

University of Cincinnati
Board of Trustees
Summary of Actions Taken at the Regular Meeting Held

February 24, 2026

The following is a list of recommendations approved by the Board of Trustees at their Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2026, and filed in the Office of the Board of Trustees. The recommendations are listed under the committee(s) that initially reviewed and approved them.

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

26.02.24.01 Approval of Academic Appointments

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the appointments of faculty and academic administrators. These recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

Emeritus Status

Richard Caudell, MD, DMD

Adjunct Associate Professor Emeritus
College of Medicine Department of
Anesthesiology
Effective January 1, 2026

Claire Chougnet, PhD

Professor Emerita College of Medicine
Department of Pediatrics
Effective January 6, 2026

Sudhansu Dey, PhD

Professor Emeritus College of Medicine
Department of Pediatrics
Effective January 2, 2026

Victor Garcia, MD

Professor Emeritus College of Medicine
Department of Surgery
Effective January 1, 2026

Joseph Giglia, MD

Professor Emeritus College of Medicine
Department of Surgery
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Rakesh Govind, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering Effective January 1, 2026
Karen Krone, MD	Adjunct Associate Professor Emerita College of Medicine Department of Anesthesiology Effective January 1, 2026
John Lorenz, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neurobiology Effective January 1, 2026
Mary Mahoney, MD	Professor Emerita College of Medicine Department of Radiology Effective January 1, 2026
Jagjit Yadav, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Environmental and Public Health Sciences Effective January 2, 2026

Endowed Chair / Professorship Appointments

W. Sean Davidson, PhD	The Mary M. Emery Pathology Endowed Chair College of Medicine Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Effective January 1, 2026 – August 31, 2031
Kamal Pohar, MD	The R. Bruce and Barbara Bracken Endowed Chair In Surgical Urology College of Medicine Department of Urology Effective January 15, 2026 – August 31, 2031

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Jeffrey Strawn, MD

Dr. Henry and Amelia Nasrallah Endowed
Professor in Behavioral Neuroscience College
of Medicine
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience
Effective February 24, 2026 – August 31, 2031

Unit Head Appointments

Angel Anorga, EdD

Unit Head
UC Blue Ash College Language and
Cultural Studies
Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2029

Kamal Pohar, MD

Chair
College of Medicine Department of Urology
Effective January 15, 2026 – August 31, 2031

New Hires

Luke Brewster, MD, PhD

Professor with Tenure College of Medicine
Department of Surgery
Effective January 15, 2026

Kamal Pohar, MD

Professor with Tenure College of Medicine
Department of Urology
Effective January 15, 2026

Recommendations for Tenure or Promotion

From Instructor of Clinical to Assistant Professor of Clinical

College of Medicine

Kristen Arnold	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Abbie Goodman	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26

From Assistant Professor of Clinical to Associate Professor of Clinical

College of Medicine

Muhammad Khan	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/26
Aisha Sethi	Pathology & Laboratory Medicine	Effective 09/01/26
Stefanie Benoit	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26

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Tanya Cahill	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Ashley Devonshire	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Trisha Marshall	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Brooke Reidy	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Shivali Sarawgi	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Natalja Stanski	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26

From Associate Professor of Clinical to Professor of Clinical

College of Medicine

Steven Kniffley, Jr	Psychiatry & Behavioral Neuroscience	Effective 09/01/26
Sharat Chandra	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Khalil El-Chammas	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Pooja Khandelwal	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Sean Lang	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Ryan Moore	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
J. Michael Taylor	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26

From Research Assistant Professor to Research Associate Professor

College of Medicine

Mihir Atreya	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
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From Research Associate Professor to Research Professor

College of Medicine

Amanda Schondelmeyer	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
Michael Wagner	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26

From Field Service Instructor to Field Service Assistant Professor

College of Medicine

Qiwei Xiao	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
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From Field Service Assistant Professor to Field Service Associate Professor

College of Medicine

Michael Pauciulo	Pediatrics	Effective 02/24/26
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26.02.24.02 Approval of 2026 Distinguished Research Professor Awards

Synopsis:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following appointments: Christy Holland, PhD, Professor in the College of Medicine, and Sarah Stitzlein, PhD, Professor in the College of Education Criminal Justice and Human Services as the 2026 Distinguished Research Professors.

26.02.24.03 Approval of 2026 Distinguished Teaching Professor Award

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following appointment: Craig Froehle, PhD, Professor in the Lindner College of Business for the 2026 Distinguished Teaching Professor Award.

26.02.24.04 Approval of New Fellows of the Graduate College

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the appointments for membership in the Fellows of the Graduate College. Each person has been reviewed and elected by the membership of the Fellows of the Graduate College.

Mark Baccei
Department of Anesthesiology College of Medicine

Joshua Benoit
Department of Biological Sciences College of Arts and Sciences

Renee Hawkins
School of Human Services College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

Farrah Jacques
Department of Psychology College of Arts and Sciences

Daniel Markovich
Department of Classics College of Arts and Sciences

Xia Wang
Department of Mathematical Sciences College of Arts and Sciences

Sarah Whitton
Department of Psychology College of Arts and Sciences

26.02.24.05 Approval of New Fellows for the Academy of Teaching and Learning

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve faculty for induction into the Academy of Fellows for Teaching and Learning. These recommendations

have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

Jessica Furgerson - Associate Professor, English and
Communications UC Blue Ash

Fred Krome, Professor of History UC Clermont

Kate Bonansinga, Professor of Art
College of Design, Architecture and Planning

Casey Monday, Associate Professor Educator,
Mathematical Sciences College of Arts and Sciences

Kate York, Associate Professor,
Clinical Nursing College of Nursing

Janet Dong, Professor of Engineering College of Engineering and
Applied Science

Michael Sharp, Professor of Service-Learning and Experiential
Education College of Cooperative Education and Professional
Studies

Joshua Lambert, Associate Professor of
Statistics College of Nursing

Dean Stocker, Associate Professor of Physics UC Blue Ash

26.02.24.06 Approval of Unit Name Change in the College of Engineering and Applied Science
- FROM the Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering (MME) TO the
Department of Mechanical, Materials, and Industrial Engineering (MMIE)

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an academic unit name change
in the College of Engineering and Applied Science *from* the Department of
Mechanical and Materials Engineering *to* the Department of Mechanical, Materials
and Industrial Engineering. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the
appropriate authorities.

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26.02.24.07 Approval of Undergraduate Degree Name Change in the College of Arts and Sciences - FROM Bachelor of Science in Geology TO Bachelor of Science in Geosciences

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an undergraduate degree name change *from* Bachelor of Science in Geology *to* Bachelor of Science in Geosciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.02.24.08 Approval of New Undergraduate Certificate – Community Development – College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the undergraduate certificate in Community Development in the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.02.24.09 Approval of New Undergraduate Certificate – Trauma Registry Management – UC Clermont

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the undergraduate certificate in Trauma Registry Management at UC Clermont College. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.02.24.10 Approval of New Graduate Certificate – Suzuki Pedagogy – College-Conservatory of Music

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the graduate certificate in Suzuki Pedagogy in the College-Conservatory of Music. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.02.24.11 Approval of Discontinuation of Graduate Degree Programs:
-Engineering Mechanics, MS and PHD – College of Engineering and Applied Science
-Environmental Health Science, MS and PHD – College of Medicine
-Medical Physics, MS and PhD – College of Medicine
-Occupational Medicine, MS and PhD – College of Medicine
-Performance Double Major, Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music – College-Conservatory of Music
-MX in Short Term Study Abroad – College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the discontinuation of the following Graduate Degrees: Engineering Mechanics (MS, PhD) in the College of Engineering and Applied Science; Environmental Health Science (MS, PhD), Medical Physics (MS, PhD), Occupational Medicine (MS, PhD) in the College of Medicine; Performance Double Major (DMA, MM) in the College-Conservatory of Music; and MX in Short Term Study Abroad in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services. The proposals have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

B. Finance and Administration Committee

26.02.24.12 Approval of Holmes Hospital Renovation – College of Nursing Project

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$8,000,000 to fund the design and preconstruction phase of the Holmes Hospital Renovation – College of Nursing Relocation. The design and preconstruction work will allow the University of Cincinnati to prepare designs and cost estimates for the work detailed below.

26.02.24.13 Approval of Welcome Gateway Building

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$12,000,000 to fund the design of the Welcome Gateway Building.

26.02.24.14 Approval of Uptown Consortium Write off Request

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve and authorize the execution of the Note Exchange Agreement, which will replace the existing outstanding notes and facilitate the conversion of the remaining principal balances for Blocks 1, 2, and 3 into an equity position consistent with the Uptown Consortium Partners' strategic vision.

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C. Non-Committee Items

26.02.24.15 Approval of Honorary Degree

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve E. Jean Savage's nomination for an Honorary Degree.

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