



**Minutes  
Montana Board of Regents  
January 6, 2022**

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

Meeting convened at 9:38 am

Regents Present: Casey Lozar, Chair; Bob Nystuen; Brianne Rogers; Joyce Dombrowski, Todd Buchanan, and Amy Sexton. Ex officio members include Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian, Governor Greg Gianforte, represented by Dylan Klapmeier, and Office of Public Instruction Superintendent Elsie Arntzen. Regent Loren Bough was excused.

Welcome and Comments by Chair Lozar | *00:01:07*

Chair Lozar expressed gratitude to everyone across the MUS for making 2021 a successful and productive year. He gave an overview of the short agenda.

Approval of Minutes | *00:05:12*

- November 18-19, 2021, Meeting Minutes

A motion for approval of the November 18-19, 2021, Board meeting minutes was made by Regent Sexton; motion passed (6-0).

Commissioner's Report | *00:05:58*

Commissioner Christian began his remarks by expressing gratitude to the Board for their time and commitment. He congratulated Chair Lozar, who serves as both Vice President at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and Director of the Center for Indian Country Development, on his recent acceptance of the Janet L. Yellen Award for Excellence in Community Development. The Janet L. Yellen Award is nationally recognized and is given to an individual who has demonstrated superior leadership, achievement, and contributions in conducting the Federal Reserve's community development work.

Commissioner Christian recognized the contributions of Regent Nystuen over the last seven years as this was his last meeting with the Board.

Remarks by Superintendent Arntzen | *00:10:00*

Superintendent Arntzen was not available at this time, so this agenda item was moved towards the end of the meeting.

**CONSENT** | *00:10:15*

**Emeriti Faculty:**



- a. McMahon, MSU-Bozeman; ITEM 198-2002-R0122
- b. Donnelly, MT Tech; ITEM 198-1501-R0122
- c. Gonshak, MT Tech; ITEM 198-1502-R0122

**Facility Items:**

- d. Request for Authorization to Install Campus Exterior Lighting; UM-Missoula ITEM 198-1003-R0122 | Attachment #1
- e. Request for Authorization for Additional Authorization for Memorial Walk and Lot P; UM-Missoula ITEM 198-1005-R0122 | Attachment #1
- f. Request for Authorization to Plan and Design a Master Plan for Repair and Expansion Projects at the Museum of the Rockies; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 198-2004-R0122 | Attachment #1

**Other:**

- g. Request for Approval to Revise Board of Regents Policy 910.1 – Budgeting; Community Colleges; OCHE/MUS ITEM 198-101-R0122 | Attachment #1
- h. Request to Repeal Board of Regents Policy 702.2 – Appointment; Commissioner’s Staff; OCHE/MUS ITEM 198-102-R0122 | Attachment #1
- i. Request for Approval to Revise Board of Regents Policy 205.4 – Campus Entertainment; OCHE/MUS ITEM 198-104-R0122 | Attachment #1

A motion for approval of consent items a. – i. was made by Regent Rogers; motion passed (6-0).

**ACTION | 00:11:38**

- a. Request for Authorization to Increase Spending Authority for Montana Museum of Art and Culture (MMAC); UM-Missoula ITEM 198-1004-R0122 | Attachment #1

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented the request for an additional increase from 10 million to 14.3 million. He explained the increase was related to the current market and inflationary cost increases and was a privately funded project with an endowment for operating and maintenance moving forward.

A motion for approval of action item a. was made by Regent Dombrowski; motion passed (6-0).

- b. Request for Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals that Requires an Exception to the 20-Year Lease Term Provision Found in BOR Policy 1003.6; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 198-2003-R0122

Deputy Commissioner Trevor summarized this request for the exception for the proposed motel on university property.



A motion for approval of action item b. was made by Regent Sexton; motion passed (6-0).

- c. Request for Approval to Revise Board of Regents Policy 901.9 Campus-Affiliated Foundations; OCHE/MUS ITEM 198-103-R0122 | Attachment #1

Executive Director Thigpen described this request for a policy revision which was previously discussed during the November BOR meeting and highlighted the changes that resulted from that meeting.

A motion for approval of action item c. was made by Regent Buchanan; motion passed (6-0).

### INFORMATION | 00:22:21

- a. Facilities Update

Commissioner Christian discussed plans to change the president's residence given ADA compliance and other safety issues for the residence, which resides in a residential and historical district. As a state-owned building, there are higher public access standards than required for the average residence, therefore the cost of repairs has been found to be prohibitive. The Commissioner explained a solution would be to provide a stipend rather a physical residence and the UM president could use the Prescott House for entertaining when necessary.

#### Remarks by Superintendent Arntzen | 00:28:58

Superintendent Arntzen spoke to a healthy new year and mentioned that the different Covid-19 variants are resulting in a teacher shortage for many reasons, including care of family members. She talked about the importance of career technical education, and the HiSET. She expressed that mental health should be an important focus at this time. She also talked about the Purple Star schools and champions.

Chair Lozar explained the process related to appeals. | 00:37:04

- Appeal #1

The request to hear the appeal is denied and the Commissioner's decision is upheld.

- Appeal #2

The request to hear the appeal is denied and the Commissioner's decision is upheld.

Public Comment | 00:39:20

Martha Sheehy spoke to thank Regent Nystuen for his service to the Board of Regents.

Executive Session



## MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Chair Lozar closed the public meeting at 10:22 am for an executive session. He determined that the matters of discussion relate to matters of individual privacy and that the demands of individual privacy outweigh the merits of public disclosure.

Chair Lozar convened the executive session at 10:30 am.

- Honorary Doctorate Nomination #1 – UM
- Honorary Doctorate Nomination #2 – UM
  
- Honorary Doctorate Nomination #1 - MSU
- Honorary Doctorate Nomination #2 - MSU

Meeting Adjourned at 10:52 am.

Approved by the Board of Regents on

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Date

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Clayton T. Christian  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

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Date

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Casey Lozar  
Chair, Board of Regents