

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

**REVISED
AGENDA ITEM: 5 – B
DATE: June 21-22, 2022**

SUBJECT

Resolutions of Recognition

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Regent Jim Thares served the people of the state of South Dakota for six years, from July 2017 to June 2023, as a member of the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Dr. Brian Maher served the people of the state of South Dakota for three years, from July 2020 to June 2023, as the Board of Regents’ executive director and chief executive officer.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

The South Dakota Board of Regents wishes to recognize Regent Jim Thares and Dr. Brian Maher for their outstanding service to the higher education system in South Dakota.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Resolution of Recognition – Jim Thares
Attachment II – Resolution of Recognition – Dr. Brian Maher

DRAFT MOTION 20230621_5-B:

I move to recognize Jim Thares and Dr. Brian Maher for their service to South Dakota’s system of public higher education.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jim Thares served the people of the state of South Dakota for a six year term, from 2017 - 2023, on the South Dakota Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Regent Thares served with distinction as the Vice President and the Secretary of the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Regent Thares served on numerous committees, including Academic and Student Affairs, Audit, Budget and Finance, and Legislative leading to lasting impacts on every South Dakota campus, financial savings for universities, streamlined academic offerings, and strong legislative partnerships; and

WHEREAS, during his time on the Board, Regent Thares took an active and involved role to share the story of South Dakota's public universities and broadcasting the importance of higher education to individuals and to the growth of our great state; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his active role on leadership search committees, Chairing of the Northern Presidential Search and Co-Chairing the Superintendent searches for the 2018 South Dakota School for the Deaf, the 2018 and 2022 South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Board of Regents built a strong foundation with capable authorities thanks to Regent Thares' dedication; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Regent Jim Thares 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 Thares.

Adopted this 22nd day of June 2023.

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SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Brian Maher served the people of the state of South Dakota for three years, from 2020 - 2023, as the Executive Director and CEO of the South Dakota Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brian Maher led the Senate Bill 55 Taskforce, which became the groundwork for an in-depth look into the state's higher education system, prioritized system-wide services, increased viability for the University Centers now known as University of South Dakota - Sioux Falls and Black Hills State University - Rapid City, and more than 30 other initiatives; and

WHEREAS, during his time as Executive Director, Dr. Maher led during a period of double-digit inflation, meanwhile students saw nearly identical tuition for three consecutive years with the help of university leadership and legislative action; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his leadership, the Board of Regents strengthened connections throughout South Dakota, increased partnerships with our state's Technical Colleges, and built upon Legislative relationships; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the desire of the Board of Regents to recognize Dr. Brian Maher for his service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Brian Maher 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 Dr. Maher.

Adopted this 22nd day of June 2023.

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