



**AFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT
TO RESOLVE CLAIMS INVOLVING RICHARD STRAUSS**

Resolution No. 2020-100

Synopsis: Affirmation of the Board of Trustees' commitment to a resolution of claims involving Dr. Richard Strauss and authorization for the Chair of the Board of Trustees to provide approval on behalf of the Board of Trustees for settlements related to claims involving Strauss, is proposed.

WHEREAS since learning of allegations in spring 2018, The Ohio State University of today has led the effort to investigate and determine Strauss' abuse and the university's failure at the time to adequately respond to or prevent it; and

WHEREAS Ohio State reiterates its deep regret and apologies to all who Strauss abused, and the university remains actively committed to a resolution with plaintiffs, including a monetary resolution, as well as creating future opportunities for survivors to be heard once the litigation is resolved; and

WHEREAS Chairman Gary R. Heminger told survivors at the November 2019 board meeting that the university is committed to a monetary resolution; and

WHEREAS the university has been and remains actively engaged in the confidential mediation process as directed by the federal court; and

WHEREAS in the normal course of university business, the university's General Counsel has authority to settle claims and lawsuits brought against the university with prior approval from the Ohio Attorney General, as required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees recognizes the significance of the Strauss matter, which has resulted in lawsuits involving approximately 350 plaintiffs, and wants the university to be in a position to expedite the execution of a settlement if a resolution has been agreed to in principle:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby reaffirms its continued commitment to and active engagement in efforts that will result in a fair resolution, including a monetary component; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Chair of the Board of Trustees to act on behalf of the Board of Trustees for the purpose of approving, within parameters discussed by the Board of Trustees, matters related to the settlement of any claims or lawsuits against the university related to the actions of Strauss; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees affirms the authorization of the university's General Counsel, with prior approval from the Ohio Attorney General, as required by law, to execute any necessary settlement agreements and other documents, instruments or agreements required in connection with the resolution of these matters.

CERTIFIED

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate excerpt from the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held February 27, 2020.

Jessica A. Eveland
Secretary