

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Howard University Community  
Stakeholder Leadership (Distribution Attached)

**FROM:** Christie L. Taylor  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

**DATE:** July 25, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Actions Taken by the Howard University Board of Trustees at the June 7, 2024 and June 28, 2024 Meetings

This memorandum summarizes the actions taken by the Howard University Board of Trustees during the June 7, 2024 and June 28, 2024 meetings.

### **BOARD ACTIONS June 7, 2024**

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Academic Excellence Committee:

- Recommendation 309-2024: Conversion of the Master of Divinity (MDiv) Degree from an onsite to a HyFlex Degree Program in the School of Divinity.
- Recommendation 310-2024: Conversion of the Doctor of Ministry in Religious Studies to an Online Program in the School of Divinity.
- Recommendation 311-2024: Establish the Communication Studies Major by renaming and redesigning the Strategic Management and Legal Communications (SLMC) Major in the Cathy Hughes School of Communications.
- Recommendation 312-2024: Establishment of the Minor in HipHop Studies Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- Faculty Candidates for Promotion and Tenure.

The Board approved the following resolution of the Development and Alumni Relations Committee:

- Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Charitable Gift Agreement with the Jerome L. Greene Foundation.

The Board approved the following resolutions of the Finance Committee:

- Resolution Authorizing WHUR-FM and WHUT-TV Lease Approval.
- Resolution Approving Howard Manor Tax-Exempt Bond Financing Structure.
- Resolution Authorizing Walter Reed Building 7 AIA Contract Approval.



The Board approved the following recommendations of the Governance Committee:

- Nominees for Re-election to the Howard University Board of Trustees, for the term commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2027:
  - Minnie V. Baylor-Henry, Esq.
  - Mr. Donald B. Christian
  - Mr. Godfrey Gill
  - Reverend Dr. Michele V. Hagans
  - Dr. Danette G. Howard
  - Mr. Mark A. L. Mason
  - Mr. Shelley Stewart
- Board Officers for the 2024-2025 Board Year:
  - Chairman: Dr. Laurence C. Morse
  - Vice Chair: Ms. Leslie D. Hale
  - Vice Chair: Mr. Mark A. L. Mason
  - Secretary: Ms. Christie L. Taylor
- Nominees for Boards of Visitors

The Board approved the Resolution to Accept Relinquishment of Honorary Degree by Mr. Sean Combs.

The Board approved the minutes of the March 1, 2024 meeting of the Howard University Board of Trustees.

The Board approved the In Memoriam Report and Resolution.

#### **BOARD ACTIONS June 28, 2024**

The Board approved the following resolutions of the Finance Committee:

- Resolution to Approve FY2025 Operating Budget Proposal.
- Resolution to Approve FY2025 University Capital Renewal & Replacement Plan.

The Board approved the following recommendation of the Governance Committee:

- Recommendation to Approve Nominees for Election to the Howard University Board of Trustees:
  - Lena Hill, Ph.D. (BA '97), Provost and Professor of English and Africana Studies, Washington and Lee University
  - Carol Quillen, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, National Trust for Historic Preservation

The Board approved the minutes of the June 7, 2024 meeting of the Howard University Board of Trustees.

cc:

Laurence C. Morse, Ph.D., Chairman  
Ben Vinson III, Ph.D., President

## **Stakeholder Group Leadership**

This memo was emailed individually to the leadership listed below:

- Cabinet Officers
- Howard University Student Association (HUSA)  
c/o Ms. Jay Jones, President
- Howard University Graduate Student Assembly (GSA)  
c/o Ms. Lauren Taylor, Chair
- Howard University Alumni Association (HUAA)  
c/o Dr. Kandace L. Harris, President
- Howard University Faculty Senate  
c/o Dr. Guericke Royal, Chair
- Howard University Staff Organization (HUSO)  
c/o Ms. Monique McClung, President