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BOARD OF REGENTS

LAWS OF THE REGENTS

ARTICLE 2: THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Part A: Organization and Powers

2.A.5 Chair and Vice Chair

- (A) As provided by the state constitution and state law, the Board of Regents shall select from among its members a chair, who shall conduct the meetings of the board, and a vice chair, who shall assume the duties of the chair in the chair's absence.

[See section 12 of article IX of the state constitution]

- (B) ~~Effective January 1, 2025, the~~ chair and vice chair shall be elected annually ~~at the first regularly scheduled board meeting of each calendar year~~ in January and shall assume these roles at the conclusion of this meeting.
- (C) At least two weeks prior to the ~~first regularly scheduled board meeting of each calendar year~~ chair and vice chair election, regents interested in serving for an office are strongly encouraged to submit in writing a short letter of interest to the Office of the Board of Regents. This letter will include information about the candidate and why the candidate would like to serve in a particular position. One week prior to the ~~first regularly scheduled board meeting of the calendar year~~ chair and vice chair election, the Office of the Board of Regents shall make any letter of interest received available to the full board. Selection of chair and vice chair shall comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law. Voting for chair and vice chair shall be by secret ballot, unless only one regent is nominated for a position. Should no nominee receive a majority vote of regents, the election shall be declared null and void, and the secret ballot vote shall be retaken.
- (D) Unless seven or more regents are members of the same political party, the chair and the vice chair shall not be members of the same political party.
- (E) Unless otherwise limited by these laws, any regent is eligible to be elected chair or vice chair irrespective of that regent's party affiliation.
- (F) In the event the board is unable to elect a new chair and vice chair as provided in sections A, B, and C above, the current chair and vice chair shall continue in their respective offices until the next scheduled or special meeting of the board. The next regular or special meeting will be considered a new election.

- (G) In the event of resignation from office of the chair, the vice chair shall assume the duties of the chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an election, either at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special meeting, to elect a new chair. Any chair elected in this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term of the prior chair.
- (H) In the event of a vacancy in the position of chair due to the death, incapacity, or resignation of the regent holding that position, the vice chair shall assume the duties of the chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an election, either at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special meeting, to elect a new chair. The election shall not occur until the governor of the state of Colorado appoints a new regent in accordance with state law. Any chair elected in this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term of the prior chair.
- (I) In the event of a resignation from office of vice chair, the chair shall appoint a regent to perform the duties of the vice chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an election, either at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special meeting, to elect a new vice chair. Any vice chair elected in this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term of the prior vice chair.
- (J) In the event of a vacancy in the position of vice chair due to the death, incapacity, or resignation of the regent holding that position, the chair shall appoint a regent to perform the duties of vice chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an election, either at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special meeting, to elect a new vice chair. The election shall not occur until the governor of the state of Colorado appoints a new regent in accordance with state law. Any vice chair elected in this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term of the prior vice chair.
- (K) The chair shall have the authority to take routine personnel actions concerning those employees who report directly or jointly to the board and for whom the board is a designated supervisor. Such routine personnel actions include, but are not limited to, leave approvals, expense reimbursement approvals, performance ratings, preparation of comprehensive review summary evaluations, and acceptance of resignations. It is the sense of the board, but not a limitation on the chair's authority, that the chair consult with the board in preparing annual performance ratings, defining the comprehensive review process, conducting the comprehensive review, and preparing the comprehensive review summary evaluations and ratings for such employees. The chair shall not have the authority to appoint, dismiss, set the salary for, or establish the duties of employees reporting directly to the board, which authority is reserved to the board.
- (L) The chair shall also have the authority to execute agreements and other documents on behalf of the board, including, but not limited to, employment and settlement agreements, provided that any agreement executed by the chair shall be approved first as to legal sufficiency by an attorney in the office of university counsel. It is the sense of the board, but not a limitation on the chair's authority, that the chair and/or university counsel consult with the board prior to the chair executing an agreement and report the execution of the agreement to the board thereafter.

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96 (M) The chair shall have the authority to appoint individual board members to serve on
97 outside committees, commissions, authorities, or boards when the appointment of
98 a regent is required by state law, board policy, or a board-approved
99 intergovernmental or other university agreement.
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