

**Board of Regents**  
**Meeting of the Full Board**  
November 7-8, 2024  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**Full Board Actions**

**1. Approval to Grant the Title of Regent Emeritus**

**POSTPONED**

“The Board of Regents approves granting the title of Regent Emeritus of the University of Alaska to regents ending their service on the board in recognition of steadfast and exemplary leadership and distinguished and long-standing service under the authority provided for and in compliance with Board of Regents Bylaw 18.A. The title is considered honorary and receives no specific benefits or duties. This motion is effective November 7, 2024.”

**2. Approval of Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2026**

**PASSED**

“The Board of Regents approves tuition rates for Academic Year 2026 as presented. This motion is effective November 8, 2024.”

**3.**

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**12. Approval of the University of Alaska Fairbanks 2024 Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan Amendment**

**PASSED**

“The Board of Regents approves the University of Alaska Fairbanks 2024 Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan Amendments for housing, research, and student recruitment and engagement as presented. This amendment will be incorporated in the existing 2020 UAF Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan. This motion is effective November 8, 2024.”

**13. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Mary K. Hughes**

**PASSED AS AMENDED**

“The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Mary K. Hughes. This motion is effective November 8, 2024.”

WHEREAS, Mary K. Hughes has served with unprecedented dedication and distinction as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mary K. Hughes was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Knowles in 2002 and affirmed by Governor Murkowski in 2003; she was re-appointed to an eight-year term by Governor Palin in 2009 and re-appointed to a second eight-year term by Governor Walker in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mary K. Hughes has held numerous leadership positions on the board, including serving as its Chair from 2005 to 2008, as Vice Chair from 2002 to 2005, and as Chair of the Human Resources, Planning & Development Committee, and as Vice Chair of the Facilities and Land Management Committee; she was also as the first Chair of the Governance Committee, established by the board in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mary K. Hughes frequently shared personal recollections from her time as a University of Alaska student and often reflected on friendships and connections with members of the broader university community during regent meetings and public testimony, demonstrating a remarkable closeness to the matters at hand; and

WHEREAS, Mary K. Hughes has been a member of the University of Alaska Foundation Board of Directors since 1990, both as an elected member and an appointed regent; and

WHEREAS, Mary K. Hughes' professional career spanned both the public and private sector, serving as a partner in the Alaskan law firm of Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell, and Brundin from 1974 to 1994, Municipal Attorney for the Municipality of Anchorage from 1995 to 2000; and Alaska State Director for U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski from 2005 to 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Mary K. Hughes served as Chief Administrative Officer for Lisa Murkowski



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WHEREAS, Paul Layer began his university career as an assistant professor of geophysics at the Geophysical Institute and the Department of Geology and Geophysics in 1989, working his way up through academic ranks to associate and then full-tenured professor of geophysics, to chair of the Department of Geology and



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**16. Election of Board of Regents' Officers**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents elects