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Appointed Regents

Richard C. Blum

Appointed March 12, 2002 to a term expiring March 1, 2014 (by Davis); re-appointed in 2014 (by Brown) to a term expiring March 1, 2026. B.A., University of California, Berkeley; M.B.A, University of California, Berkeley; Chairman of Blum Capital Partners, L.P.; Co-Chairman of Newbridge Capital, LLC.

William De La Peña, M.D.

Appointed August 18, 2006 to a term expiring March 1, 2018 (by Schwarzenegger); Ophthalmologist and medical director of the De La Pena Eye Clinic; B.S., American School Foundation; M.D., Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Ophthamology at UC Irvine, Fellowship at L.S.U., and University of London.

Gareth Elliott

Appointed January 2, 2015 to term expiring March 1, 2025 (by Brown); Partner, Sacramento Advocates, Inc.; B.A. (Political Science), Humboldt State University.

Russell Gould

Appointed September 13, 2005 to a term expiring March 1, 2017 (by Schwarzenegger); Partner, California Strategies LLC; B.A., University of California, Berkeley.

Eddie Island

Appointed June 6, 2005 to a term expiring March 1, 2017 (by Schwarzenegger); retired attorney and executive; J.D., Harvard Law School.

George Kieffer

Appointed May 6, 2009 (by Schwarzenegger) to term expiring March 1, 2021; Partner and member of the Executive Committee of the national law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP; Bachelor's degree, University of California, Santa Barbara; J.D. degree from UCLA.

Sherry L. Lansing

Appointed March 11, 1999 to a term expiring March 1, 2010 (by Davis); re-appointed in 2010 (by Schwarzenegger) to a term expiring March 1, 2022. Founder of the Sherry Lansing Foundation and former Chair and CEO of Paramount Pictures' Motion Picture Group; B.S., Northwestern University.

Monica Lozano

Appointed March 2001 to a term expiring March 1, 2013 (by Davis); re-appointed in 2014 (by Brown) to a term expiring March 1, 2022. Chair of the Board of US Hispanic Media, Inc.

Board Officers



Chairman Bruce D. Varner



Vice Chairman Fred Ruiz

Hadi Makarechian

Appointed October 24, 2008 to term expiring March 1, 2020 (by Schwarzenegger); B.S. (Civil Engineering), B.A. (Economics), State University of New York; Chairman of Makar Properties Board of Directors.

Eloy Ortiz Oakley

Appointed November 17, 2014 to term expiring March 1, 2024 (by Brown); B.A. (Environmental Analysis and Design), University of California, Irvine; M.B.A., University of California, Irvine; Superintendent and President of Long Beach City College.

Norman J. Pattiz

Appointed September 21, 2001 to a term expired March 1, 2004 (by Davis); appointed September 4, 2003 to a term expired March 1, 2014 (by Davis); re-appointed in 2014 (by Brown) to a term expiring March 1, 2026. Founder and former Chairman of the Board of Westwood One and CEO of Courtside Entertainment Group.

John A. Pérez

Appointed November 17, 2014 to term expiring March 1, 2024 (by Brown); California State Assembly Speaker Emeritus and former Assemblymember.

Bonnie Reiss

Appointed March 27, 2008 to a term expiring March 1, 2020 (by Schwarzenegger); Global Director of the Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy at the University of Southern California; BBA, University of Miami; J.D., Antioch Law School.

Fred Ruiz

Appointed July 2, 2004 to a term expiring March 1, 2016 (by Schwarzenegger); Co-founder and Chairman Emeritus of Ruiz Foods. Mr. Ruiz is the current Vice Chairman of the Board.

Sadia Saifuddin

Student Regent, July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015; Student at University of California, Berkeley.

Richard Sherman

Appointed January 17, 2014 (by Brown) to a term expiring March 1, 2025; Chief Executive Officer at the Geffen Company; Master of Business Taxation from the University of Southern California.

Bruce D. Varner

Appointed August 18, 2006 to a term expiring March 1, 2018 (by Schwarzenegger); Partner in the law firm Varner & Brandt; B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara; J.D., Hastings Law School. Mr. Varner is the current Chairman of the Board.

Paul Wachter

Appointed July 2, 2004 (by Schwarzenegger) to a term expiring March 1, 2016; Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; J.D., Columbia School of Law; Founder, President and CEO, Main Street Advisors.

Charlene Zettel

Appointed May 6, 2009 to term expiring March 1, 2021 (by Schwarzenegger); Chief Executive Officer, Donate Life California; B.S., University of Southern California.

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Ex Officio Regents

Jerry Brown

Governor of California and ex officio Regent, January 3, 2011 - present.

Gavin Newsom

Lieutenant Governor and ex officio Regent, effective January 10, 2011 - present.

Toni Atkins

Speaker of the Assembly and ex officio Regent, effective May 12, 2014 - present; Assembly member from the 78th district.

Tom Torlakson

State Superintendent of Public Instruction and ex officio Regent, January 3, 2011. - present.

Janet Napolitano

President of the University and ex officio Regent, effective September 30, 2013; B.A., Santa Clara University; J.D., University of Virginia School of Law.

Sheldon Engelhorn

Alumni Regent, July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015 and President, Alumni Associations of the University of California; B.S., University of California, San Diego (Biology).

Karen Leong Clancy

Alumni Regent, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015, and Vice President, Alumni Associations of the University of California; B.A., University of California, Berkeley (Economics).

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Regents-Designate

Rodney Davis

Regent-designate, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015, and Treasurer, Alumni Associations of the University of California; B.A., University of California, Davis (Rhetoric); M.A., University of Southern California (Public Administration); J.D., Hastings College of the Law.

Yolanda Gorman

Regent-designate, July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015 and Secretary, Alumni Associations of the University of California; B.A., University of California, Los Angeles (Psychology); M.B.A., University of California, Los Angeles; Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles (Educational Psychology).

Abraham (Avi) Oved

Student Regent-designate, July 16, 2014- June 30, 2015; Student at University of California, Los Angeles.

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Faculty Representatives to the Regents

Mary Gilly

Faculty Representative to The Regents, September 1, 2013 - August 31, 2015, and current Chair of the Universitywide Academic Senate of the University of California.

Dan Hare

Faculty Representative to The Regents, September 1, 2014-August 31, 2016, and current Vice Chair of the Universitywide Academic Senate of the University of California.

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Staff Advisors to the Regents

Donna Coyne

Staff Advisor, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

Deidre Acke

Staff Advisor-Designate, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

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