

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Utah Legislature formed the Utah Board of Higher Education, bringing together each of the eight public technical colleges and eight public degree-granting institutions in a combined System; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Board has operated with 18 members, including two student members, all appointed by the Governor to govern the Utah System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the valuable contributions of each influential and accomplished community member and student who has served on the Board and its many committees who worked diligently to identify and implement key policies and initiatives aimed at continually improving the System for all of Utah's students; and

WHEREAS, the Board committed to equitably provide accessible, valuable, innovative, and affordable higher education for students to expand their economic mobility, enhance their cultural awareness, and improve their overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, since 2020, the Utah Board of Higher Education has been engaged in a rigorous, collaborative, and creative strategic planning process that built on past initiatives from previous boards and incorporated feedback from institutions, state leaders, students, and other stakeholders to guide its work; and

WHEREAS, the Board achieved many great milestones over the past three years under its strategic plan pillars including System Leadership, Access, Affordability, Completion, Workforce Alignment, and Research; and

WHEREAS, in the 2023 legislative session, Senate Bill 146, sponsored by Senator Ann Millner, amended the provisions regarding the governance of the state's System of Higher Education and amended the duties and membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, in its reconstituted form, beginning July 1, 2023, the Utah Board of Higher Education will control, oversee, and regulate the Utah System of Higher Education. It will consist of 10 Utah residents, including one student member; and

WHEREAS, today, we express our heartfelt appreciation to each member of the Board who has served USHE's sixteen colleges and universities, made a significant impact on Utah communities and students, and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the values and mission of the System. Thanks to their exceptional work, Utah continues to lead the way in providing unparalleled opportunities for students and fostering a vibrant, thriving economy and society;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utah Board of Higher Education, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his entire staff, and institution presidents, faculty, and staff, look forward to the newly reconstituted Board and its upcoming work within the Utah System of Higher Education.

Dated this 18th day of May 2023.

*Lisa Michele Church, Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education*



*Dave R. Woolstenhulme
Commissioner of Higher Education*