



**Outreach and Engagement Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2025**

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A meeting of the Outreach and Engagement Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on January 28, 2025, in the Library and Learning Center, Ecolab Room of Metropolitan State University.

Committee members present: Kathy Sheran, Chair; Jerry Janezich, Vice Chair; Dawn Erlandson, Jacqueline Johnson, and Christopher Richter.

Other board members present: Jay Cowles, Jim Grabowska, Tim Huebsch, Jana Johnson, George Soule, and Cheryl Tefer.

Staff present: Scott Olson, Chancellor; Noelle Hawton, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

Meeting materials and audio recordings are available on the [Board of Trustees website](#).

Committee Chair Sheran called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m.

**Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2024**

Committee Chair Sheran asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes then asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Jacqueline Johnson made the motion and Trustee Janezich provided a second.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 2: National Program on Industry Workforce Partnerships**

Committee Chair Sheran invited Shannon Bryant, Executive Director of Workforce and Economic Development; Phil Arellano, Interim Associate Director; Katie McClelland, Director, Governor's Workforce Development Board; Iesha Collins, Managing Director, Connex MSP, and Interim Director, Itasca Project; and Allison Jones, Senior Director, America Achieves, to present on the National Program on Industry Workforce Partnerships, as detailed in the meeting materials.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

**Agenda Item 3: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 8.3 College and University Related Foundations (First Reading)**

Committee Chair Sheran invited Noelle Hawton, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, and Jen Dobossy, System Director of Foundation Services, to present on Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 8.3 College and University Related Foundations (First Reading), as detailed in the meeting materials

This being a first reading of the item, there was no vote taken.

**Agenda Item 4: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 8.5 Local Advisory Committees (First Reading)**

Committee Chair Sheran invited Noelle Hawton, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, and Jen Dobossy, System Director of Foundation Services, to present on Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 8.5 Local Advisory Committees (First Reading), as detailed in the meeting materials

This being a first reading of the item, there was no vote taken.

**Adjournment**

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.