

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents  
Murray State University  
August 7, 2023**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Murray State University (MSU) Board of Regents met on Monday, August 7, 2023, in Special Session in Room 118 Wells Hall on the Murray State University campus. Chair Leon Owens called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed those joining the meeting in person and via ZOOM or livestream. Secretary Jill Hunt called roll and the following Board members were present: Jessica Evans, Virginia Gray, Ellie McGowan, David Meinschein (via ZOOM), G. L. Ovey, Leon Owens, Matthew Price, Emily Roark, Melony Shemberger and Tom Waldrop. Absent: Robbie Fitch.

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, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services and Treasurer to the Board; Roslyn White, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management; Robert Miller, General Counsel; additional members of the MSU administration; Information Technology staff and members of the University community, the general public and news media.

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Chair Owens**

**Roll Call**

**Secretary Hunt**

**Swearing-In Ceremony – Dr. Matthew Price and Mr. G. L. Ovey\***

**Judge Andrea Moore**

**Board of Regents Organizational Materials\***

**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**

(\*Requires Board of Regents Action)

**Swearing-In Ceremony – Mr. G. L. Ovey and Dr. Matthew Price, conducted**

President Jackson welcomed the family members present on behalf of Mr. G. L. Ovey and Dr. Matthew Price. He also expressed appreciation to Circuit Court Judge Andrea Moore for her willingness to serve the University in this capacity. On July 10, 2023, the Governor of the State of Kentucky Andy Beshear appointed Mr. G. L. Ovey and Dr. Matthew Price to the Board of Regents of Murray State University. Judge Moore administered the Kentucky Constitutional Oath of Office, pursuant to Section 228, to both Mr. Ovey and Dr. Price. Regents Ovey and Price received a round of applause and were welcomed to the Murray State University Board of Regents.

**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 2, 2023, 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 outlined procedural guidelines for the election of the Vice Chair and Secretary.

Chair Owens declared that nominations were in order for Vice Chair of the Board of Regents. Secretary Hunt called the roll and Regent Evans nominated Virginia Gray. All other members passed. Chair Owens indicated there being only one nomination, Virginia Gray is elected as Vice Chair of the Board of Regents through June 30, 2024, according to the *Bylaws* of the Murray State University Board of Regents and KRS 164.330. Regent Gray received a round of applause.

Chair Owens declared that nominations were in order for Secretary of the Board of Regents. Secretary Hunt called the roll and Regent Evans nominated Jill Hunt. All other members passed. Chair Owens indicated there being only one nomination, Jill Hunt is elected as Secretary to the Board of Regents through June 30, 2024, 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 1:40 p.m.

  
Secretary Jill Hunt

  
Chair Leon Owens

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