

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
September 9, 2009**

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**UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**

**Official Proceedings of the**

**Two Hundred and Ninety-Third Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**(A Special Meeting)**

**September 9, 2009**

The Two Hundred and Ninety-Third Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati was opened at 9:35 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, in the Tangeman University Center, Great Hall, of 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*.

H.C. Buck Niehoff, Chairperson, presided. Mr. Niehoff asked that roll be called.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

H.C. Buck Niehoff, Chairman, C. Francis Barrett, Margaret Buchanan, Stanley M. Chesley, Gary Heiman, Sandra W. Heimann, Thomas H. Humes, Robert E. Richardson, Jr., and Jeffrey L. Wyler

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:**

None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Monica Rimai, Interim President;  
Anthony J. Perzigian, Senior Vice President  
for Academic Affairs and Provost;  
Lou Billionis, Chair for Council of Deans;  
Michael W. Carroll, Vice President of  
Development and Alumni Affairs;  
Sandra J. Degen, Vice President for  
Research;  
Mitchel D. Livingston, Vice President for  
Student Affairs and Chief Diversity  
Officer;  
Mitchell D. McCrate, General Counsel;  
James D. Plummer, Vice President for  
Finance;  
Gregory J. Vehr, Vice President for  
Governmental Relations and  
University Communications;

Greg Hand, University of Cincinnati  
Spokesperson;  
Steve Simendinger, Alumni Representative  
Marla Hall, Faculty Representative;  
Makram Suidan, Faculty Representative  
Diana Hechavarria, Graduate Student  
Trustee  
Tim Lolli, Student Representative  
Members of the Presidential Search  
Committee:  
Valerie Gray Hardcastle  
Stephen T. Kowel  
John A. West  
Janelle Wichmann  
Chad P. Wick  
Jeffrey P. Williams  
Susan Stringer, Executive Assistant to the  
Board of Trustees and Sr. Vice  
President for Administration and  
Finance;  
and the public

### **THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened on September 9, 2009, at 9:35 a.m. and, as noted on the first page (page 299) of these minutes, roll call was taken.

Mr. Niehoff:

The Two Hundred and Ninety-Third Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati will now convene.

Today is a very special day at the University of Cincinnati. The Board of Trustees will consider the appointment of the 27th President of the University. But before doing so, we would like to recognize a number of people who have helped in this transition process:

- First, Interim President Monica Rimai, for her outstanding leadership during this transition period and for her dedication to maintaining the university's momentum and carrying its vision forward. Please join me in a round of applause. (*Applause*)
- The Presidential Search Committee members who have worked diligently over the summer months. I very much appreciate their dedication, commitment, and their hard work.
- Also, I would like to thank the Faculty, Students, Staff, Alumni, and all the members of the University community for their support and understanding during this process and in the coming leadership transition period.

Now that the efforts of the Search Committee have been realized and the process is nearly complete, we turn our thoughts to the future.

### **Executive Session**

The Board will begin that process by entering an Executive Session, which will be quite brief and will be held in the TUC Room Number 425. The members of the Board will return to this room to conduct further business following our Executive Session after a few minutes of discussion.

May I have a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee?

Upon motion of Mrs. Heimann, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the Board voted to enter Executive Session by the following roll call vote:

**AYE:** Mr. Niehoff, Mr. Barrett, Mrs. Buchanan Mr. Chesley, Mrs. Heimann, Mr. Heiman, Mr. Humes, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Wyler

**NAY:**           None

Mr. Niehoff:

Don't go anyplace, we won't be gone long.

Resumption of the Special Meeting

Mr. Niehoff:

It was a long walk, that's what took so long for us to go and return. The meeting will come back to order. I would like to call on Margaret Buchanan.

Mrs. Buchanan:

Mr. Chairman, I move that effective November 1, 2009, Gregory Howard Williams be approved President of the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Niehoff:

Thank you. Do I have a second?

Mr. Richardson:

I second that motion.

Mr. Niehoff:

Thank you, Rob. Do we have any discussion? Mr. Heiman?

Mr. Heiman:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, let me be the first to congratulate you and to welcome you to the University of Cincinnati. We are very proud that we have chosen you and you have honored us by choosing us and will now be coming to Cincinnati. Once again, welcome and we look forward to great things happening and continuing to happen under your leadership.

Mr. Niehoff:

Thank you. Mr. Humes.

Mr. Humes:

President Williams about to be, welcome. We welcome you to the university on what is an historic day and an historic week. You must say that we got off to a great start by beating Rutgers 47 to 15. (*Applause*) It's not many schools that can beat a conference rival to open the season on national television and turn around two days later and appoint a new president with such character, integrity, commitment, and experience that will provide absolutely phenomenal leadership for this university. To the Search Committee, congratulations—you did a wonderful job. I don't think anybody believed it could have been done in this time period. But more so, it was an incredibly thorough, positive effort that has born just wonderful results for our university.

Mr. Niehoff:

Thank you, Mr. Humes. Mr. Chesley:

Mr. Chesley:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Firstly, I want to echo something that Tom Humes said. I want to compliment the Chairman and the Search Committee on an amazing professional job that brought us the ability to look at tremendous talent for this incredible appointment.

The definition of success, I believe, is that when you succeed in an area and are respected nationally, as Dr. Williams is, the one place you want to do to prove total respect is to come back to the roots that you started at. And, he's home back in the Midwest. With an amazing career starting at Muncie Central High School; going to Ball State and achieving an incredible education including a PhD in Political Science; moving into the Ohio State Law School as its dean, and where has brought Ohio State an incredible pathway to success—it is not quite our law school, Dr. Williams, but it's a pretty good law school; an ability to raise money, one gift, \$30 million was paid on the

same day it was due (we are going to duplicate that here Dr. Williams); moved on to City College of New York and his leadership and his feeling of diversity and what he brought to that community increasing their enrollment by 50%, raising \$275 million, and getting under his auspices a new science building.

I just want to point out one thing that I think is so amazing about this gentlemen and his family. I just want to take one moment to read something. Dr. Williams has published three books and a number of articles and book reviews. He is best known for his award winning and the best-selling memoir "Life on the Color Line: The True Story of a White Boy Who Discovered He Was Black." As a result of this autobiography he has been featured throughout the country and has set a moment of importance here in America and to have him here at the University of Cincinnati as our president, we are indeed fortunate. Dr. William, congratulations to you and congratulations to this entire board on your selection.

Mr. Niehoff:

Thank you, Mr. Chesley. The motion has been made and seconded. Mrs. Stringer, would you please call the roll.

**AYE:** Mr. Niehoff, Mr. Barrett, Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. Chesley, Mrs. Heimann, Mr. Heiman, Mr. Humes, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Wyler

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Mr. Niehoff:

The recommendation is approved. In just a moment the President-Elect will join me at the podium. Please welcome him as he comes into the room. *(Applause)*

Dr. Williams, congratulations. We are absolutely delighted and we wish you well as a bearcat.

Dr. Williams:

My name is Greg Williams and I am Proudly Cincinnati. *(Applause)* Chairman Niehoff, Members of the Board, Interim President Rimai, Faculty, Students, Staff, and all the others who have gathered here, it's an honor to have been considered for this great opportunity to serve as President of this incredible institution. It is with great pride and great humility that I look forward to serving to the best of my ability. I thank you very much. *(Applause)*

Mr. Niehoff:

Thank you, Dr. Williams, and thank you all for join us today. Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting there will be a welcoming ceremony for our new President-Elect and an opportunity to you to hear him speak in greater detail. Please remain in your seats. There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, may I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

Mr. Richardson:

So moved.

Mr. Wyler:

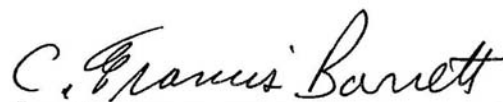
Second.

Mr. Niehoff:

The meeting is adjourned.



H.C. BUCK NIEHOFF  
CHAIRPERSON



C. FRANCIS BARRETT  
SECRETARY