

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, 1956-2021¹

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| Betty S. Becker | 1956-1959 | Richard C. VanDusen ¹⁴ | 1979-1991 |
| Gladys F. Canty | 1956-1959 | George Romney | 1979-1985 |
| Warren B. Cooksey | 1956-1959 | Murray E. Jackson ¹⁵ | 1981-2001 |
| Louise C. Grace | 1956-1959 | C. Gary Artinian | 1985-1993 |
| Leonard Kasle | 1956-1959 | George N. Bashara | 1985-1993 |
| William D. Merrifield | 1956-1959 | Robert H. Naftaly | 1987-1994 |
| Remus G. Robinson | 1956-1959 | Elizabeth Hardy | 1991-2006 |
| Roscoe O. Bonisteel Sr. | 1956-1959 | Brenda M. Scott ¹⁶ | 1991-1995 |
| Forest H. Akers ² | 1956-1957 | Michael Timmis ¹⁷ | 1991-1997 |
| Charles G. Burns ³ | 1956-1957 | Denise J. Lewis | 1993-2001 |
| Melvin E. Bleich | 1956-1959 | Edgar A. Scribner | 1993-2001 |
| Connor D. Smith ⁴ | 1957-1958 | Diane Dunaskiss | 1995-2018 |
| Chris H. Magnusson | 1957-1959 | Vernice D. Anthony ¹⁸ | 1995-1998 |
| Don Stevens | 1958-1959 | Annetta Miller | 1997-2012 |
| Clair A. White | 1959-1961 | John Kelly ¹⁹ | 1999-2002 |
| DeWitt T. Burton | 1959-1969 | Paul E. Massaron | 2001-2016 |
| Michael Ference Jr. ⁵ | 1959-1965 | Jacquelin E. Washington | 2001-2009 |
| Leonard Woodcock ⁶ | 1959-1970 | Paul Hillegonds | 2002-2004 |
| Benjamin D. Burdick ⁷ | 1959-1964 | Eugene Driker | 2002-2014 |
| Jean McKee | 1959-1967 | Richard H. Bernstein | 2003-2010 |
| Thomas B. Adams | 1962-1969 | Tina Abbott | 2005-2012 |
| Alfred H. Whittaker | 1964-1971 | Debbie Dingell | 2007-2014 |
| Charles H. Gershenson ⁸ | 1964-1965 | Gary S. Pollard | 2009-2016 |
| Norman O. Stockmeyer Sr. | 1964-1975 | Danielle Karmanos ²⁰ | 2011-2013 |
| William B. Hall ⁹ | 1965-1967 | David A. Nicholson | 2013-2018 |
| Benjamin M. Rose ¹⁰ | 1965-1969 | Sandra Hughes O'Brien | 2013-2020 |
| Alfred H. Sokolowski | 1967-1975 | Kim Trent | 2013-2020 |
| Wilber M. Brucker Jr. ¹¹ | 1967-1979 | Marilyn Jean Kelly | 2015- |
| Augustus J. Calloway | 1969-1977 | Dana Thompson | 2015- |
| Kurt R. Keydel | 1969-1981 | Michael J. Busuito | 2017- |
| George C. Edwards | 1969-1985 | Mark Gaffney | 2017- |
| Leon H. Atchison | 1970-2003 | Bryan C. Barnhill II | 2019- |
| Max J. Pincus ¹² | 1971-1987 | Anil Kumar | 2019- |
| Michael Einheuser | 1975-1991 | Terri Lynn Land | 2021- |
| Mildred Jeffrey | 1975-1991 | Shirley Stancato | 2021- |
| Dauris Jackson (Mrs.) ¹³ | 1977-1979 | | |

¹ Public Act 183 of 1956, establishing Wayne State University as a state institution of higher learning, also fixed the membership and powers of its governing board. Section 2 of the act created a temporary board of governors to serve until a "permanent" board could be elected at the regular biennial spring election of 1959. This temporary board consisted of 11 members representing the following: Detroit Board of Education (seven members serving on the effective date of Public Act 183 of 1956)—Becker, Canty, Cooksey, Grace, Kasle, Merrifield, Robinson; University of Michigan Board of Regents (one member)—Bonisteel; State Board of Agriculture (one member)—Akers; State Board of Education (one member)—Burns; Governor's Office (one member)—Bleich. This original board served from June 14, 1956 to May 19, 1959.

Section 3 of Public Act 183 provided for the election of a permanent, six-member board, two members each to serve terms of two (Burton, White), four (Ference, Woodcock), and six (Burdick, McKee) years. Following the election of this first permanent board, two members were each elected for terms of six years, beginning with the spring election of 1961.

To facilitate the transition of board operations under the provisions of the Constitution of 1908 to those of the Constitution of 1963, Public Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963 was enacted. The act extended by one year the terms of office of the six members of the sitting board (McKee, Burdick, Burton, Adams, Whittaker, Woodcock) and required the appointment by the governor of an additional two members to each serve a one-year term. These appointments increased board membership to eight, as required by the Constitution of 1963. The election of the first board members under the Constitution of 1963 occurred at the general election in November 1964. See Public Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

² Resigned; succeeded by Connor D. Smith September 1957.

³ Term of office on State Board of Education expired June 30, 1957; succeeded by Chris H. Magnusson August 1957.

⁴ Resigned; succeeded by Don Stevens February 1958.

⁵ Appointed to one-year term January 21, 1964. See Public Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Public Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

⁶ Resigned; succeeded by Leon H. Atchison November 18, 1970.

⁷ Resigned; succeeded by Norman O. Stockmeyer, Sr. January 21, 1964.

⁸ Appointed to one-year term January 21, 1964. See Public Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Public Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

⁹ One of first members elected under Constitution of 1963 and Public Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; resigned and succeeded by Wilber M. Brucker Jr., September 19, 1967.

¹⁰ One of first members elected under Constitution of 1963 and Public Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; deceased; succeeded by Kurt R. Keydel April 30, 1969.

¹¹ Resigned; succeeded by Richard C. VanDusen April 1, 1979.

¹² Deceased; succeeded by Robert H. Naftaly September 4, 1987.

¹³ Deceased; succeeded by George Romney November 29, 1979.

¹⁴ Deceased; succeeded by Michael Timmis September 24, 1991.

¹⁵ Resigned November 12, 2001; succeeded by Paul Hillegonds January 30, 2002.

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¹⁶ Resigned October 25, 1995; succeeded by Michael Timmis following his resignation from the term he was completing, which was to expire on December 31, 1996.

¹⁷ Appointed by Governor John Engler on September 24, 1991, to complete Richard VanDusen's term, which expired December 31, 1996; resigned on November 27, 1995, and reappointed on November 28, 1995, to complete Brenda Scott's term, which was to expire on December 31, 1998; resigned from second appointment effective December 31, 1996; Timmis succeeded by Vernice D. Anthony on November 28, 1995 (to complete VanDusen's original term expiring December 31, 1996) and on January 1, 1997 (to complete Scott's original term expiring December 31, 1998).

¹⁸ Appointed by Governor John Engler on November 28, 1995, to fill vacancy created by resignation of Michael Timmis, who was completing Richard VanDusen's term expiring December 31, 1996; appointed to fill vacancy effective January 1, 1997, created by resignation of Michael Timmis, who was completing Brenda Scott's term expiring December 31, 1998.

¹⁹ Resigned December 18, 2002; succeeded by Eugene Driker December 18, 2002.

²⁰ Resigned February 1, 2013; succeeded by David A. Nicholson February 4, 2013.

Sources: Archives, *Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1835-1962*; 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*; *Public and Local Acts of Michigan*; and Secretary of the Board of Governors, Wayne State University.

