

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
UDC RESOLUTION 2015 - 12

SUBJECT: Appointment of Ronald F. Mason, Jr. as President

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") under the D.C. Official Code §38-1202.06(10) and in accordance with the University's regulations, 8B DCMR § 200 *et seq.*, the Board has the responsibility for the selection and appointment of a Chief Executive Officer of the University of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR § 200.1 the Chief Executive Officer of the University appointed by the Board of Trustees pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.06(10) shall be the President of the University of the District of Columbia (the "President") and shall report directly to the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §200.3 appointment of the President shall be by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §200.4, the terms and conditions of the appointment of the President, including compensation and benefits, shall be set forth in a contract of employment which shall be negotiated with the appointee in a manner directed by the Board and shall be subject to ratification by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board completed a search process for a President and selected Mr. Ronald F. Mason, Jr. to be President of the University; and

WHEREAS, upon mutual agreement, the Board seeks to employ Mr. Mason subject to the terms of an Employment Agreement, which expires on June 30, 2018, to be executed by Mr. Mason and to be executed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by the Chair, Dr. Elaine Crider; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mason's educational background includes bachelor's degree and a Juris Doctorate from Columbia University, and his university leadership experience includes the presidencies of Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi and the Southern University and A&M College System in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as well as senior leadership positions at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mason's national reputation for outstanding leadership in higher education includes Board service for the President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs, Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, the Educational Testing Service Advisory Committee for HBCUs, and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), and prior service on the boards of the American Council on Education and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Office of Postsecondary Education;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Trustees appoints Ronald F. Mason, Jr. as President of the University of the District of Columbia, for a term beginning July 6, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018 consistent with the terms of the Employment Agreement and subject to approval by the D.C. City Council.

Approved by the Executive Committee

June 1, 2015

Ratified by the Board of Trustees

July 14, 2015

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Elaine A. Crider', written over a horizontal line.

Elaine A. Crider
Chairperson of the Board