

MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard University Community
Stakeholder Leadership (Distribution Attached)

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

DATE: August 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Actions Taken by the Howard University Board of Trustees at the June 5, 2025, June 6, 2025, and June 30, 2025 Meetings

This memorandum summarizes the actions taken by the Howard University Board of Trustees during the June 5, 2025, June 6, 2025 and June 30, 2025 meetings.

BOARD ACTIONS June 5, 2025

The Board gave conditional approval of a Howard University Hospital Facility Plan option.

BOARD ACTIONS June 6, 2025

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

- Recommendation to Establish a BS in Data Science, Mathematics Department.
- Recommendation to Establish an Interdisciplinary Studies Minor in Applied Data Science & Analytics, Interdisciplinary Studies Department.
- Recommendation to Establish an Education Law & Juvenile Justice Certificate, School of Law.
- Recommendation to Establish an Intellectual Property Social Justice Certificate.
- Recommendation to Rename the Department of Health, Human Performance & Leisure Studies to Department of Health, Human Performance & Sports Management.
- Recommendation to Rename Bachelor of Science in Leisure Studies (concentration in Sports Management) to BS in Sports Management.
- Recommendation to Ratify Faculty Candidates for Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure (APT).



The Board approved the following recommendations of the Academic Excellence Committee and the Audit and Legal Committee:

- Recommendation: Revised Bylaws and APT Criteria for the School of Social Work.
- Recommendation: Bylaws and APT Criteria for the College of Fine Arts.
- Recommendation: Revised Bylaws and APT Criteria for the College of Arts & Sciences.

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Audit and Legal Committee:

- FY2026 Internal Audit Plan.

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Executive Committee:

- Resolution: Re-establishing the Health Sciences Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Finance Committee:

- Resolution: Execution of Hayat Brown Replacement Contract.
- Resolution: Additional Funding to Complete the Miner Building Project.

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Governance Committee:

- Nominees for Election to the Howard University Board of Trustees, for the term commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028:
 - Ziad Ojakli, Former Executive Vice President of Government Operations, The Boeing Company
 - Levoyd Robinson, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer, Chicago Fundamental Investment Partners (CFIP), LLC (Alumnus)
 - Eugene Washington, Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Duke University Health System (Alumnus)
- Trustees for Re-election to the Howard University Board of Trustees, for the term commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028:
 - Richard Besser: (2nd Term)
 - Depelsha McGruder: (2nd Term)
 - Hilary Rosen: (3rd Term)
 - Christopher Tyson: (2nd Term)
 - Chris Washington: (3rd Term)
- Board Officers for the 2025-2026 Board Year:
 - Chair: Leslie D. Hale
 - Vice Chair: Mark A. L. Mason
 - Treasurer: Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings
 - Secretary: Christie L. Taylor

- The Board approved the minutes of the February 28, 2025 meeting of the Howard University Board of Trustees and the minutes of the March 28, 2025 Special Meeting of the Howard University Board of Trustees.
- The Board approved the *In Memoriam* Report and Resolution.

BOARD ACTION June 30, 2025

The Board approved the FY2026 Provisional Budget Proposal.

cc:

Ms. Leslie D. Hale, Chair

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. Naesoj Ware, Executive 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