

# TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

California State University  
Office of the Chancellor  
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

*Presiding: Wenda Fong, Chair*

12:45 p.m.\*      **Board of Trustees**      **Dumke Auditorium**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Consent**

*Action* 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of July 11, 2023 and July 12, 2023

*Action* 2. Approval of Committee Resolutions as follows:

## **Committee on Committees**

2. Amendments to Board of Trustees' Standing Committee Assignments for 2023-2024

## **Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds**

2. Update and Approval of the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan
3. California State University, Long Beach Hillside North Student Housing Schematic Design Approval
4. California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Off-Campus Center Student Services Building Schematic Design Approval

## **Committee on Educational Policy**

3. Academic Planning

## **Committee on University and Faculty Personnel**

2. Amendment of California State University Conflict of Interest Code
3. Executive Compensation Update: Presidential Housing – California State University, Chico
4. Executive Compensation: President - California State University, Los Angeles
5. Executive Compensation: Interim President – California State University, Bakersfield

\*The Board of Trustees is a public body, and members of the public have a right to attend and participate in its meetings. This schedule of meetings is established as a best approximation of how long each scheduled meeting will take to complete its business. Each meeting will be taken in sequence, except in unusual circumstances. Depending on the length of the discussions, which are not possible to predict with precision in advance, the scheduled meeting times indicated may vary widely. For two-day meetings, items scheduled for one day may be heard either the day before or the day after depending upon the time spent on each matter. The public is advised to take this uncertainty into account in planning to attend any meeting listed on this schedule.

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**Discussion**

*Action* 3. Approval of Committee Resolutions as follows:

**Committee on Finance**

- 4. Tuition Policy
- 5. Approval of the 2024-2025 Operating Budget Plan and Multi-Year Tuition Proposal

*Action* 4. Conferral Commendation – Sylvia A. Alva

*Action* 5. Conferral of the Title of Faculty Trustee Emeritus – Romey Sabalius

*Action* 6. Conferral of the Title of Chancellor Emerita – Jolene Koester

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Trustees of the California State University  
Office of the Chancellor  
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, California**

**July 11, 2023**

### **Trustees Present**

Wenda Fong, Chair  
Jack Clarke, Jr., Vice Chair  
Larry L. Adamson  
Diana Aguilar-Cruz  
Diego Arambula  
Raji Kaur Brar  
Douglas Faigin  
Jean Picker Firstenberg  
Mark Ghilarducci  
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie  
Lillian Kimbell  
Julia I. Lopez  
Jack McGrory  
Anna Ortiz-Morfit  
Yammilette Rodriguez  
Lateefah Simon  
Darlene Yee-Melichar  
Jolene Koester, Interim Chancellor

Chair Wenda Fong called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order.

### **Public Comment**

In an effort to provide accessibility and flexibility for the public, all public comment took place at the beginning of open session prior to all committees.

The board heard from the following individuals who provided public comment in person: Matthew Armas, SLO; Drew Scott; Matt Mason; Aaron Flores; Jessica Westbay; Don Moreno; John Cuilik; Andrea Skinner; Renee Martinez, CSUN; Cameron Rodriguez; Armenia Ward, CSULA; Cameron Macedonio; Stephen McFarland CSUDH; Michael Lee-Change, Sac. St.; Kevin Kilpatrick, CSUSM; Anabell Rangel, Sac. St.; Natalie Monzon; Charles Toombs; Lark Winner; Anne Luna,

Sac. St.; Keiry Saravia, CSUN; Luis Ortiz, CSULB; AngelMarie Taylor, CSUCI; Angelina Collins; Jennifer Chavez, CSULB; Andrew Gaddis, SDSU; Oscar Zamora, CSULA; J Jimenez, CSULB; Marcia Moran, CSULA; Emmily Barrera, CSULB

The board also heard from the following individuals who provided public comment virtually: Larry Gonzales, CSUB; Samantha Rhine, CSUN; Rebecca Araujo, CSULB; Claire Lopez, SLO; Mitul Kalra, CSUN, Jason Rabinowitz

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Fong's report is available online at the following link: <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/reports-of-the-chair/Pages/july-2023.aspx>

### **Report of the Academic Senate CSU**

CSU Academic Senate Chair Beth A. Steffel's report is available online at the following link: <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/academic-senate/Pages/ASCSU-Chairs-Report.aspx>

### **Report from the California State Student Association**

CSSA President Dominic Treseler's report is available online at the following link: <https://www.calstatestudents.org/public-documents/#president>

### **Report of the California State University Alumni Council**

Alumni Council President John Poli's report is available online at the following link: <https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/alumni/council/board-of-trustee-reports/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Chancellor's Report**

Interim Chancellor Jolene Koester's report is available online at the following link: <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/chancellor-reports/Pages/july-11-2023.aspx>

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Trustees of the California State University  
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**July 12, 2023**

**Trustees Present**

Wenda Fong, Chair  
Jack Clarke, Jr., Vice Chair  
Larry L. Adamson  
Diana Aguilar-Cruz  
Diego Arambula  
Raji Kaur Brar  
Douglas Faigin  
Jean Picker Firstenberg  
Mark Ghilarducci  
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie  
Lillian Kimbell  
Julia I. Lopez  
Jack McGrory  
Anna Ortiz-Morfit  
Yammilette Rodriguez  
Lateefah Simon  
Christopher Steinhauser  
Darlene Yee-Melichar  
Jolene Koester, Interim Chancellor  
Superintendent Tony Thurmond  
Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis

Chair Fong called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order.

## **Consent Agenda**

Prior to the approval of the consent agenda, Chair Fong noted that item 2, Executive Compensation, Chancellor Select – California State University from the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel, was requested to be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion. No further items were removed from the consent agenda.

Chair Fong called for a motion to approve all remaining consent agenda items. There was a motion and a second. The minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2023, and May 24, 2023, were unanimously approved as submitted.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the following resolutions:

### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

#### **Approval to Issue Debt for Affordable Housing at California State University, Northridge (RFIN 07-23-07)**

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, as bond counsel, prepared resolutions presented for this project as described in Agenda Item 2 of the Committee on Finance at the July 9-12, 2023, meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees that authorize interim and permanent financing for the projects described in the agenda item. The proposed resolutions were distributed at the meeting and will achieve the following:

1. Authorize the sale and issuance of the Trustees of the California State University Systemwide Revenue Bonds, and/or the sale and issuance of related Systemwide Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, and/or the issuance of related debt instruments, including shorter term debt, variable rate debt, floating rate loans placed directly with banks, or fixed rate loans placed directly with banks, in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$20,605,000 and certain actions relating thereto.
  2. Provide a delegation to the chancellor; the executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer; the assistant vice chancellor, Financial Services; and the assistant vice chancellor, Financing, Treasury, and Risk Management; and their designees to take any and all necessary actions to execute documents for the sale and issuance of the bond anticipation notes, the revenue bonds, and the related debt instruments.
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**Approval to Issue Debt in Support of the 2023-2024 Budget  
(RFIN 07-23-08)**

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, as bond counsel, prepared resolutions presented for the projects as described in Attachment A of Agenda Item 3 of the Committee on Finance at the July 9-12, 2023, meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees that authorize interim and permanent financing for the projects described in the agenda item. The proposed resolutions were distributed at the meeting and will achieve the following:

- a. Authorize the sale and issuance of the Trustees of the California State University Systemwide Revenue Bonds, and/or the sale and issuance of related Systemwide Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, and/or the issuance of related debt instruments, including shorter term debt, variable rate debt, floating rate loans placed directly with banks, or fixed rate loans placed directly with banks, in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,266,040,000 and certain actions relating thereto.
- b. Provide a delegation to the chancellor; the executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer; the assistant vice chancellor, Financial Services; and the assistant vice chancellor, Financing, Treasury, and Risk Management; and their designees to take any and all necessary actions to execute documents for the sale and issuance of the revenue bonds, bond anticipation notes, or related debt instruments.

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**COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS PLANNING, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

**California State University, Long Beach Peterson Hall 1 Replacement, Schematic Design Approval  
(RCPBG 07-23-04)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that:

1. The Tiered IS/MND to the 2008 Master Plan Update EIR was prepared to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the Peterson Hall 1 Replacement project and confirms the project will not result in new significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

2. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the requirements of Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which require that the Board of Trustees make findings prior to the approval of a project.
3. The Board of Trustees hereby approves the Tiered IS/MND to the 2008 Master Plan Update EIR and reaffirms prior adoption of the Findings of Fact and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared for that EIR, including all mitigation measures identified therein.
4. The mitigation measures contained within the 2008 Master Plan Update EIR Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that are applicable to the Peterson Hall 1 Replacement project are hereby incorporated by reference and shall be monitored and reported in accordance with the requirements of CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6).
5. The Board of Trustees hereby approves the Tiered IS/MND to the 2008 Master Plan Update EIR as complete and in compliance with CEQA.
6. Applicable mitigation measures shall be monitored and reported in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21081.6).
7. The California State University, Long Beach Peterson Hall 1 Replacement Building (Seismic) project will benefit the California State University.
8. The schematic plans for the California State University, Long Beach Peterson Hall 1 Replacement Building (Seismic) project are approved at a project cost of \$184,109,000 at CCCI 10461.

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## **COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY PERSONNEL**

### **Executive Compensation: President – Sonoma State University (RUF 07-23-11)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that Dr. Ming-Tung Lee shall receive a salary set at the annual rate of \$381,409 effective on May 23, 2023, the date of his appointment as president of Sonoma State University; and be it further



**RESOLVED**, Dr. Ming-Tung Lee shall receive a housing allowance of \$5,000 per month; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, Dr. Ming-Tung Lee shall receive additional benefits as cited in Agenda Item 3 of the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel at the July 9-12, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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**Executive Compensation  
(RUF 07-23-12)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that the individuals named in Item 4 of the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel at the July 9-12, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees shall receive the new salaries as stated in the item.

Prior to the approval of the consent agenda, Chair Fong noted that item 2, Executive Compensation, Chancellor Select – California State University from the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel, was requested to be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion. No further items were removed from the consent agenda.

Chair Fong called for a motion and a second prior to discussion. There was a motion and a second. Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis offered her congratulations to Chancellor-select García and commended the board on the chancellor search selection process. Chair Fong called for a roll call vote. There were 18 votes in favor (Trustees Adamson, Arambula, Brar, Clarke, Jr., Firstenberg, Fong, Ghilarducci, Gilbert-Lurie, Kimbell, Lopez, McGrory, Ortiz-Morfit, Rodriguez, Simon, Steinhäuser, Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis, Superintendent Thurmond, and Interim Chancellor Koester); two votes opposed (Trustees Aguilar-Cruz and Faigin); and one abstention (Trustee Yee-Melichar). Chair Fong thanked the board, students, faculty, staff, administrators, Chancellor's Office staff, CSU community, and the State of California for their support of the new Chancellor-select. The following resolution was approved:

**Executive Compensation: Chancellor-select, California State University  
(RUF 07-23-10)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that Dr. Mildred García shall receive a salary set at the annual rate of \$795,000 effective October 1, 2023, the date of her appointment as chancellor of the California State University; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Dr. Mildred García shall receive annual deferred compensation of \$80,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Dr. Mildred García shall receive an annual housing allowance of \$96,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Dr. Mildred García shall receive additional benefits as cited in Agenda Item 2 of the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel at the July 9-12, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

### **Discussion Agenda**

The board had four action items on the discussion agenda.

**Conferral of Title of Trustee Emeritus – Adam Day; Conferral of Title of Student Trustee Emerita – Maria Linares; Conferral of Titles of President Emeritus and Executive Vice Chancellor Emeritus – Framrose Virjee; and Conferral of Title of President Emeriti – Robert S. Nelsen, William A. Covino, Ellen N. Junn.**

Chair Fong presented the items and introduced the honorees and Interim Chancellor Koester for their respective remarks. There was a motion and a second to approve the respective conferrals. The following resolutions were unanimously approved.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

#### **Conferral of Title of Trustee Emeritus – Adam Day (RBOT 07-23-05)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of Trustee Emeritus on Adam Day, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

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#### **Conferral of Title of Student Trustee Emerita – Maria G. Linares (RBOT 07-23-06)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of Student Trustee Emerita on Maria G. Linares, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

**Conferral of Titles of President Emeritus and Executive Vice Chancellor Emeritus –  
Framroze Virjee  
(RBOT 07-23-07)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of President Emeritus on President Framroze Virjee with all the rights and privileges thereto.

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of Executive Vice Chancellor Emeritus on Framroze Virjee with all the rights and privileges thereto.

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**Conferral of Title of President Emeriti – Robert S. Nelsen, William A. Covino, Ellen N. Junn  
(RBOT 07-23-08)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of President Emeritus on President Robert S. Nelsen with all the rights and privileges thereto.

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of President Emeritus on William A. Covino with all the rights and privileges thereto.

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of President Emerita on Ellen N. Junn, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

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**Conferral of Commendation—Sylvia A. Alva**

**Presentation By**

Wenda Fong  
Chair of the Board

**Summary**

It is recommended that Dr. Sylvia A. Alva, in her role as executive vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, be commended for her service, commitment and leadership to the California State University.

The following resolution is recommended for approval:

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board commends Dr. Sylvia A. Alva for her steadfast dedication, service and leadership as executive vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs on behalf of the students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and friends of the California State University.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Conferral of the Title of Faculty Trustee Emeritus – Romey Sabalius**

**Presentation By**

Wenda Fong  
Chair of the Board

**Summary**

It is recommended that Dr. Romey Sabalius be conferred the title of Faculty Trustee Emeritus for his service, commitment and leadership to the California State University. The granting of emeritus status carries the title but no compensation.

The following resolution is recommended for approval:

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that this board confers the title of Faculty Trustee Emeritus on Dr. Romey Sabalius, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Conferral of the Title of Chancellor Emerita – Jolene Koester**

#### **Presentation By**

Wenda Fong  
Chair of the Board

#### **Summary**

It is recommended that Chancellor Jolene Koester, upon the conclusion of her tenure, be conferred the title of Chancellor Emerita for her many years of dedicated service, steadfast commitment, and visionary and collaborative leadership to the California State University system. The granting of emerita status carries the title, but no compensation.

The following resolution is recommended for approval:

**WHEREAS**, in a time of transition, uncertainty, challenge and opportunity, Dr. Jolene Koester answered the call to serve as chancellor of the California State University from May 2022 through September 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to her appointment as chancellor, Dr. Koester enjoyed a long and extraordinarily distinguished career at the CSU, including 17 years at Sacramento State, where she served as an associate professor, professor, department chair, assistant vice president, associate vice president and vice president for academic affairs, and as president of CSUN from 2000 to 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Dr. Koester has developed a well-earned reputation as an ethical and purpose-driven leader, a champion of student success and inclusive excellence, and an unwavering supporter of innovation in teaching and learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Koester has successfully advanced four strategic priorities she clearly defined at the outset of her tenure: to make appropriate policy and process improvements within the Chancellor's Office with an eye toward building a culture of inclusiveness, communication and collaboration; to serve as a powerful advocate for the resources the CSU needs to advance its mission; to build a glidepath for the CSU's next regularly appointed chancellor by assessing and recommending solutions to the university's most critical operational and strategic challenges; and to restore trust with and among the CSU's stakeholders; and

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**WHEREAS**, facing an unprecedented period of transition in executive leadership, Dr. Koester helped lead successful searches for the CSU's 11<sup>th</sup> chancellor and six new CSU university presidents, and appointed four presidents, maintaining stable, vital, effective and diverse leadership across the CSU's 23 universities and its Chancellor's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Koester adeptly and collaboratively led the university system through additional emerging and pressing issues throughout her tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Koester's visionary, principled and collaborative leadership has positioned the CSU to continue its upward trajectory as the nation's largest and most diverse public university and the driver of California's educated workforce; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that the title of Chancellor Emerita be conferred on Dr. Jolene Koester, with all the rights and privileges thereto.