

Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
September 5-6, 2024
Juneau, Alaska

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Full Board Actions

1. Approval of Honorary Degrees and Meritorious Service Awards for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the list of nominees for honorary doctoral degrees as proposed for commencement exercises in the fall 2024 and spring of 2025, and authorizes Chancellors Parnell and White to invite the approved nominees and announce their acceptance. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the list of nominees for meritorious service awards as proposed. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

2. Approval of a Naming Opportunity at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the naming of an interior entrance to the Alaska Leaders Archives within the University of Alaska Anchorage/Alaska Pacific University Consortium Library at the University of Alaska Anchorage and authorizes Chancellor Parnell to announce the naming at a time of his choosing. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

3. Approval of Amended and Restated Combined Endowment Fund Agreement and Amendment #3 between the University of Alaska and the University of Alaska Foundation

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the amended and restated Combined Endowment Fund Agreement and Amendment #3 between the University of Alaska and the University of Alaska Foundation as approved by the University of Alaska Foundation Board of Directors on June 13, 2024. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

4. **Approval of a Resolution of Celebration for the 25th Anniversary of the University of Alaska Scholars Award Program**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the resolution of celebration for the 25th Anniversary of the University of Alaska Scholars Award Program. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Scholars Award Program was established in 1999 to encourage Alaska's best high school students to attend and graduate from college in their home state; and,

WHEREAS, the UA Scholars Award is a merit scholarship awarded to the top ten percent of each high school graduating class for attendance at the UA system; and,

WHEREAS, before the UA Scholars Program was established, many top students left Alaska to attend college outside; and,

WHEREAS, the program's founding was a turning point for the UA, consistently attracting an average of forty percent of eligible high school graduates to attend UA and stay in Alaska compared to ten percent before the program started; and,

WHEREAS, nearly 80 percent of UA Scholars across the UA System return after their first year; and,

WHEREAS, the UA Scholars Program changed the face of post-secondary education in Alaska, and has become one of the most successful financial aid programs in Alaska history; and,

WHEREAS, the UA Scholars Program is funded by revenue from property sales and development on university lands; and

WHEREAS, over \$76 million in scholarship awards have been made through the UA Scholars Program since its inception; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 4,000 UA Scholars were the first in their family to attend college, demonstrating that the program helps make post-secondary education more accessible; and,

WHEREAS, more than 10,453 students have benefited from the UA Scholars Program since 1999; and,

WHEREAS, the UA Scholars' six-year graduation rate averages 55 percent; and,

WHEREAS, over 25 years, more than 7,700 degrees and certificates have been awarded to UA Scholars; and,

WHEREAS, the UA Scholars Program helps address the educational attainment gap, which is essential to secure economic prosperity, and ensure Alaskans are ready for today's fast-paced, highly competitive job marketplace; and,

WHEREAS, UA Scholars represent all corners of Alaska, serving as ambassadors between their community and the university; and,

WHEREAS, the UA Board of Regents seeks to support the enrollment objectives of the universities; and,

WHEREAS, the UA Board of Regents recently increased the UA Scholars Award to \$15,000;

WHEREAS, the UA Scholars Program is welcoming its 25th cohort this Fall Semester; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the UA Scholars Award Program, and its impact on our students and the state of Alaska; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents welcomes the 25th Class of UA Scholars and congratulates them on their enrollment in the UA System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the September 2024 meeting of the Board of Regents.

5. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Matthew Cooper

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Matthew Cooper. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

WHEREAS, Matthew Cooper, General Counsel for the University of Alaska, has served with unwavering dedication and distinction since joining the Office of the General Counsel in December 2011, and subsequently becoming General Counsel in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Matthew Cooper has been a trusted legal advisor to the Board of Regents, system administration, and the broader university system, providing invaluable counsel and leadership across a diverse range of complex legal matters, including contracts, facilities management, university athletics, and governance; and,

WHEREAS, Matthew Cooper’s legal expertise and guidance have been instrumental in navigating the university through some of its most challenging legal and operational issues, ensuring sound decision-making and securing the institution's mission and long-term success; and,

WHEREAS, Matthew Cooper’s dedication to public service is exemplified by his role as a respected member of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, where he previously served as presiding officer; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Cooper has further established his commitment to the Fairbanks community through his several volunteer roles with the Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America; and,

WHEREAS, Matthew Cooper, in his role as General Counsel, has been recognized by the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a Patriotic Employer for his support of the Guard and Reserve; and,

WHEREAS, these roles demonstrate a deep commitment to the well-being of the broader Alaskan community; and,

WHEREAS, Matthew Cooper believes strongly in solving conflict through consensus and collaboration rather than edict; and,

WHEREAS, Matthew Cooper’s leadership, intellect, and professionalism have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues, who have greatly valued his thoughtful legal analysis and ability to provide clear direction, especially during times of significant change and challenge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska formally recognizes and expresses its deep appreciation to Matthew Cooper for his outstanding service, leadership, and contributions as General Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be engrossed and presented to Matthew Cooper with heartfelt gratitude, with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the Board of Regents’ September 5-6, 2024 meeting.

6. Approval of Academic Degree Recipients

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the list of degree recipients for the summer and fall of 2023 and the spring of 2024. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

7. **Approval of an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for the Education Trust of Alaska**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the amended and restated Declaration of Trust for the Education Trust of Alaska as presented. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

8. **Approval of an Amended and Restated Governance and Investment Policy for the Education Trust of Alaska**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the amended and restated Governance and Investment Policy for the Education Trust of Alaska as presented. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

9. **Approval of the 1815 Bragaw Building Disposal Plan and Delegation of Authority to Approve Leases for 1815 Bragaw Street**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the disposal plan and authorization of the chief strategy, planning and budget officer or the chief finance officer or designee to lease any and all space at 1815 Bragaw Street Building at or above fair market value. This authority is in effect until revoked by the board. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

10. **Statement of Requirements Approval for the Seward Marine Center Research Vessel Operations Infrastructure**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the statement of requirements request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Seward Marine Center Research Vessel Operations Infrastructure project as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to include the project in the university’s year one capital budget with an estimated total project cost of \$103,800,000. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

11. Schematic Design Approval for the University of Alaska Anchorage Alaska Leaders Archives/Consortium Library Renovation - Phase 1

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the schematic design approval request for the University of Alaska Anchorage Alaska Leaders’ Archives/Consortium Library Renovation – Phase 1, as presented in compliance with the campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to complete construction bid documents to bid and award a contract within the approved budget, and to proceed to completion of project construction not to exceed the available funds up to \$19,546,640 for Phase 1 of this project. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”

12. Approval of Revisions to the Industrial Security Resolution

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the Industrial Security Resolution as revised, to reflect the changes to the University of Alaska Southeast provost and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective September 6, 2024.”