

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, August 21, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Karen Lee called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University to order at 8:19 a.m., Friday, August 21, 2015 in the Majestic Inn Ballroom in Anacortes, Washington.

**Board of Trustees**

Karen Lee, Chair  
Sue Sharpe, Vice Chair  
Dick Thompson, Secretary  
Betti Fujikado  
Chase Franklin  
Earl Overstreet

**Western Washington University**

Bruce Shepard, President  
Roger Leishman, Assistant Attorney General  
Barbara Sandoval, Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees  
Elissa Hicks, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND PUBLIC RECORDS REVIEW AND THE ROLE OF PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

Assistant Attorney General Roger Leishman provided the Trustees a refresher overview of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW) and the Public Records Act (Chapter 42.56 RCW) as they relate to the upcoming Presidential search. He reviewed what the public meeting act applies and does not apply to, what constitutes action, what constitutes a meeting, regular meetings, special board meetings, emergency board meetings, executive sessions, and exemptions. He also discussed protocol for communications, documents and emails during the Presidential search.

Trustees had general questions as to communications during the search process and meetings as it related to board action. AAG Leishman provided guidance on each of their questions in order to be in best compliance for the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act.

**3. RECOGNITION**

Chair Lee recognized Trustee Dick Thompson and talked about how his wisdom and his straight talk advice has shown a true commitment to Western over his term as trustee. Other trustees also gave thanks and words of praise for Thompson's service to the University. Trustee Thompson expressed his love for Western and the whole campus community and said he was grateful for the

service he was able to give the Board. Trustee Lee then asked Trustee Fujikado to read Resolution No.2015-10 Thanking Trustee Richard "Dick" Thompson.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF**  
**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**  
**THANKING TRUSTEE**  
**Richard "Dick" Thompson**

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2010, Governor Christine Gregoire appointed **DICK THOMPSON** of Olympia, Washington to serve a term on the Western Washington University Board of Trustees through September 30, 2015; and

**WHEREAS, DICK THOMPSON** brought to his appointment as a trustee a long and distinguished career in public service which has included key executive positions at The University of Washington, Department of Community Development, Department of Social and Health Services, the cities of Snohomish, Everett and Puyallup, the United Way of King County, and the administrations of Governor Booth Gardner, Governor Gary Locke and Governor Chris Gregoire; and

**WHEREAS, DICK THOMPSON** brought to his appointment as a trustee an extensive background in community affairs from serving on numerous nonprofit boards, and presently serves on the board of the Washington State Committee on Maritime Heritage and chairs the Washington Committee for Ethical Judicial Campaigns; and

**WHEREAS, DICK THOMPSON** brought to his appointment as a trustee awards and honors for his outstanding community service which include the University of Washington School of Law Alumni Association's Service Recognition Award and the Seattle-King County Municipal League's Warren G. Magnuson Award; and

**WHEREAS, DICK THOMPSON** earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Western Washington University and a juris doctorate degree from the University of Washington; and

**WHEREAS, DICK THOMPSON** as a resident of Olympia and having served for five years as trustee on the Board, and as Secretary of the Board of Trustees from 2014-2015, chair of the Board Audit Committee from 2012-2015, and contributed his time to the stewardship of the University above and beyond the usual expectations for board service; and

**WHEREAS, DICK THOMPSON** contributed to the increased stature and the future potential of Western Washington University and has exemplified what community services means as an engaged citizen, public servant and trustee with incredible kindness, straight talking wisdom, energy, commitment and concern for the best interests of all in the Western community;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University that **DICK THOMPSON** is hereby honored for outstanding service and dedication to the University and is extended the gratitude and best wishes of the entire University community.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its special meeting on August 21, 2015.

MOTION 08-08-2015: Trustee Fujikado moved, that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution 2015-10 Recognizing the Service of Trustee Dick Thompson.

The motion passed.

#### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:18 a.m. Chair Lee announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session for approximately 4.5 hours to discuss a personnel matter as authorized in RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g).

The Board returned to open meeting at 3:50 p.m. with no action to report.

5. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.