

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**REVISED  
AGENDA ITEM: 3 – B  
DATE: March 29-30, 2022**

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**SUBJECT**

**Resolutions of Recognition – Regent Tony Venhuizen & Regent Joan Wink**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

Regent Tony Venhuizen served the people of the state of South Dakota from May 2003 to July 2008 and from April 2021 to December 2022 as a member of the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Regent Joan Wink served the people of the state of South Dakota for six years, from March 2017 to March 2023, as a member of the South Dakota Board of Regents.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The South Dakota Board of Regents wishes to recognize Regent Venhuizen and Regent Wink for their outstanding service to the higher education system in South Dakota.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – Special Resolution: Regent Tony Venhuizen  
Attachment II – Special Resolution: Regent Joan Wink

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**DRAFT MOTION 20230329\_3-B:**

I move to recognize Tony Venhuizen and Joan Wink for their service to South Dakota’s system of public higher education.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Tony Venhuizen served the people of the state of South Dakota for nearly seven years, most recently from April 2021 to January 2023 and as a Student Regent from 2003-2008, before his resignation from the South Dakota Board of Regents; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Venhuizen served with distinction as Secretary of the Board of Regents; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Venhuizen served on the legislative committee, where he helped lead the board through two successful sessions, leading to lasting impacts on every South Dakota campus and financial savings for university students as the result of a multi-year tuition freeze; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time on the Board, Regent Venhuizen took an active and involved role to ensure South Dakota's public universities offer opportunity for all students to succeed in their educational pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of his leadership, the Board of Regents took affirmative steps to: safeguard academic freedom; expose students to a variety of viewpoints, ideas, and theories; and ensure our curriculum remain rooted in widely held and accepted knowledge and thought; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is the desire of the Board of Regents to recognize Regent Tony Venhuizen for his service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Regent Tony Venhuizen be thanked for his contributions and dedication to the betterment of students' higher education, and it is ordered that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Regent Venhuizen.

Adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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## SPECIAL RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Joan Wink served the people of the state of South Dakota for six years, from March 2017 to March 2023, before her retirement from the South Dakota Board of Regents; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Wink served with distinction on the Senate Bill 55 Task Force, a state-appointed task force charged with studying the operations and functions of higher education institutions under the Regents' control; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Wink chaired the academic subcommittee of the Senate Bill 55 Task Force, where she led a review of functions related to duplicative program offerings, academic majors with low enrollments, low graduates; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of her leadership on the task force, the Board of Regents announced it would move to a single, nursing program located at Black Hills South Dakota West River Health Center, implemented new policies on program evaluation and course enrollment management; and

**WHEREAS**, during her time on the Board, Regent Wink has served as the Chair on the committee of academic and student affairs leading multiple discussions on program health, new program requests, collaboration, and agreements for the Regental system,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is the desire of the Board of Regents to recognize Regent Joan Wink for her service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Regent Joan Wink be thanked for her contributions and dedication to the betterment of students' higher education, and it is ordered that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Regent Wink.

Adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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