

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents
Murray State University
January 10, 2025**

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Murray State University (MSU) Board of Regents met on Friday, January 10, 2025, in Special Session in Room 118 Wells Hall on the Murray State University campus. Chair Leon Owens called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and welcomed those joining the meeting in person and via ZOOM or livestream. Secretary Jill Hunt called the roll and the following Board members were present: Andy Belcher (via ZOOM), Robbie Fitch (via ZOOM), Brendan Hawkins (via ZOOM), David Meinschein (via ZOOM), G. L. Ovey (via ZOOM), Leon Owens, Matthew Price (via ZOOM), Emily Roark (via ZOOM), Melony Shemberger, Tom Waldrop and David Wilson. Absent: None.

Participants in the meeting were: Robert L (Bob) Jackson, President; Jill Hunt, Senior Executive Coordinator for the President, Coordinator for Board Relations and Secretary to the Board; Tim Todd, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jackie Dudley, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services and Treasurer to the Board (via ZOOM); Don Robertson, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (via ZOOM); Robert Miller, General Counsel; Information Technology staff and other members of the University community and the general public.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Chair Owens

Roll Call

Secretary Hunt

Swearing-In Ceremony – Dr. Andy Belcher

**Judge-Executive Kenny
Imes**

Election of Officers – Vice Chair and Secretary*

Chair Owens

- A. Election of Board of Regents Officers – Vice Chair and Secretary (Per MSU Board of Regents *Bylaws* and Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 164.330*)**

Adjournment

Chair Owens

Swearing-In Ceremony – Dr. Andrew Belcher, conducted

On December 13, 2024, Governor Andy Beshear appointed Dr. Andrew Belcher to the Murray State University Board of Regents to fill the expired term of Virginia Gray. Calloway County Judge-Executive Kenny Imes administered the Kentucky Constitutional Oath of Office to Dr. Belcher. Regent Belcher received a round of applause.

Board of Regents Organizational Materials

Election of Board of Regents Officers – Vice Chair and Secretary, conducted

Chair Owens stated that in accordance with the *Bylaws* of the Board of Regents, all officers are elected annually at the Spring Quarterly Meeting and shall serve for one year, commencing July 1 following their election. A separate election shall be conducted by the Board for each of the officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. The Board elected officers and reaffirmed the appointment of the Treasurer during the June 7, 2024, Quarterly Meeting. Per the Board of Regents *Bylaws* and Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 164.330, an election for Vice Chair and Secretary shall be held at the organizational meeting required within 30 days of the appointment of a new member.

Chair Owens declared that nominations were in order for Vice Chair of the Board of Regents. Secretary Hunt called the roll and Regent Belcher nominated Robbie Fitch. Regent Fitch passed and Regent Hawkins seconded the nomination. All other members passed. Chair Owens indicated there being only one nomination, Robbie Fitch is unanimously elected as Vice Chair of

the Board of Regents through June 30, 2025, according to the *Bylaws* of the Murray State University Board of Regents and KRS 164.330. Regent Fitch received a round of applause.

Chair Owens declared that nominations were in order for Secretary to the Board of Regents. Secretary Hunt called the roll and Regent Belcher nominated Jill Hunt. All other members passed. Chair Owens indicated there being only one nomination, Jill Hunt is unanimously elected as Secretary to the Board of Regents through June 30, 2025, according to the *Bylaws* of the Murray State University Board of Regents and KRS 164.330. Secretary Hunt received a round of applause.

Adjournment

Chair Owens indicated there being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting stands in adjournment. Adjournment of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents was at 3:45 p.m.


Secretary Jill Hunt


Chair Leon Owens