I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Wright State University Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Sean Fitzpatrick, chair, on Saturday, October 26, 2019, 8:35 a.m., in the Double Bowler Conference Room, 2455 Presidential Drive. Mr. Larry Chan, secretary to the Board of Trustees, called the roll:

Present:  
Michael Bridges  
Sean Fitzpatrick  
Stephanie Green  
Martin Grunder  
Bruce Langos  
William Montgomery  
Andrew Platt  
Grace Ramos  
Anuj Goyal

Absent:  
Douglas Fecher  
Anuj Goyal  
Vishal Soin

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Mr. Fitzpatrick read the following conflict of interest statement:

It is of utmost importance to ensure that all university decisions are free from any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Therefore, please be mindful of all obligations with which you have been charged as a Trustee of Wright State University; and take the steps you deem appropriate to perform your duties fairly and impartially.

III. PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that the meeting was called by written notification and a quorum was present.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None were offered.
V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Ohio Open Meetings Law, the Board, after a majority of a quorum and by roll call vote, determined to hold a Special Executive Session by offering the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 20-20

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold a Special Executive Session on October 26, 2019 at 8:36 a.m.; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G), the following issues may be discussed in Executive Session:

- Personnel matters: Employment

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved for approval. Mr. Bridges seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

VI. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:34 a.m. and the Board returned to Public Session.

VII. APPOINTMENT OF DR. SUSAN EDWARDS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Chair Fitzpatrick spoke about the need to fill the vacancy created with President Schrader’s upcoming retirement on December 31, 2019 and the Board’s desire to continue upholding Wright State’s mission with strong leadership. The Board has taken into consideration the role Provost Edwards could serve as an interim president, the length of time to complete a search, and the ongoing needs of the University’s initiatives and how to best serve students and the region. Mr. Montgomery put forth Dr. Susan Edwards name as the right person to take the university forward in the role of President. The Board expressed confidence in Dr. Edwards’ abilities and strong leadership skills and offered the following resolution.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPOINT
DR. SUSAN EDWARDS NEXT UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

RESOLUTION 20-21

WHEREAS, President Cheryl B. Schrader has tendered her notice of retirement and resignation as the University’s President effective December 31, 2019;
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that Susan L. Edwards, Executive Vice President and Provost would be a qualified individual to be named Wright State University President following Dr. Schrader’s retirement from the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, Dr. Edwards would serve as University President from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 whose service would be at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees upon specific terms to be agreed in writing by the Board and Dr. Edwards prior to her term as President beginning January 1, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wright State University Board of Trustees appoints Dr. Susan L. Edwards to be the Eighth President of Wright State University, effective January 1, 2020 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and running until June 30, 2022 with such service being at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Montgomery moved for approval. Ms. Green seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Board congratulated Dr. Edwards on her appointment and Ms. Green remarked that having Dr. Edwards in place for January 1st will help Wright State remain focused on the road to success.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.