

FORMER MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY GOVERNING BOARDS

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 1837-2003¹

Thomas Fitzgerald	1837	Henry Whiting	1858-1863
Robert McClelland	1837	Oliver L. Spaulding	1858-1863
Michael Hoffman	1837-1838	Luke Parsons	1858-1862
John F. Porter	1837-1838	Edward C. Walker	1864-1881
Lucius Lyon	1837-1839	George Willard	1864-1873
John Norvell	1837-1839	Thomas D. Gilbert	1864-1875
Seba Murphy	1837-1839	Thomas J. Joslin	1864-1867
John J. Adam	1837-1840	Henry C. Knight	1864-1867
Samuel Denton	1837-1840	Alvah Sweetzer	1864
Gideon O. Whittemore	1837-1840	James A. Sweezey	1864-1871
Henry Schoolcraft	1837-1841	Cyrus M. Stockwell	1865-1871
Isaac E. Crary	1837-1843	J. M. B. Sill	1867-1869
Ross Wilkins	1837-1842	Hiram A. Burt	1868-1875
Zina Pitcher	1837-1852	Joseph Estabrook	1870-1877
Gurdon C. Leech	1838-1840	Jonas H. McGowan	1870-1877
Jonathan Kearsley	1838-1852	Claudius B. Grant	1872-1879
Joseph W. Brown	1839-1840	Charles Rynd	1872-1879
Charles C. Trowbridge	1839-1842	Andrew Climie	1874-1881
George Duffield	1839-1848	Byron M. Cutcheon	1876-1883
Daniel Hudson	1840-1841	Samuel S. Walker	1876-1883
Samuel W. Dexter	1840-1841	Victory P. Collier	1877
Francis J. Higginson	1840-1841	George Duffield, Jr.	1877-1885
Michael A. Patterson	1840-1842	George L. Maltz	1878-1880
William Draper	1840-1844	Jacob J. Van Riper	1880-1885
Oliver C. Comstock	1841-1843	Ebenezer O. Grosvenor	1880-1887
George Goodman	1841-1843	James Shearer	1880-1887
John Owen	1841-1848	Austin Blair	1881-1889
Martin Kundig	1841-1845	James F. Joy	1882-1886
Randolph Manning	1842	Lyman D. Norris	1883
Andrew M. Fitch	1842-1846	Arthur M. Clark	1884-1891
Elisha Crane	1842-1846	Charles J. Willett	1884-1891
William A. Fletcher	1842-1846	Charles S. Draper	1886-1892
Lewis Cass	1843-1844	Moses W. Field	1886-1889
DeWitt C. Walker	1843-1844	Charles R. Whitman	1886-1893
Marvin Allen	1843-1852	Roger W. Butterfield	1888-1903
Robert R. Kellogg	1844-1845	Charles Hebard	1888-1895
Edward Mundy	1844-1848	Hermann Kiefer	1889-1901
Alexander H. Redfield	1844-1852	William J. Cocker ²	1890-1901
Minot T. Lane	1845-1849	Peter N. Cook	1892-1899
Austin E. Wing	1845-1850	Henry Howard	1892-1894
Elon Farnsworth	1846-1857	Levi Barbour	1892-1897
Charles C. Taylor	1846-1850	Henry S. Dean	1894-1907
Elijah Pilcher	1846-1852	Frank W. Fletcher	1894-1909
John G. Atterbury	1848-1852	Charles H. Hackley	1896
Justus Goodwin	1848-1852	George A. Farr	1896-1903
Benjamin F. H. Witherell	1848-1852	Charles D. Lawton	1898-1905
Edwin M. Cust	1849	Eli R. Sutton ³	1900-1902
Robert McClelland	1850-1852	Arthur Hill ⁴	1901-1909
Gustavus L. Foster	1850-1852	Levi Barbour	1902-1907
Epaphroditus Ransom	1850-1852	Henry W. Carey	1902-1909
Andrew Parsons	1852-1853	Peter White ⁵	1904-1908
Elisha Ely	1852-1854	Loyal E. Knappen ⁶	1904-1911
James Kingsley	1852-1857	Walter H. Sawyer ⁷	1906-1931
Edward S. Moore	1852-1857	Chase S. Osborn ⁸	1908-1911
Charles H. Palmer	1852-1857	Frank B. Leland	1908-1923
Michael F. Patterson	1852-1857	Junius E. Beal	1908-1939
William Upjohn	1852-1857	John H. Grant ⁹	1909-1913
Henry H. Northrop	1854-1857	George P. Codd ¹⁰	1910-1911
George W. Pack	1858	William L. Clements	1910-1933
John Van Vleck	1858	Harry C. Bulkley	1911-1917
Benjamin L. Baxter	1858-1863	Benjamin S. Hanchett ¹¹	1911-1929
Levi Bishop	1858-1863	Lucius L. Hubbard ¹²	1911-1933
George Bradley	1858-1863	William Comstock	1913
Ebenezer L. Brown	1858-1863	Victor M. Gore	1914-1929
William M. Ferry	1858-1863	James O. Murfin	1918-1937
J. Eastman Johnson	1858-1869	Ralph Stone	1924-1939
Donald McIntyre	1858-1863	Esther March Cram ¹³	1929-1943

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R. Perry Shorts ¹⁴	1930-1934	Robert P. Briggs ²⁴	1964-1968
Richard R. Smith	1931-1937	William B. Cudlip	1964-1973
Edmund C. Shields	1933-1935	Alvin M. Bentley ²⁵	1966-1969
Charles F. Hemans	1934-1941	Frederick C. Matthaei, Jr.	1967-1969
Franklin M. Cook	1934-1941	Otis M. Smith	1967-1971
David H. Crowley	1936-1943	Robert J. Brown ²⁶	1967-1975
John D. Lynch	1938-1945	Gertrude V. Huebner	1967-1975
Edmund C. Shields	1938-1945	Lawrence B. Lindemer ²⁷	1968-1975
Harry G. Kipke	1940-1947	Gerald R. Dunn	1969-1985
J. Joseph Herbert	1940-1955	Robert E. Nederlander	1969-1985
Alfred B. Connable	1942-1957	Paul W. Brown	1971-1994
Earl L. Burhans ¹⁵	1942	James L. Waters	1971-1994
Franklin M. Cook ¹⁶	1942-1943	Deane Baker	1973-1996
Vera Burrigge Baits	1943-1957	Sarah Goddard Power ²⁸	1975-1987
R. Spencer Bishop ¹⁷	1943-1946	Thomas A. Roach	1975-1991
Ralph A. Hayward ¹⁸	1944-1951	David Laro	1975-1981
Roscoe O. Bonisteel	1946-1959	Nellie M. Varner	1981-1996
Otto E. Eckert	1946-1961	Neal D. Nielsen	1985-1993
Charles S. Kennedy	1946-1961	Veronica Latta Smith	1985-1993
Kenneth M. Stevens	1948-1955	Philip H. Power	1987-1999
Murray D. Van Wagoner	1951	Shirley M. McFee	1991-1999
Leland I. Doan	1952-1959	Laurence B. Deitch	1993-
Paul L. Adams ¹⁹	1956-1957	Rebecca McGowan	1993-
Eugene B. Power ²⁰	1956-1966	Andrea Fischer Newman	1995-
Donald M. D. Thurber	1958-1963	Daniel D. Horning	1995-2003
Carl Brablec	1958-1967	Olivia P. Maynard	1997-
Irene Ellis Murphy	1958-1967	S. Martin Taylor	1997-
William K. McNally ²¹	1960-1964	David A. Brandon	1999-
Frederick C. Matthaei ²²	1960-1967	Katherine E. White	1999-
Paul G. Goebel	1962-1971	Andrew C. Richner	2003-
Allan R. Sorenson ²³	1962-1967		

¹Originally established as the Catholepistemiad or University of Michigania by an act of the territorial legislature in 1817, the first governing board of the institution consisted of the president and didactors or professors appointed by the governor. See An Act to establish the Catholepistemiad, or University of Michigania (1817), Laws of the Territory of Michigan.

In 1821, the territorial legislature established the university in Detroit as The University of Michigan. The governing board became a board of 21 trustees, to serve at the pleasure of the legislature and whose vacancies were to be filled by the legislature. The members of this first board were appointed in the act. See An Act for the establishment of An University (1821). An 1831 amendment changed the manner in which the trustees were chosen, making them appointments by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council. See An Act to amend the several acts to provide for the establishment of the University of Michigan (1831), Laws of the Territory of Michigan.

Act LV of 1837 reorganized the government of The University of Michigan by vesting responsibility in a 12-member board of regents to be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The first members appointed under the provisions of Act No. LV were divided into classes of 3, each class serving terms of 1, 2, 3, and 4 years. A subsequent amendment provided for the appointment of 3 members for 4-year terms beginning January 1, 1838. See Revised Statutes of 1838, title XI, ch. 2.

With the implementation of the Constitution of 1850, the post of regent became an elective one, with 1 regent elected in each judicial circuit for a term to be the same as that of a circuit judge. Act 25 of 1851 called for the first election of regents on the first Monday in April of 1851 and every sixth year thereafter. During this period, the size of the board ranged from 8 to 10 members.

In 1862, voters approved Joint Resolution No. 17, which reduced board membership to 8 members beginning in 1863. To be elected at the same time as justices of the supreme court, 2 members first elected under this constitutional amendment each served terms of 2, 4, 6, and 8 years. Subsequently, voters elected 2 regents at each regular election for terms of 8 years. Vacancies which occurred were filled by appointment of the governor.

The Constitution of 1908 did not change the composition or terms of the board; it merely called for the election of regents to occur at the regular biennial spring election, independently of elections for other state posts.

Implementation of the Constitution of 1963 resulted in the extension of the terms of the sitting board (Brablec, Murphy, McNally, Matthaei, Goebel, Sorenson, Cudlip and E. Power) with the enactment of Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963. The first election of regents under the provisions of the Constitution of 1963 occurred at the November 1966 general election. See Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

²Deceased; succeeded by Arthur Hill June 10, 1901.

³Resigned; succeeded by Levi Barbour June 20, 1902.

⁴Deceased; succeeded by John H. Grant December 23, 1909.

⁵Deceased; succeeded by Chase S. Osborn July 3, 1908.

⁶Resigned; succeeded by Benjamin S. Hanchett April 3, 1911.

⁷Deceased; succeeded by Richard R. Smith May 11, 1931.

⁸Resigned; succeeded by Lucius L. Hubbard January 11, 1911.

⁹Deceased; succeeded by William Comstock February 14, 1913.

¹⁰Resigned; succeeded by Harry C. Bulkley April 7, 1911.

¹¹Resigned; succeeded by Esther March Cram November 1, 1929.

¹²Resigned; succeeded by Edmund C. Shields January 11, 1933.

¹³Resigned; succeeded by R. Spencer Bishop January 28, 1943.

¹⁴Resigned; succeeded by James O. Murfin March 21, 1934.

¹⁵Following the April 7, 1941, election at which voters elected Burhans to the Board of Regents, third-place finisher Franklin M. Cook sought to oust Burhans from the office, on the grounds that Burhans had no legal right to the seat. Burhans, who at the time of his election to the Board of Regents held the office of state senator from the 8th district, answered that the board office was his by right of a valid election. The secretary of state certified the election of Burhans and the other winning candidate, and Burhans had filed his oath as a regent and acted in that capacity. Cook asked the court to oust Burhans and to rule that he was the regent.

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (Cont.)

Citing the provisions of Const. 1908, art. 5, §7, and a previous decision, the Michigan Supreme Court held that Burhans was not a regent of the University of Michigan because every vote cast for him was void. The constitutional provisions and case law the court cited prohibited a member of the legislature from receiving any civil or elected appointment during the term for which the member was elected. The court also dismissed Burhans' contention that the regents were not state officers, but only officers of a corporate body known as the board of regents of the university. In dismissing the claim, the court again cited its previous decisions establishing the Board of Regents as a department of the state, created by the constitution to perform state functions.

Stating, "Defendant is a usurper in the office of regent . . . this ouster creates a vacancy in the office of regent," the court ousted Burhans on December 23, 1942. The court did, however, disagree on the means of filling the vacancy. The governor resolved the issue by appointing Franklin M. Cook to succeed Burhans on December 24, 1942. See *Attorney General, ex rel Cook v Burhans*, 304 Mich. 108 (1941).

¹⁶ Deceased; succeeded by Vera Burridge Baits May 21, 1943.

¹⁷ Deceased; succeeded by Roscoe O. Bonisteel November 2, 1946.

¹⁸ Resigned; succeeded by Murray D. Van Wagoner January 24, 1951.

¹⁹ Resigned to become Michigan attorney general; succeeded by Donald M. D. Thurber January 4, 1958.

²⁰ Resigned; succeeded by Alvin M. Bentley April 4, 1966.

²¹ Deceased; succeeded by Robert P. Briggs November 10, 1964.

²² Resigned; succeeded by Frederick C. Matthaei, Jr. June 12, 1967.

²³ Resigned; succeeded by Otis M. Smith March 7, 1967.

²⁴ Resigned; succeeded by Lawrence B. Lindemer May 15, 1968.

²⁵ Deceased; succeeded by Lawrence B. Lindemer April 23, 1969.

²⁶ First members elected under Constitution of 1963; Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

²⁷ Resigned; succeeded by David Laro June 3, 1975.

²⁸ Deceased; succeeded by Philip H. Power June 17, 1987.

Sources: Archives, *Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1835-1962*; Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan; Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State; *Constitutions of the State of Michigan*; Great Seal Office, *Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1963 - present*; *Laws of Michigan*; *Laws of the Territory of Michigan*; *Michigan Reports, Volume 304: Public and Local Acts of Michigan*; and *Revised Statutes of 1846*.