

Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
August 6, 2012

**RESOLUTION HONORING HENRY BASKIN**

1. **Division and Department:** President's Division.
2. **Introduction:** Trustee Henry Baskin's tenure on the Oakland University Board of Trustees concludes on August 11, 2012. The following resolution is being presented to formally recognize Trustee Baskin's contributions to Oakland University.
3. **Previous Board Action:** None.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** None.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** This Resolution was approved by the President.
8. **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Trustee Henry Baskin was appointed to the Oakland University Board of Trustees on August 14, 1996 by Governor John Engler, serving until August 11, 2004, and was reappointed on December 16, 2004 by Governor Jennifer Granholm; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Baskin's tenure as a Trustee concludes on August 11, 2012, and the Board of Trustees wishes to formally recognize his contributions to Oakland University; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Baskin served four terms as Chair of the Board of Trustees from September 11, 2002 to August 4, 2004 and from July 1, 2010 to August 11, 2012, and two terms as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees from July 31, 2008 to June 30, 2010, where his leadership and support resulted in major capital improvements to the University and aided in keeping tuition and fee increases as low as possible during a time of dramatic economic change, while maintaining fiscal commitment to the integrity of Oakland University's core educational experience; and

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WHEREAS, Trustee Baskin also served the Board as a member of the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee; the Investment Advisory Committee; the Ad Hoc Budget Process Committee; the President's Campaign Council; the Cooley Law School Committee; the Student Residential Planning Committee; the Oakland Center Expansion Project Selection Committee; and as a member of numerous other ad hoc committees of the Board contributing his knowledge and insight, and expending much time on the responsibilities associated with all of those duties; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Baskin continually shared his unique professional expertise in efforts to conserve Oakland University's financial resources and promote its academic mission throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Baskin spent countless hours coordinating the Board's activities, promoting Trustee to Trustee communication at Board meetings, and attending and addressing numerous student functions; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Baskin's leadership as Chair of the Board resulted in numerous Oakland University philanthropic, academic and capital improvements such as participation in the State's SmartZone program; the affiliation with Thomas M. Cooley Law School providing legal education on the Oakland University's campus; the continuation of the Meadow Brook Theatre programming; the classroom and laboratory improvements in the School of Nursing, O'Dowd Hall, Hannah Hall of Science, Oakland Center, and Meadow Brook Hall; the procurement and renovation of the Oakland University Anton/Frankel Center; the construction of the Human Health Building, and the construction of the Steve Sharf Clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Baskin has generously contributed to the fiscal and academic wellbeing of Oakland University through the establishment of the Henry Baskin Expendable Scholarship Fund for students from single-parent households and through his support of the Judaic Studies Program; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Baskin has provided valuable assistance in Oakland University's relationship with the Governor, the Legislature and other governmental entities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, President Gary D. Russi, and the entire Oakland University community publicly express their deep appreciation and gratitude to Trustee Henry Baskin for his dedicated service and wise counsel; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees publicly expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Trustee Baskin; and, be it further


RESOLVED, that Trustee Baskin be designated as Trustee Emeritus with all of the attendant rights and privileges of the position; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Trustee Baskin to convey the esteem in which he is held by the Board of Trustees, the President, and the University community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees extends to Trustee Baskin its best wishes for happiness and the hope that he will continue his association with Oakland University.

9. **Attachments:** None.

Recommended on July 23, 2012, to  
the Board for Approval by

  
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Gary D. Russi  
President