



**Minutes
Montana Board of Regents
April 14, 2026**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Meeting convened at 9:05 am

Regents Present: Todd Buchanan, Chair, Loren Bough, Jeff Southworth, Dean Folkvord, Heather Hoyer, Daniel Spoon, and Carter Jasper. The ex officio member present was Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian. Ex officio members Governor Greg Gianforte and Superintendent Susie Hedalen were excused.

Chair Buchanan called the meeting to order and thanked members for their participation. He asked Commissioner Christian to present the agenda item.

ACTION | 00:02:43

- a. Presidential Hire, University of Montana; OCHE/MUS ITEM 224-100-S0426

Commissioner Christian described the presidential search process and presented for the Board's consideration the approval Dr. Jeremiah Shinn to serve as the 20th President of the University of Montana.

A motion for approval of action item a. ITEM 224-100-S0426 was made by Regent Jasper; motion passed (7-0).

Public Comment | 00:07:10

No public comment was received.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 am

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