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BOARD OF REGENTS

1 LAWS OF THE REGENTS

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3 ARTICLE 2: THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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5 Part A: Organization and Powers

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7 2.A.5 Chair and Vice Chair

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9 (A) As provided by the state constitution and state law, the Board of Regents shall
10 select from among its members a chair, who shall conduct the meetings of the
11 board, and a vice chair, who shall assume the duties of the chair in the chair's
12 absence.

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14 [See section 12 of article IX of the state constitution]

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16 (B) Effective January 1, 2025, the chair and vice chair shall be elected ~~annually~~ at the
17 first regularly scheduled board meeting of each odd-numbered calendar year and
18 shall assume these roles at the conclusion of this meeting.

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20 (C) At least two weeks prior to the first regularly scheduled board meeting of each odd-
21 numbered calendar year, regents interested in serving for an office are strongly
22 encouraged to submit in writing a short letter of interest to the Office of the Board
23 of Regents. This letter will include information about the candidate and why the
24 candidate would like to serve in a particular position. One week prior to the first
25 regularly scheduled board meeting of ~~the~~ an odd-numbered calendar year, the
26 Office of the Board of Regents shall make any letter of interest received available
27 to the full board. Selection of chair and vice chair shall comply with the Colorado
28 Open Meetings Law. Voting for chair and vice chair shall be by secret ballot, unless
29 only one regent is nominated for a position. Should no nominee receive a majority
30 vote of regents, the election shall be declared null and void, and the secret ballot
31 vote shall be retaken.

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33 (D) Unless seven or more regents are members of the same political party, the chair
34 and the vice chair shall not be members of the same political party.

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36 (E) Unless otherwise limited by these laws, any regent is eligible to be elected chair or
37 vice chair irrespective of that regent's party affiliation.

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39 (F) In the event the board is unable to elect a new chair and vice chair as provided in
40 sections A, B, and C above, the current chair and vice chair shall continue in their
41 respective offices until the next scheduled or special meeting of the board. The
42 next regular or special meeting will be considered a new election.

- 44 (G) In the event of resignation from office of the chair, the vice chair shall assume the
45 duties of the chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an election, either
46 at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special meeting, to
47 elect a new chair. Any chair elected in this manner shall serve for the duration of
48 the remaining term of the prior chair.
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- 50 (H) In the event of a vacancy in the position of chair due to the death, incapacity, or
51 resignation of the regent holding that position, the vice chair shall assume the
52 duties of the chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an election, either
53 at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special meeting, to
54 elect a new chair. The election shall not occur until the governor of the state of
55 Colorado appoints a new regent in accordance with state law. Any chair elected in
56 this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term of the prior chair.
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- 58 (I) In the event of a resignation from office of vice chair, the chair shall appoint a
59 regent to perform the duties of the vice chair until such time as the Board of
60 Regents holds an election, either at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents
61 meeting or by a special meeting, to elect a new vice chair. Any vice chair elected
62 in this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term of the prior vice
63 chair.
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- 65 (J) In the event of a vacancy in the position of vice chair due to the death, incapacity,
66 or resignation of the regent holding that position, the chair shall appoint a regent to
67 perform the duties of vice chair until such time as the Board of Regents holds an
68 election, either at a regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting or by a special
69 meeting, to elect a new vice chair. The election shall not occur until the governor
70 of the state of Colorado appoints a new regent in accordance with state law. Any
71 vice chair elected in this manner shall serve for the duration of the remaining term
72 of the prior vice chair.
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- 74 (K) The chair shall have the authority to take routine personnel actions concerning
75 those employees who report directly or jointly to the board and for whom the board
76 is a designated supervisor. Such routine personnel actions include, but are not
77 limited to, leave approvals, expense reimbursement approvals, performance
78 ratings, preparation of comprehensive review summary evaluations, and
79 acceptance of resignations. It is the sense of the board, but not a limitation on the
80 chair's authority, that the chair consult with the board in preparing annual
81 performance ratings, defining the comprehensive review process, conducting the
82 comprehensive review, and preparing the comprehensive review summary
83 evaluations and ratings for such employees. The chair shall not have the authority
84 to appoint, dismiss, set the salary for, or establish the duties of employees
85 reporting directly to the board, which authority is reserved to the board.
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- 87 (L) The chair shall also have the authority to execute agreements and other
88 documents on behalf of the board, including, but not limited to, employment and
89 settlement agreements, provided that any agreement executed by the chair shall
90 be approved first as to legal sufficiency by an attorney in the office of university
91 counsel. It is the sense of the board, but not a limitation on the chair's authority,
92 that the chair and/or university counsel consult with the board prior to the chair's
93 executing an agreement and report the execution of the agreement to the board
94 thereafter.

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- (M) The chair shall have the authority to appoint individual board members to serve on outside committees, commissions, authorities, or boards when the appointment of a regent is required by state law, board policy, or a board-approved intergovernmental or other university agreement.

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