

A stated meeting of the Purdue University Board of Trustees convened on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 10:20 a.m. in Room 326 of Stewart Center on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Trustees present: Gary Lehman, chairman; Sonny Beck; JoAnn Brouillette; Theresa Carter; Vanessa Castagna; Malcolm DeKryger; Michael Klipsch, vice chairman; Reagan Koester; David Ricks (virtually); and Shawn Taylor.

Officers and administrators in attendance were: Mung Chiang, president; Patrick Wolfe, provost; Chris Ruhl, chief financial officer and treasurer; Eva Nodine, vice president, deputy cfo, assistant treasurer, and assistant secretary; Steve Schultz, general counsel; and Cindy Ream, corporate secretary and senior executive assistant to the Board.

I. ROLL CALL

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order and stated that all trustees were present, noting that Trustee Ricks was participating virtually.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes for Executive Sessions convened on August 7, 2025, October 9, 2025 and December 11, 2025.

III. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee and Finance Committee convened a public meeting immediately prior to this Stated Meeting. Chairman Lehman read the list of items on which the Committees voted to recommend full Board approval, which includes the unanimous consent agenda along with other routine items, as follows:

- (WL) Ratification of:
 - a. Julian S. Schwinger Professor of Physics and Astronomy
 - b. Edwin F. Peters, Class of 1942, Professor of Chemistry
 - c. Scifres Family Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- (WL) Ratification of Justin S. Morrill Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
- (WL) Approval of New Degree, M.S./M.S.E. Sustainability Engineering
- Approval of Investment Policy Statement
- (SW) Approval of Conflict-of-Interest Disclosures
- (SW) Approval of Exceptions to Nepotism Policy

Chairman Lehman asked if any of the Board members wished to have an item removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Hearing no such request, and upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the unanimous consent agenda. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sponsored Research Awards Recognition

President Chiang recognized individually those who received Sponsored Research Awards from September 2025 through January 2026. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

Resolution of Appreciation for Friends of Purdue University

President Chiang submitted the Resolution of Appreciation for the Board's approval.

President Chiang profiled the gifts of \$1,000,000.00 or more which the university had received since the Board's stated Meeting on April 4, 2025. The donors of these gifts were recognized in the following Resolution of Appreciation:

WHEREAS, the following friends of Purdue University have generously contributed \$1,000,000 or more to move Purdue to greater excellence and preeminence; and

WHEREAS, the University wishes to acknowledge the significance of these gifts to new directions, advancements, and momentum in Purdue's history, progress, and future;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

- 1. That the University and the Trustees are grateful to these individuals for their leadership and support of Purdue University; and*
- 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees as part of the permanent record of the University.*

FRIENDS: Brian & Selita Reichart, to support Mitch Daniels School of Business; AGE Fisher Foundation, to support the College of Engineering; Patrick & Darcy Eib, to support Student Life; Michael & Carolyn Ott, to support Intercollegiate Athletics; and Paula Conroy, to support Mitch Daniels School of Business.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the resolution. Supporting materials and a formal copy of the resolution were filed with the minutes.

President Chiang respectfully requested approval for two space namings. First, he presented a proposal to name Rooms 213A, 213B, 213C, and 213D the Hayes Family Equipment Hub and the Hayes Leadership Coaching Institute as part of the Daniels School's Center for Working Well. He then requested approval to name Room 190 in the Mitch Daniels School of Business the Reichart Family Auditorium.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve these namings. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

President Chiang presented a proposal for consideration by the Board for approval of Winter Recess consistent with years past.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the proposed Winter Recess.

President Chiang provided an update on Purdue Computes, one of the University's four strategic pillars, highlighting achievements in computing, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and quantum science. He noted that Purdue's undergraduate and graduate programs in computer and electrical engineering continue to rank among the nation's top 10, alongside top-ranked programs in cybersecurity and software engineering. He also highlighted the implementation of Purdue's new AI competency graduation requirement, growth in AI-related research funding, and the University's expanding partnerships with industry leaders. Recent collaborations, including the Purdue-Google AI Summit and investments in advanced computing infrastructure such as the Gautschi AI supercomputer, further demonstrate Purdue's leadership in research, workforce development, and innovation across the computing landscape.

President Chiang also emphasized Purdue's leadership across the full AI technology stack and its growing semiconductor and quantum ecosystems. He described partnerships with companies including Lilly, Google, Amazon, SK hynix, and BWXT, which support advancements in AI applications, semiconductor manufacturing, computing technologies, and energy solutions. In semiconductors, he highlighted Purdue's expanding industry partnerships, workforce development programs, and global collaborations that continue to strengthen Greater Lafayette as a center for semiconductor innovation. In quantum science, he recognized significant research breakthroughs, the strength of Purdue's quantum institutes and federally funded centers, and national recognition earned by faculty members, including Professor Michael Manfra. President Chiang concluded by expressing gratitude to Purdue's faculty, staff, and students whose accomplishments continue to advance Purdue Computes and reinforce the University's position as a global leader in these critical fields.

President Chiang announced Purdue's participation in the America 250 celebration, a year-long commemoration through the end of 2026 that will honor the nation's 250th anniversary and highlight the contributions of Boilermakers to America's past, present, and future. Led in part by Provost Wolfe, the initiative will feature campus-wide events, including performances, athletics, lectures, and programs focused on democracy, innovation, and scientific achievement. President Chiang encouraged the Purdue community to participate and noted that information about upcoming events is available through the University's America 250 website.

V. UNIVERSITY STAFF

Provost Wolfe respectfully requested approval to name Dr. David Simchi-Levi as Distinguished Professor in the Mitch Daniels School of Business. Dr. Simchi-Levi comes to Purdue as part of the Movable Dream Hires program. He leads the Center on Data Science for Decision Making and is a thought leader in supply chain management and business analytics. He has published over 200 papers in top academic journals and five books. In addition to his research accomplishments, Dr. Simchi-Levi has made significant contributions as a mentor, educator, and professional leader. His former students now serve in prominent academic positions across

the country, and he has held editorial roles with leading journals while remaining deeply engaged in professional societies.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of trustees voted unanimously to approve Dr. Simchi-Levi's appointment as Distinguished Professor in the Mitch Daniels School of Business. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

Dr. Simchi-Levi expressed gratitude and appreciation for the recognition, thanking Purdue's leadership for their support in making his appointment possible. He also thanked his wife, Dr. Michelle Wu, who is joining Purdue alongside him. Dr. Simchi-Levi highlighted the shared vision of establishing a new interdisciplinary Center on Data Science for Decision Making that will connect the business and engineering schools. He noted the center will bring together industry partners, faculty, students, and postdoctoral researchers to address complex business and operational challenges through data, analytics, and modeling. He emphasized that this collaboration will foster research that is both intellectually innovative and practically impactful, creating meaningful benefits for industry and academia while advancing Purdue's leadership in data-driven decision-making.

Provost Wolfe then requested approval to name Dr. Julia Laskin as Distinguished Professor in Chemistry. Dr. Laskin is a global leader in analytical chemistry and mass spectrometry and is highly recognized for her groundbreaking methods and applications for high resolution imaging of complex materials such as biological tissues. She is currently the William F. and Patty J. Miller Professor of Analytical Chemistry. She has served as president of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry in her field.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Board of trustees voted unanimously to approve Dr. Laskin's appointment as the Distinguished Professor in Chemistry. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

Dr. Laskin expressed deep gratitude for the recognition and reflected on being hired into what she considers her "dream job" at Purdue. She credited the Department of Chemistry and the College of Science for creating a collegial, stimulating, and supportive environment that enables faculty to thrive as both researchers and educators. She also expressed pride in being part of Purdue's nationally recognized analytical chemistry program, which has maintained a top ranking for many years and continues to attract outstanding talent and opportunities for growth. She further acknowledged the support of her research group for their dedication and hard work, noting that their contributions are essential to her success. Dr. Laskin also offered heartfelt thanks to her husband, Alex Laskin, for his unwavering support through both professional achievements and personal challenges. She concluded by expressing her happiness to be at Purdue and her appreciation for the honor bestowed upon her.

VI. DESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS FOR ROSS-ADE FOUNDATION

Chairman Lehman shared that the terms for Malcolm DeKryger and Mike Klipsch as Directors for Ross-Ade Foundation have expired and he recommended for approval that Malcolm and Mike serve another one-year term.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Purdue University Board of Trustees

voted unanimously to approve Malcolm DeKryger and Mike Klipsch serve another year term as Directors for Ross-Ade Foundation.

VII. BYLAW AMENDMENT: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

General Counsel Steve Schultz requested approval of an amendment to Article IV of the Bylaws to authorize one or more Assistant Treasurers and to appoint Andrew Bean and Nicole Michienzi to those positions. It was noted that many large corporations, both for-profit and nonprofit, have recognized the need to distinguish between two core functions within the office of the chief financial officer: treasury and accounting/finance. Treasury focuses on overseeing and managing the corporation's financial assets, including liquidity risk and capital management, while the accounting/finance function is responsible for financial reporting, budgeting and forecasting, tax compliance, and internal controls. It was suggested that this would be an appropriate time to designate representatives from each of these core functions.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Purdue University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the Bylaws authorizing one or more Assistant Treasurers. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

Following Eva Nodine's transition to her new role as CEO of Purdue Global, the need to appoint a new Assistant Secretary was presented. Loretia Rothenberger was recommended for the position based on her current role within the trustees office, where she has provided valued support to the Board and its operations.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Purdue University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Loretia Rothenberger as Assistant Secretary.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.