#### UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

### Official Proceedings of the

### Three Hundred and Sixty - Second Meeting of the Board of Trustees

(A Special Meeting)

May 8, 2018

The Three Hundred and Sixty – Second Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati was opened at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in the University Pavilion at the University of Cincinnati. Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. The proceedings of the Board, when not otherwise provided for by its bylaws, are governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Thomas D. Cassady, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Mr. Cassady asked that roll be called.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thomas D. Cassady, William C. Portman, III,

Margaret K. Valentine, Kim Heiman, Tom Mischell

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ron Brown, Phil Collins, Rodney Williams,

Geraldine Warner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Neville G. Pinto, President;

Robert F. Ambach, Senior Vice President for

Administration and Finance;

Lori Ross, General Counsel;

Ryan Hays, Executive Vice President;

Nicole Blount, Executive Director of Board

Relations; and the public

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Cassady:

Hello everyone, thank you all for being here today. The meeting will now come to order.

The Three Hundred and Sixty-first Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of

Cincinnati is hereby convened.

Confirmed attendees:

Tom Cassady

Wym Portman

Tom Mischell

Margaret Valentine

Kim Heiman

Due to travel commitments, several trustees are not able to make it.

The purpose of this special meeting today is to vote on a resolution revoking the Honorary

Doctorate Degree awarded to William H. Cosby Jr. in 2001. The Board of Trustees resolution

reads as follows:

Whereas the Board of Trustees is the body that approves all honorary degrees awarded by

the University of Cincinnati, we hereby revoke the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters awarded

to William H. Cosby Jr. in 2001.

We, the Board of Trustees, abhor sexual violence and gender-based violence. We are

committed to providing a safe environment for all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Trustees of the University of

Cincinnati, on this eighth day of May of 2018, revoke the honorary degree previously awarded to

William H. Cosby Jr. in 2001.

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Mr. Cassady:

May I have a motion and a second to approve the resolution revoking William H. Cosby

Jr.'s 2001 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters?

*Upon motion of Mr. Portman, and second by Mrs. Heiman, roll call was taken:* 

**AYE:** Thomas Cassady; William C. Portman; Margaret K. Valentine;

Tom Mischell; Kim Heiman

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Ronald D. Brown; Phil Collins; Geraldine Warner; Rodney Williams

Mr. Cassady:

President Pinto, would you like to comment?

**President Pinto:** 

I applaud the action by our Board of Trustees to revoke Bill Cosby's honorary degree. We stand firm in condemning all forms of sexual assault and gender-based violence.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you.

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## **Adjournment of the Meeting**

Mr. Cassady:

May I have a motion to adjourn?

A motion was moved by Mrs. Valentine, and second by Mr. Mischell.

Meeting adjourned.

THOMAS D. CASSADY

**CHAIRPERSON** 

GERALDINE B. WARNER

Geraldine & Marner

**SECRETARY**