University has had preliminary discussions and taken preliminary steps with the Commission for twelve (12) special liquor licenses in a calendar year for use on the premises of Ferris State University for various athletic events, fundraisers, ceremonies and other University sponsored events; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has indicated that the Board of Trustees must authorize the applications to the Commission for the issuance of a special liquor license, all permits, and required documentation to stay in compliance, once issued, under Mich. Admin. Code R. 436.576, and must designate who has the authority to act for the Board of Trustees with the Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves and directs (1) the applications to the Commission for the issuance of twelve (12) Special Liquor Licenses in a calendar year, with all desired permits, for Ferris State University for various athletic events, fundraisers, ceremonies, and other University sponsored events; and (2) the President, or his designee, and the Vice President of Administration and Finance to submit all necessary applications, permits, and required documentation to stay in compliance, once issued, to the Commission, and to take all other actions necessary for the Commission to issue the on-premises special liquor licenses and permits for Ferris State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following legal review and approval of the applicable documents, President Dr. Bill Pink and Vice President for Administration and Finance Amanda Matheson are each, without the action or signature of the other, authorized and directed to (1) make, execute and file the applications on behalf of the Board of Trustees; and (2) produce, make, execute and file any other documentation, instruments, agreements and determinations that the Commission may request or require, for the issuance and continued compliance of the on-premises special liquor licenses and permits for Ferris State University."

3e. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement, Ferris Non-Tenure Faculty Organization

It was moved by Trustee Fisher, supported by Trustee Thomas, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves and ratifies the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

"RESOLVED, that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves and ratifies the collective bargaining agreement tentatively agreed to on July 10, 2025 between the Ferris State University Board of Trustees and the Ferris Non-Tenure Faculty Organization (FNTFO) affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers Michigan, AFL-CIO. This agreement is in effect from the date of ratification by both parties until 11:59 p.m., June 30, 2030."

4. Adjournment

With no further business, at 11:39 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Karen K. Huisman, RP
Secretary to the Board of Trustees