



***SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY***

***BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES  
REGULAR FORMAL SESSION***

***OCTOBER 23, 2023***

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**BOARD OF CONTROL**  
**Minutes of the Regular Formal Session**  
**Monday, October 23, 2023**  
**1:30 p.m.**

A regular formal session of the Board of Control was held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Wickes Hall, Room 350.

Trustees present:

John D. Cherry, Jr., Secretary  
JoAnn Crary  
Lindsay Eggers, Vice Chair  
Vanessa Guerra, Treasurer  
Raj Wiener, Chair  
Carl Williams  
George Grant Jr, Ex Officio

Trustees absent:

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Wiener asked the Board Secretary to take a roll call to ensure a quorum. Secretary Kowaleski conducted a roll call of the Trustees and noted that a quorum was met.

**II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Agenda and Additions to and Deletions from Agenda**

There were no additions and/or deletions to the agenda.

The agenda was unanimously APPROVED as distributed.

**B. Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Formal Session on June 19, 2023**

**It was moved and supported that the minutes of the June 19, 2023, Regular Formal Session be approved.**

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as distributed.

**C. Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Formal Session on September 25, 2023**

**It was moved and supported that the minutes of the September 25, 2023, Special Formal Session be approved.**

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as distributed.

**D. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Student Association**

Mr. Austin Urlaub, president of the Student Association, announced that \$23,293 had been raised during the 2023 Battle of the Valley student-led fundraising event. He noted that the event was designed to raise funds for Camp Fish Tales through a friendly competition among registered student organizations. Mr. Urlaub explained that Camp Fish Tales offers year-round conference and retreat services for people of all ages, including those with disabilities, without any barriers.

Mr. Urlaub also mentioned that the Student Association is currently working with the Mental Health and Wellness Center to organize Mental Health Awareness Week, which will take place from November 6-9, 2023.

Mr. Urlaub informed the attendees that there would be a Police Town Hall meeting next week on Wednesday, November 1. He pointed out that the event was a success last year, and the Student Association hopes to have many students attend this year as well.

E. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association

Dr. Brandon Haskett, the president of the Faculty Association, congratulated the Student Association for their fundraising efforts this year.

Dr. Haskett stated that the Faculty Association is taking a strategic look at the scholarship funds they offer to find ways to bolster them. He explained that the descriptions of these scholarships were written many years ago with the best of intentions, and the Faculty Association membership is now going through them to ensure that the original intent of those scholarships is a reality.

Dr. Haskett noted that he is looking forward to the upcoming Open House that SVSU is hosting on Saturday, October 28. He noted that it is nice to gather with colleagues and meet prospective students and their families. He stated that it is a great event to showcase our hospitality and demonstrate what makes SVSU unique.

F. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Support Staff Association

Ms. Kathleen Chantaca-Kubczak, the president of the Support Staff Association, stated that the Support Staff Association has been busy with various activities over the past several months. She noted that in June, the association hosted a picnic for support staff in the Pine Grove. In July, several members of the Support Staff Association attended the Michigan Education Association summer leadership conference held on campus.

Ms. Chantaca-Kubczak mentioned that the Support Staff Association recently celebrated National Custodian Appreciation Day and was a sponsor for the recent Marshall M. Fredericks Saints and Sinners Gala.

Finally, Ms. Chantaca-Kubczak concluded that the Support Staff Association was represented this past week in the homecoming parade. Cathy Soto and Gabe Soto, two recent retirees, were chosen as grand marshals of the parade. She stated that Cathy and Gabe Soto have 74 years of combined experience as members of the support staff at SVSU – Cathy devoted her 39-year career to the Campus Facilities department, and Gabe spent most of his 35 years as a duplicator operator at the graphic center.

G. Recognition of the Official Representative of the Police Officers Association

Mr. Ryan Persails, president of the Police Officers Association, expressed gratitude on behalf of the police department and conveyed his thanks for the support they received from the campus community. He stated that the support from the community makes it easier for officers to perform their duties.

Officer Persails mentioned that alcohol was allowed at a football game this past weekend for the first time, and there were no issues or problems. He stated that the Michigan State Police and Saginaw County Sheriff's Department were present and provided additional support. He noted that the clear bag policy was also implemented in collaboration with the athletics department.

Officer Persails stated that the police department has been conducting active assailant classes to teach individuals how to avoid, deny, and defend themselves. He mentioned that plans are underway for officers to educate our students in the same manner.

Lastly, Officer Persails mentioned that the police officers recently participated in a mental health awareness class and will be having individual sessions with a mental health professional. He stated that the police department is doing its best to keep students and the community informed and safe.

Chair Wiener expressed gratitude to the police officers for their dedication to ensuring everyone's safety.

H. Communications and Requests to Appear Before the Board

There were none.

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Resolution to Approve Confirmation of Board Members for Previously Authorized Public School Academies

**RES-2501 It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control, the school's authorizing agent, requires that University Chartered Schools' Board of Directors have a minimum of five members and a maximum of nine members; and**

**WHEREAS, Individual Charter Schools have a desire to replace Board members who have submitted their resignation; and**

**WHEREAS, Certain Charter Schools have a desire to have parents of students represented on their Board of Directors; and**

**WHEREAS, Certain Charter Schools desire to reappoint a board member whose term of office has expired;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the individuals listed below be appointed by the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control as new members of the Board of Directors of the following Charter Schools:**

**Waterford Montessori Academy, Waterford**

<b>Patrick Carraher</b>	<b>Reappointment</b>	<b>Term Ends: 6/30/2026</b>
<b>Linda Williams</b>	<b>Reappointment</b>	<b>Term Ends: 6/30/2026</b>

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2. Resolution to Receive and Accept the Annual Financial Audit and the Federal Awards Audit for FY 2022-2023

RES-2502     **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The University financial statements and the audit of federal awards in accordance with Uniform Grant Guidance for the 2022-23 fiscal year, as audited by Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC, were reviewed by the members of the Board of Control; and,**

**WHEREAS, The Administration recommends that the audits be submitted to the Board of Control for receipt and acceptance;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control receive and accept the audits as submitted.**

Ms. Sue Crane, interim vice president of Administration & Business Affairs, stated that in September, Board members had the opportunity to thoroughly review and discuss the scope of the audit with the audit partner from Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC.

Ms. Crane explained that the audit covers both the university and SVSU Foundation. She reported that SVSU received an unmodified opinion with no material findings in the 2022-2023 fiscal year audit.

Chair Wiener thanked Ms. Crane and her team for all their hard work in producing another great audit with no findings.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3. Resolution to Approve Capital Projects

RES-2503     **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The members of the Board of Control have discussed various capital projects and the Capital Projects Funding Plan; and,**

**WHEREAS, Sufficient financial resources are available from capital projects reserves to fund projects;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes the President, the President's designee, or the Interim Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs to enter into contracts to complete the projects referenced below:**

• Theatre, Recital & Black Box Lighting Replacement (West Complex)	\$1,250,000
• Science East Chiller Piping	\$300,000
• Campuswide Security Cameras Phase III	\$1,100,000
• Women's Volleyball and Soccer Locker Room Renovation	\$1,150,000
• Hamilton Gym Air Handler	\$800,000

Ms. Crane commented that upgrading the lighting in the theatre, recital hall, and black box will not only lead to energy efficiency but also enhance the student learning experience with modern technology. Furthermore, she emphasized that the installation of security cameras campuswide is part of an ongoing safety initiative and will improve coverage in areas where there are currently gaps, both inside and outside. Lastly, Ms. Crane stated that financial resources from the capital projects reserves are available to fund these projects.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4. Resolution to Approve the FY 2025-2029 Capital Outlay Plan

RES-2504     **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The State of Michigan Budget Office requires the University's Board of Control's approval of its Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan; and,**

**WHEREAS, The University has developed and amends periodically a Capital Projects Funding Plan which supports the statutorily required submission of a Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan; and,**

**WHEREAS, The attached Capital Outlay Plan represents priority projects for a five-year time frame;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the FY2025 – FY2029 Capital Outlay Plan is hereby approved for submission to the State Budget Office.**

**(Appendix A: Capital Outlay Plan)**

Ms. Crane highlighted that the university is obligated to submit a Five-Year Annual Capital Outlay plan to the State of Michigan every year. She mentioned that the primary capital project in our request to the State of Michigan is to seek assistance to support the Environmental Sciences Research Station. Additionally, she pointed out that the plan also includes projects that are funded internally. Ms. Crane noted that there are adequate resources to support the attached capital outlay plan.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

5. Resolution to Approve the Implementation of a New Enterprise Resource Plan (ERP) System

RES-2505     **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The members of the Board of Control have discussed the benefits of converting to a new Enterprise Resource Program (ERP) system and have reviewed a financial analysis of the one-time and ongoing costs associated with implementing a new ERP system, and,**

**WHEREAS, Sufficient financial resources are available from the capital projects reserves to fund the one-time costs associated with converting to a new ERP system;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes the President, the President's designee, or the Interim Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs to enter into the following contracts related to the new ERP system:**

- **Workday ERP Subscription Fee - for a ten-year period**
- **Implementation Partner Contract(s)**

Ms. Crane commented that discussions have taken place for a few years regarding the importance of implementing a new ERP system. Ms. Crane stated that after extensive review, it has been concluded that a modern ERP system would not only enhance the student experience but also create efficiencies for the staff. She pointed out that it would improve financial, internal, and external reporting and free up staff time to focus on more strategic initiatives, making it beneficial to the university in multiple ways.

Ms. Crane noted that it would take two and a half to three years to roll out fully and become an integral part of the university's system. She indicated that the current ERP system has been serving the university for over thirty years. Lastly, Ms. Crane concluded that the resolution is requesting approval for the president, or his designee, to enter into a ten-year contract with Workday for the new ERP system and implementation partner contracts.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

6. Resolution to Approve the Land Acknowledgment Agreement

RES-2506     **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, A Land Acknowledgment would honor the original inhabitants of the lands we occupy and ensure that accurate accounts of history are shared and showcased within our institution; and**

**WHEREAS, Adopting a Land Acknowledgment Statement would demonstrate respect for the indigenous people of this region and serve as the foundation for ongoing dialogue about Indigenous history and partnerships with the current Indigenous peoples of Michigan; and**

**WHEREAS, A Land Acknowledgment will emphasize the importance of ongoing dialogue regarding issues facing Indigenous Peoples in Michigan and how Saginaw Valley State University can support their community.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, That the Land Acknowledgment quoted below shall serve as the official statement from SVSU:**

*At Saginaw Valley State University, we recognize that we are located on the ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabe, Wyandot, and Sauk. We specifically acknowledge the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and the land ceded in the Saginaw Treaty of 1819, on which we reside. We appreciate the importance of preserving and honoring the traditions of Indigenous People, who are an integral part of our shared history. As we pledge to serve as responsible stewards of the land, we endeavor for this history to inform our teaching, scholarship, and our commitment to the community.*

Dr. Deborah Huntley, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, stated that various discussions took place over the past several months regarding the development of a land acknowledgment statement, with the purpose of honoring the original inhabitants of the university's land, showing respect, showcasing the proper history, and opening dialog with the indigenous people of today.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

#### **IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were none.

#### **V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**

President Grant mentioned that last week was homecoming week, which was full of exciting events. He stated that the turnout was great and he conveyed his appreciation to everyone who put in the hard work.

President Grant commented that the governor's office has indicated that SVSU will soon be learning who our two new board members are, likely after the first part of the year.

To celebrate our 60th anniversary, President Grant announced that a Founders' Day event will take place on November 13 to recognize and honor the university's founding members who were instrumental in the development of the institution since its establishment in 1963.

President Grant stated that our December commencement ceremonies are scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 16. He announced that Karen Carter, president of Dow's Packaging & Specialty Plastics (P&SP) business operating segment, has agreed to address our December graduates.

President Grant commented that SVSU recently launched a new campaign called "Stand Out," which highlights the impact SVSU is having on our community, region, and the world. He stated it is an exciting campaign that recognizes and celebrates who we are.

Lastly, President Grant thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the recent investiture ceremony. He expressed his appreciation to all those who played a role in organizing the ceremony, as well as to those who showed their support by attending.

## VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were none.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

### 7. Motion to Adjourn

BM-1262      **It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

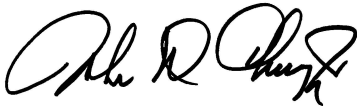
The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Rajkumari M Wiener, Chair



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John D. Cherry, Jr., Secretary



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Mary Kowaleski  
Recording Secretary

**Saginaw Valley State University  
Capital Outlay Plan  
FY 2025 - FY 2029**

	Project Period	Project Cost Estimate	Funding Sources			
			General Fund	State of Michigan	Self Supporting	Other
<b><u>Academic and Other Facilities</u></b>						
Lake Huron Environmental Sciences Research Station	FY24-FY27	\$ 11,000,000		\$ 8,250,000	\$	2,750,000
Science West Renovation	FY28-FY29	14,000,000		10,500,000		3,500,000
<b><u>Major Expansion, Maintenance &amp; Renovation</u></b>						
Energy Conservation Initiatives	FY25-FY29	3,000,000				3,000,000
Campus Infrastructure/Deferred Maintenance	FY25-FY29	42,225,000			\$ 21,150,000	21,075,000
		<u>\$ 70,225,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 18,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,150,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,325,000</u>