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## The Board of Regents of the The University of Michigan

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## Historical Background

From shortly after its inception in 1817 as the "Catholepistemiad, or University, of Michigania," down to the present day, the affairs of the University of Michigan have been managed by a governing board. While the nature of this governing board underwent four transformations of varying degrees during the first forty-seven years of the university's existence, the form that the board assumed after 1864 has remained fixed through the present day.

Initially designated a Board of Trustees, the first group of men to whom the care of the university was entrusted numbered twenty. These trustees and their successors were appointed by the territorial governor, himself *ex officio* head of the board.

Early visions of the Catholepistemiad were broad and far-ranging, and included the establishment of secondary schools that were to prepare students for enrollment in the state university. The first Board of Trustees oversaw the establishment of such a school in Detroit.



The Board of Regents, 1867. Left to right. Back row: Regents Cyrus Stockwell, Thomas Gilbert, John Sill, James Sweezy. Middle row: Regent James Johnson, President Erastus Otis Haven, Regent George Willard. Front row: Regents Thomas Joslin and Edward Walker. (Some identifications are not substantiated.)

The year 1837 marked important changes in Michigan: the advent of statehood and the establishment of the university in Ann Arbor. The method of governance of the university did not change, but differences in the name of the board and the number of persons serving on it mark the second stage in the development of the board's modern form. The Organic Act of March 18, 1837, called for the university to be governed by what was termed a Board

of Regents composed of twelve members. There was no real change, however, in the method of selection of the governing board. Regents were nominated by the governor and appointed by and with the consent of the Senate. The law further stipulated that the governor, lieutenant governor, justices of the Supreme Court, and chancellor of the state were to serve as *ex officio* regents. The chancellor of the university, later called president, was also to serve *ex officio* on the board, and act as chair. Since this office in the university remained unfilled until 1852, the chairmanship of the board was held by the governor between 1837 and 1852. Early *Proceedings of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan*, the official minutes of the board's meetings (hereafter referred to as *Regents Proceedings*), reveal that these first *ex officio* regents, unlike their later counterparts, did have the power to speak and to vote.

Appointments to the first Board of Regents were made by Governor Stevens T. Mason in the spring of 1837. At the first meeting of the board in Ann Arbor on June 5, 1837, lots were drawn to determine whether each appointee would serve a one-, two-, three-, or four-year term. Thereafter, the length of terms for appointments was understood to be four years, although the Organic Act of 1837 and the *Regents Proceedings* are silent on the issue. A significant number of the earliest members of the board did not serve full terms, and few served more than one term. The high rate of turnover was rendered

even higher by the social mobility that was characteristic of a frontier state. During the first fifteen years of the university's existence in Ann Arbor, forty-nine men served as regents; of these, fifteen resigned before their terms expired, one moved to Wisconsin without formal resignation, and one became state chancellor and so served instead as *ex officio* regent. Only ten of these forty-nine served a term longer than four years. Twenty-one others served *ex officio* during that time period, swelling to seventy the number of regents who served the university, however briefly, between 1837 and 1852.

Given a situation which bred inexperience in the board, whose members governed from a distance without the help of a university chancellor, it is surprising that the affairs of the new university ran as smoothly as they did. The physical plant of the early campus, consisting of four houses for professors and a structure which housed both classrooms and student rooms (later named Mason Hall), was completed by 1840. In 1841, the first class, consisting of six young men, matriculated and was served by two professors and a librarian. Enrollment increased rapidly to 159 for the academic year 1850/51; and by 1852, 101 students had been graduated from the University of Michigan. There were six faculty members, but still no chancellor, thus much of the mundane business of the operation of the university was left to an ever-changing board. In January 1852, for example, the board was obliged to consider a petition "of students in reference of supply of wood," and several meetings early in that year involved discussion of the firing and hiring of a custodian for the college buildings. The board was not without its share of serious subjects with which to deal, chiefly financial in nature. Its ability to deal with them was hampered by provisions in the Organic Act itself, which did not clearly differentiate the respective rights and duties of the regents and the state legislature. When a second constitutional convention convened in Michigan in 1850, reorganization of the governing structure of the university was an important issue.

The Constitution of 1850 provided for several changes in the makeup of the Board of Regents, marking the third stage in the board's evolution. Most significant was a change in the nature of the position of regent from that of a political appointee to an elected official. The new constitution provided that a regent be elected in each judicial circuit at the time of the election of circuit judge in April, to serve a six-year term beginning in January of the following year. The constitution also stipulated that the first item of business to be taken care of by the new board in 1852 was the selection of a president for the university. The issue of *ex officio* regents was also addressed; only the president of the university was to serve in this capacity, with the power to speak but not to vote. Minor flaws and the potential for major problems in the new system became apparent during the 1857 election. First, the number of judicial circuits increased from eight to ten, and by the terms of the constitution, the number of regents took a corresponding jump. This fluctuation in numbers was coupled with a more serious problem. In the election of 1857 the board experienced a complete turnover in members; the resulting situation provided a case study in why such a lack of continuity was dangerous to the university. There was the old problem of inexperience; far worse was the attitude of the new board to the university's president, Henry Tappan. Whereas the members of the board of 1852 had worked harmoniously with Tappan, the members of the board of 1858 clashed with him from the start. In a move that can be characterized as spiteful, the board eventually fired Tappan, a man who many feel was Michigan's greatest president, in June 1863, on the eve of the changeover to a new board.

It was clear that the system of election outlined in the Constitution of 1850 needed some fine-tuning. A law passed in 1863 marked the fourth and largely final stage of the board's development and provided for the election of eight regents-at-large, to begin service in 1864, two regents for two years, two for four years, two for six years, and two for eight years. Thereafter, at each biennial spring election voters would elect two regents, each for a term of eight years. This system is still in effect today, with one minor change instituted by the Constitutional Convention of 1963--that of fall rather than spring elections. The same convention eliminated the Superintendent of Public Instruction as an *ex officio* regent (this *ex officio* position had been added to the board by the Constitutional Convention of 1909), leaving the president of the university as the only *ex officio* member of the board.

While no system of governance is without problems, the system of elected regents has served the university



and the state well for nearly 140 years, and there has never been serious discussion about changing it

The Board of Regents at Michigan has a unique status among public university governing boards. Its existence, and certain of its powers, have been mandated by the state constitution since 1850. It theoretically operates with complete

independence from the legislative, judicial, and executive arms of state government. In reality, the board's relations with each of these governmental branches, especially the legislative branch, are complex, and certainly affect the way in which the board, and ultimately the university, operates. Dating from early in the university's history, when the issues in question were the regents' powers in financial matters and the existence of a Homeopathic Medical School in Ann Arbor, through the recent 1988 opinion on the regents' right to decide the issue of divestment of financial holdings, court rulings have, for the most part, supported the board's position that its members alone have the power to determine the course of university events.



Michigan University Regents  
75th Anniversary Celebration, June 27, 1912  
Standing L-R: Frank B. Leland, John H. Grant,  
Secretary Shirley W. Smith, Harry O. Bulkey,  
William L. Clements, Lucius L. Hubbard,  
Benjamin Hanchett, Junius E. Beal,  
Seated L-R: Luther L. Wright, Pres. Emeritus  
James B. Angell, Pres. Harry B. Hutchins,  
Walter M. Sawyer.



The Board of Regents, 1956 or 1957. Left to right: Regents Otto E. Eckert, Eugene B. Power, Alfred B. Connable, Roscoe O. Bonisteel, Vera Burrige Baits, President Harlan Hatcher, Regents Leland I. Doan, Charles S. Kennedy, Paul L. Adams.

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## Regents of the University of Michigan

The governing board of the University of Michigan has undergone several major changes in structure and method of selection since the founding of the Catholepistemiad in 1817. The first board, covering the period 1817-1821, consisted simply of the officers of the university. In 1821 a Board of Trustees was established comprised of twenty members appointed by the territorial governor, who was himself an *ex officio* member. With the coming of statehood in 1837, the name was changed to the Board of Regents and the number of members reduced to ten, but appointments were still made by the governor. The new constitution of 1850 provided for election of the board, with a member representing each circuit court district. The final major change to the Board came in 1863 with provisions that the board would consist of eight members elected at-large for eight year terms. The terms would be staggered with two members elected each to 2, 4, 6 and eight year terms in the 1864 spring election. In 1963 the election date was changed to the Fall with terms beginning the following January first.



Governor Stevens T. Mason made the appointments the first Board of Regents in the Spring of 1837. (This portrait of the Stevens T. Mason hangs in the directors office of the Bentley Historical Library.)

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### THE CATHOLEPISTEMIAD OR UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGANIA, 1817-1821

	Dates	Home Town	Office/Type	Remarks
Monteith, John	1817	Detroit	Faculty	Professor of Universal Science and President, <i>ex officio</i>
Richard, Gabriel	1817	Detroit	Faculty	Professor of Intellectual Sciences and Vice-President, <i>ex officio</i>
Monteith, John	1817	Detroit	President	
Richard, Gabriel	1817	Detroit	Vice-President	
Whiting, John L.	1817	Detroit	Register	
Abbott, James	1820	Detroit	Treasurer	
Edwards, Abraham	1821	Detroit	Treasurer	

### THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 1821-1837

Trustee	Dates	Home Town	Office/Type	Remarks
Woodbridge, William	1821-1827		Acting Governor	several brief intervals
Cass, Lewis	1822-1831	Detroit	Governor	
Witherell, James	1830		Acting Governor	Jan. April
Mason, John T.	1830-1831		Acting Governor	two brief intervals
Porter, George B.	1831-1834		Governor	
Mason, Stevens Thomson	1831-1834		Acting Governor	several brief intervals
	1834-1835		Governor, <i>ex officio</i>	
	1835-1837		Governor	
Horner, John S.	1835		Acting Governor	Sept.-Nov.
Biddle, John	1821-1837		Appointed	
Boilvin, Nicholas	1821-1837		Appointed	
LeRoy, Daniel	1821-1837		Appointed	
Clemons, Christian	1821		Appointed	
Puthoff, William H.	1821-1837		Appointed	
Anderson, John	1821-1837		Appointed	
Hunt, John	1821-1827		Appointed	



Larned, Charles	1821- 1834		Appointed	
Richard, Gabriel	1821- 1832		Appointed	
Williams, John R.	1821- 1837		Appointed	
Sibley, Solomon	1821- 1837		Appointed	
Monteith, John	1821		Appointed	
Hunt, Henry J.	1821- 1826		Appointed	
Leib, John L.	1821- 1837		Appointed	
Desnoyers, Peter J.	1821- 1837		Appointed	
Wing, Austin E.	1821- 1837		Appointed	
Woodbridge, William	1821- 1837		Appointed	
Stead, Benjamin	1821		Appointed	
Lecuyer, Philip	1821- 1834		Appointed	
Brown, William	1821- 1837		Appointed	
Edwards, Abraham	1822- 1837		Appointed	
Rowland, Thomas	1822- 1837		Appointed	
Kearsley, Jonathan	1827- 1837		Appointed	
Wells, Noah M.	1827- 1837		Appointed	
Kingsley, James	1827- 1837		Appointed	
Humphrey, L.	1827- 1837		Appointed	
Bury, Richard	1827- 1837		Appointed	
McDonnell, John	1835- 1837		Appointed	
Norvell, John	1837		Appointed	
Wilkins, Ross T.	1837		Appointed	

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF REGENTS, 1837-**

<b>Regent</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Home Town</b>	<b>Office /Type</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Fitzgerald, Thomas	1837	Niles	appointed	resigned before first meeting
McClelland, Robert	1837, 1850-1852	Monroe	appointed	resigned in 1837; reappointed, 1850
Hoffman, Michael	1837- 1838	Saginaw	appointed	resigned, 1838
Porter, John Frederich	1837- 1838	St. Joseph	appointed	replaced Fitzgerald; resigned, 1838
Lyon, Lucius	1837- 1839	Detroit	appointed	
Murphy, Seba	1837- 1839	Monroe	appointed	replaced McClelland; resigned 1839
Norvell, John	1837- 1839	Detroit	appointed	resigned, 1839
Adam, John Johnstone	1837- 1840	Tecumseh	appointed	resigned, 1840
Denton, Samuel	1837- 1840	Ann Arbor	appointed	
Mason, Stevens Thomson	1837- 1840	Detroit	Governor	ex officio with power to vote
Mundy, Edward	1837- 1840	Ann Arbor	Lt. Governor	served also as appointed Regent
Whittemore, Gideon Olin	1837- 1840	Pontiac	appointed	
Schoolcraft, Henry Rowe	1837- 1841	Detroit	appointed	
Fletcher, William Asa	1837- 1842	Ann Arbor	Supreme Court Justice	served also as appointed Regent
Morell, George	1837- 1842	Detroit	Supreme Court Justice	
Wilkins, Ross T.	1837- 1842	Detroit	appointed	
Ransom, Epaphroditus	1837- 1842, 1843- 1848	Kalamazoo	Supreme Court Justice	served also as appointed Regent
Farnsworth, Elon	1837- 1842, 1846	Detroit	Chancellor	served also as appt/elct. Regent
Crary, Isaac	1837- 1843	Marshall	appointed	
Pitcher, Zina	1837- 1852	Detroit	appointed	
Mundy, Edward	1838	Ann Arbor	Acting Governor	
Leech, Gurdon C.	1838- 1840	Utica	appointed	replaced Hoffman
Whipple, Charles W.	1838- 1851	Detroit	Supreme Court Justice	
Kearsley, Jonathan	1838- 1852	Detroit	appointed	replaced Porter
Brown, Joseph W.	1839- 1840	Tecumseh	appointed	replaced Murphy; resigned, 1840
<a href="#">Trowbridge, Charles Christopher</a>	1839- 1842	Detroit	appointed	replaced Norvell
Duffield, George (Sr.)	1839- 1843, 1844- 1848	Detroit	appointed	replaced Lyon, 1839; reappointed, 1844
Dexter, Samuel William	1840- 1841	Dexter	appointed	resigned, 1841

Gordon, James Wright	1840- 1841	Marshall	Lt. Governor	
Higginson, Francis John	1840- 1841	Grand Rapids	appointed	resigned, 1841
Hudson, Daniel	1840- 1841	Marshall	appointed	replaced Brown
Woodbridge, William	1840- 1841	Detroit	Governor	
Patterson, Michael A.	1840- 1842, 1852- 1857	Tecumseh	appointed/ elected	replaced Adam, 1840; elected in 1852
Draper, William	1840- 1844	Pontiac	appointed	
Gordon, James Wright	1841- 1842	Marshall	Acting Governor	
Comstock, Oliver Cromwell	1841- 1843	Detroit	appointed	replaced Dexter; resigned, 1843
Goodman, George	1841- 1843	Niles	appointed	resigned, 1843
Kundig, Martin	1841- 1845	Detroit	appointed	moved to Wisconsin, 1842, but never resigned
Owen, John	1841- 1848	Detroit	appointed	replaced Higginson
Manning, Randolph	1842	Pontiac	appointed	appointed Chancellor, 1842; served ex officio
<a href="#">Felch, Alpheus</a>	1842- 1845	Ann Arbor	Supreme Court Justice	
Crane, Elisha	1842- 1846	Detroit	appointed	
Fitch, Andrew M.	1842- 1846	Albion	appointed	
Fletcher, William Asa	1842- 1846	Ann Arbor	appointed	
Manning, Randolph	1842- 1846	Pontiac	Chancellor	served also as appointed Regent
Richardson, Origen D.	1842- 1846	Pontiac	Lt. Governor	
Burry, John Steward	1842- 1846, 1850- 1851	Constantine	Governor	
Cass, Lewis	1843- 1844	Detroit	appointed	replaced Comstock
Walker, DeWitt Clinton	1843- 1844	Romeo	appointed	replaced Goodman; resigned, 1844
Goodwin, Daniel	1843- 1846	Detroit	Supreme Court Justice	
Allen, Marvin	1843- 1852	Ann Arbor	appointed	
Kellogg, Robert Ransom	1844- 1845	Romeo	appointed	replaced Walker
Mundy, Edward	1844- 1848	Ann Arbor	appointed	
Redfield, Alexander Heman	1844- 1852	Cassopolis	appointed	replaced Crary
Lane, Minot Thayer	1845- 1849	Romeo	appointed	
Wing, Austin E.	1845- 1850	Monroe	appointed	resigned, 1850
Wing, Warner	1845- 1852	Monroe	Supreme Court Justice	
<a href="#">Felch, Alpheus</a>	1846- 1847	Ann Arbor	Governor	
Greenly, William L.	1846- 1847	Adrian	Lt. Governor	
Miles, George	1846- 1850	Ann Arbor	Supreme Court Justice	
Taylor, Charles Coffin	1846- 1850	Ann Arbor	appointed	
Pilcher, Elijah Holmes	1846- 1852	Ann Arbor	appointed	
Farnsworth, Elon	1846- 1857	Detroit	appointed/ elected	appointed, 1846; elected, 1852
Bush, Charles F.	1847- 1848	Ann Arbor	Acting Lt. Governor	
Greenly, William L.	1847- 1848	Adrian	Acting Governor	
Ransom, Epaphroditus	1848- 1850	Kalamazoo	Governor	
Mundy, Edward	1848- 1851	Ann Arbor	Supreme Court Justice	
Atterbury, John Guest	1848- 1852	Flint	appointed	
Fenton, William Matthew	1848- 1852	Flint	Lt. Governor	
Goodwin, Justus	1848- 1852	Union City	appointed	
Green, Sanford Moon	1848- 1852	Owosso/Bay City	Supreme Court Justice	
Witherell, Benjamin F. Hawkins	1848- 1852	Detroit	appointed	
Cust, Edwin M.	1849	Hamburg	appointed	resigned, 1849
Foster, Gustavus Lemuel	1850- 1852	Jackson	appointed	replaced Wing
Pratt, Abner	1850- 1852	Marshall	Supreme Court Justice	
Ransom, Epaphroditus	1850- 1852	Kalamazoo	appointed	replaced Cust
Martin, George	1851- 1852	Detroit	Supreme Court Justice	

Parsons, Andrew	1852- 1853	Corunna	elected	resigned, 1853
Ely, Elisha	1852- 1854	Allegan	elected	died in 1854
Kingsley, James	1852- 1857	Ann Arbor	elected	
Moore, Edward Shaw	1852- 1857	Three Rivers	elected	
Palmer, Charles Henry	1852- 1857	Romeo/Pontiac	elected	
Upjohn, William	1852- 1857	Hastings	elected	
Tappan, Henry Philip	1852- 1863	Ann Arbor	President	ex officio with no vote from '52
Northrop, Henry Horatio	1854- 1857	Flint	elected	replaced Parsons
Pack, George W.	1858	Washington	elected	did not qualify
Van Vleck, John	1858	Holland	elected	resigned, 1858
Parsons, Luke H.	1858- 1862	Corunna	elected	died, 1862
Baxter, Benjamin Levi	1858- 1863	Tecumseh	elected	
Bishop, Levi	1858- 1863	Detroit	elected	
Bradley, George	1858- 1863	Jackson	elected	
Brown, Ebenezer Lakin	1858- 1863	Schoolcraft	elected	
<a href="#">Ferry, William Montague</a>	1858- 1863	Montague	elected	
McIntyre, Donald	1858- 1863	Ann Arbor	elected	
Spaulding, Oliver Lyman	1858- 1863	St. Johns	elected	replaced Van Vleck
Whiting, Henry	1858- 1863	St. Clair	elected	replaced Pack
Johnson, James Eastman	1858- 1869	Niles	elected	
Haven, Erastus Otis	1863- 1869	Ann Arbor	President	
Sweetzer, Alvah	1864	Port Huron	elected	died, 1864
Joslin, Thomas Jefferson	1864- 1867	Detroit	elected	
Knight, Henry C.	1864- 1867	Detroit	elected	died, 1867
Sweezy, James Albert	1864- 1871	Hastings	elected	
Willard, George	1864- 1873	Kalamazoo	elected	
Gilbert, Thomas Dwight	1864- 1875	Grand Rapids	elected	
Walker, Edward Carey	1864- 1881	Detroit	elected	
Stockwell, Cyrus Moses	1865- 1871	Port Huron	appointed	replaced Sweetzer
Sill, John Mahelm Berry	1867- 1869	Detroit	appointed	replaced Knight
Burt, Hiram Austin	1868- 1875	Marquette	elected	
<a href="#">Frieze, Henry Simmons</a>	1869- 1871	Ann Arbor	Acting President	
Estabrook, Joseph	1870- 1877	Ypsilanti	elected	
McGowan, Jonas Hartzel	1870- 1877	Coldwater	elected	resigned, Jan. 1877
<a href="#">Angell, James Burrill</a>	1871- 1909	Ann Arbor	President	
Grant, Claudius Buchanan	1872- 1879	Ann Arbor/Houghton	elected	
Rynd, Charles	1872- 1879	Adrian	elected	
Climie, Andrew	1874- 1881	Leonidas	elected	resigned, 1881
Cutcheon, Byron Mac	1876- 1883	Manistee	elected	resigned, 1883
Walker, Samuel Snow	1876- 1883	St. Johns	elected	
Collier, Victory Phelps	1877	Battle Creek	appointed/ elected	replaced McGowan; elected, 1877, did not qualify
Duffield, George (Jr.)	1877- 1885	Lansing	appointed	replaced Collier
Maltz, George Lewis	1878- 1880	Alpena	elected	resigned, 1880
Van Riper, Jacob J.	1880- 1885	Niles/Buchanan	appointed	replaced Maltz
Grosvenor, Ebenezer Oliver	1880- 1887	Jonesville	elected	
Shearer, James	1880- 1887	Bay City	elected	
Blair, Austin	1881- 1889	Jackson	appointed/ elected	replaced Climie, 1881; elected, 1882
Joy, James Frederick	1882- 1886	Detroit	elected	resigned, 1886
Norris, Lyman Decatur	1883	Grand Rapids	appointed	replaced Cutcheon
Clark, Arthur Merrill	1884- 1891	Lexington	elected	
Willett, Charles Joseph	1884- 1891	St. Louis	elected	
Field, Moses Wheelock	1886- 1889	Detroit	elected	died, 1889
Draper, Charles Stuart	1886- 1892	Saginaw	appointed/ elected	replaced Joy, 1886; elected, 1890; died, 1892
Whitman, Charles Rudolphus	1886- 1893	Ypsilanti	elected	
Hebard, Charles	1888- 1895	Pequaming	elected	
Butterfield, Roger Williams	1888- 1903	Grand Rapids	elected	
Kiefer, Hermann	1889- 1901	Detroit	appointed/ elected	replaced Field, 1889; elected, 1894
Cocker, William Johnson	1890- 1901	Adrian	elected	died, 1901
Howard, Henry	1892- 1894	Port Huron	elected	died, 1894



Barbour, Levi Lewis	1892- 1897, 1902- 1907	Detroit	appointed	replaced Draper, 1892; replaced Sutton, 1902
Cook, Peter Napoleon	1892- 1899	Corunna	elected	
Dean, Henry Stewart	1894- 1907	Ann Arbor	appointed/ elected	replaced Howard, 1894; elected, 1900
Fletcher, Frank Ward	1894- 1909	Alpena	elected	
Hackley, Charles H.	1896	Muskegon	elected	resigned, 1896
Farr, George Alexander	1896- 1903	Grand Haven	appointed	replaced Hackley
<a href="#">Hutchins, Harry Burns</a>	1897- 1898	Ann Arbor	Acting President	
Lawton, Charles DeWitt	1898- 1905	Lawton	elected	
Sutton, Eli Ransom	1900- 1902	Detroit	elected	resigned, 1902
Hill, Arthur	1901- 1909	Saginaw	appointed/ elected	replaced Cocker, 1901; elected 1906
Carey, Henry Westonrae	1902- 1909	Manistee	elected	
White, Peter	1904- 1908	Marquette	elected	died, 1908
Knappen, Loyal Edwin	1904- 1911	Grand Rapids	elected	resigned, 1911
Sawyer, Walter Hulme	1906- 1931	Hillsdale	elected	died, 1931
<a href="#">Osborn, Chase Salmon</a>	1908- 1911	Sault Ste. Marie	appointed	replaced White; resigned, 1911
Leland, Frank Bruce	1908- 1923	Detroit	elected	
<a href="#">Beal, Junius Emery</a>	1908- 1939	Ann Arbor	elected	
Grant, John Henry	1909- 1913	Manistee	appointed	replaced Hill; died, 1913
Wright, Luther L.	1909- 1913	Ironwood	Super. of Pub. Instrct.	
Hutchins, Harry Burns	1909- 1920	Ann Arbor	Univeristy President	
Codd, George Pierre	1910- 1911	Detroit	elected	resigned, 1911
Clements, William Lawrence	1910- 1933	Bay City	elected	
Bulkley, Harry Conant	1911- 1917	Detroit	appointed	replaced Codd
Hanchett, Benjamin Sawtell	1911- 1929	Grand Rapids	appointed/ elected	replaced Knappen, 1911; elected, 1912; resigned, 1929
Hubbard, Lucius Lee	1911- 1933	Houghton	appointed/ elected	replaced Osborn, 1911; elected, 1912; resigned, 1933
<a href="#">Comstock, William Alfred</a>	1913	Alpena	appointed	replaced Grant
Keeler, Fred L.	1913- 1919	Mt. Pleasant	Super. of Pub. Instrct.	
Gore, Victor Michael	1914- 1929	Benton Harbor	elected	
Murfin, James Orin	1918- 1933, 1934- 1937	Detroit	elected/appointed	elected, 1918; replaced Shorts, 1934
Johnson, Thomas E.	1919- 1926	Coldwater	Super. of Pub. Instrct.	
Burton, Marion LeRoy	1920- 1925	Ann Arbor	President	
Stone, Ralph	1924- 1939	Detroit	elected	
Lloyd, Alfred Henry	1925	Ann Arbor	Acting President	
<a href="#">Little, Clarence Cook</a>	1925- 1929	Ann Arbor	President	
Coffey, Wilford L.	1926- 1927		Super. of Pub. Instrct.	
Pearce, Webster H.	1927- 1933	Mt. Pleasant	Super. of Pub. Instrct.	
Cram, Esther March	1929- 1943	Flint	appointed/ elected	replaced Hanchett, 1929; elected, 1936
<a href="#">Ruthven, Alexander Grant</a>	1929- 1951	Ann Arbor	President	
Shorts, R. Perry	1930- 1934	Saginaw	elected	resigned, 1934
Smith, Richard Root	1931- 1937	Grand Rapids	appointed	replaced Sawyer
Voelker, Paul F.	1933- 1935	Battle Creek	Super. of Pub. Instrct.	
Shields, Edmund C.	1933- 1935, 1938- 1945	Lansing	appointed/ elected	replaced Hubbard, 1933; elected 1938
Hemans, Charles F.	1934- 1941	Lansing	elected	
Cook, Franklin M.	1934- 1941, 1942- 1943	Hillsdale	elected/appointed	elected, 1934; replaced Burhans, 1942; died, 1943
Keyworth, Maurice R.	1935	Detroit	Super. of Pub. Instrct.	died, 1935
Elliott, Eugene B.	1935- 1948	Lansing	Super. of Pub. Instrct.	appt. to replace Keyworth
Crowley, David H.	1936- 1943	Detroit	elected	

Lynch, John D.	1938- 1945	Detroit	elected	
Kipke, Harry G.	1940- 1947	Ypsilanti	elected	
Herbert, J. Joseph	1940- 1955	Manistique	elected	
Burhans, Earl L.	1942	Paw Paw	elected	resigned, 1942
<a href="#">Connable, Alfred B.</a>	1942- 1957	Kalamazoo	elected	
Baits, Vera Burridge	1943- 1957	Grosse Pointe Park	appointed/ elected	replaced Cook, 1943; elected, 1950
Bishop, R. Spencer	1944- 1946	Flint	elected	died, 1946
Hayward, Ralph A.	1944- 1951	Parchment	elected	resigned, 1951
Bonisteel, Roscoe O.	1946- 1959	Ann Arbor	appointed/ elected	replaced Bishop, 1946; elected, 1952
Eckert, Otto E.	1946- 1961	Lansing	elected	
Kennedy, Charles S.	1946- 1961	Detroit	elected	
Stevens, Kenneth M.	1948- 1955	Detroit	elected	
Thurston, Lee M.	1949- 1953	Lansing	Super. of Pub. Instrct.	
Van Wagoner, Murray D.	1951	Detroit	appointed	replaced Hayward
<a href="#">Hatcher, Harlan Henthorne</a>	1951- 1967	Ann Arbor	President	
Doan, Leland I.	1952- 1959	Midland	elected	
Taylor, Clair L.	1953- 1957	Lansing	Super. of Pub. Instrct	
Adams, Paul L.	1956- 1957	Sault Ste. Marie	elected	resigned, 1957
Power, Eugene B.	1956- 1966	Ann Arbor	elected	resigned, 1966
Bartlett, Lynn M.	1957- 1963	Grosse Pointe Woods	Super. of Pub. Instrct.	
Thurber, Donald M. D.	1958- 1963	Grosse Pointe	appointed	replaced Adams
Brablec, Carl	1958- 1966	Roseville	elected	beginning of nine year terms for Regents
Murphy, Irene Ellis	1958- 1966	Birmingham	elected	
McInally, William K.	1960- 1964	Jackson	elected	died, 1964
Matthaei, Frederick C. (Sr.)	1960- 1967	Ann Arbor	elected	resigned, 1967
Sorenson, Allan R.	1962- 1967	Midland	elected	resigned, 1967
Goebel, Paul G.	1962- 1970	Grand Rapids	elected	
<a href="#">Briggs, Robert Peter</a>	1964- 1968	Jackson	appointed	replaced McInally
Cudlip, William B.	1964- 1972	Detroit	elected	
<a href="#">Bentley, Alvin M.</a>	1966- 1969	Owosso	appointed	replaced Power; died, 1969
Matthaei, Frederick C. (Jr.)	1967- 1968	Birmingham	appointed	replaced Matthaei, Sr.
<a href="#">Smith, Otis M.</a>	1967- 1970	Detroit	appointed	replaced Sorenson
Brown, Robert J.	1967- 1974	Kalamazoo	elected	return to eight year term for Regents
Huebner, Gertrude V.	1967- 1974	Bloomfield Hills	elected	
Lindemer, Lawrence B.	1968, 1969- 1975	Stockbridge	appointed/ elected	repl. Briggs (68) & Bentley (69); elected (72); resigned (75)
Fleming, Robben Wright	1968- 1979, 1988	Ann Arbor	President	
Dunn, Gerald R.	1969- 1984	Livonia	elected	
Nederlander, Robert E.	1969- 1984	Detroit	elected	
Brown, Paul Walker	1971- 1994	Petoskey	elected	
Waters, James L.	1971- 1994	Muskegon	elected	
Baker, Deane	1973- 1996	Ann Arbor	elected	
<a href="#">Power, Sarah Goddard</a>	1975- 1987	Ann Arbor	elected	died, 1987
<a href="#">Roach, Thomas A.</a>	1975- 1990	Detroit	elected	
Laro, David	1975- 1980	Flint	appointed	replaced Lindemer
Smith, Allen T.	1979	Ann Arbor	Acting President	
Shapiro, Harold Tafler	1980- 1987	Ann Arbor	President	
Varner, Nellie M.	1981- 1996	Detroit	elected	
Nielson, Neal D.	1985- 1992	Brighton	elected	
Smith, Veronica Latta	1985- 1992	Grosse Ile	elected	
<a href="#">Power, Philip H.</a>	1987- 1998	Ann Arbor	appointed	replaced Sarah Goddard Power
<a href="#">Duderstadt, James J.</a>	1988- 1995	Ann Arbor	President	
McFee, Shirley M.	1991- 1998	Battle Creek	elected	
McGowan, Rebecca	1993- 2008	Ann Arbor	elected	
Deitch, Laurence B.	1993-	Bingham Farms	elected	

Horning, Daniel D.	1995-2002	Grand Haven	elected
Newman, Andrea Fischer	1995-	Ann Arbor	elected
Neal, Homer S.	1996	Ann Arbor	Acting President
Bollinger, Lee C.	1996-2001	Ann Arbor	President
Maynard, Olivia P.	1997-2012	Goodrich	elected
Taylor, S. Martin	1997-2012	Grosse Pointe Farms	elected
Brandon, David	1999-2006	Ann Arbor	elected
White, Katherine E.	1999-	Ann Arbor	elected
White, B. Joseph	2002	Ann Arbor	Acting President
Coleman, Mary Sue	2002-	Ann Arbor	President
Richner, Andrew C.	2002-	Grosse Pointe Park	elected
Darlow, Julia Donovan	2007-	Ann Arbor	elected
Ilitch, Denise	2008-	Bingham Farms	elected
Bernstein, Mark J.	2012-	Farmington Hills	elected
Diggs, Shauna Ryder	2012-	Grosse Pointe	elected

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