

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Harris H. Simmons has been a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education since 2012; and

WHEREAS, Simmons served as Chair of the Board of Higher Education, a post he has held since 2018; previous to that, he served as vice chairman from 2016 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he served on many committees, including the Executive Committee; Academic and Student Affairs Committee; Conflict of Interest Committee; Compensation Committee; and the Finance and Facilities Committee, where he also served as vice chair; and

WHEREAS, his work as on the Board includes selecting and evaluating institutional presidents, setting policy, reviewing programs and degrees, approving institutional missions, and submitting a unified higher education budget request to the governor and Utah State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority Board of Directors and its Student Loan Finance Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons is currently chairman and CEO of Zions Bancorporation; previous to that, he was president and also chief financial officer for the organization; and

WHEREAS, he has spent decades fighting homelessness in the state and is currently president of Shelter the Homeless, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, he serves on the Utah Youth Village Board, and previously served on the Great Salt Lake Council of The Boy Scouts of America and was chairman of the Pioneer Theatre Company; and

WHEREAS, he also served as chairman or president of the Utah Symphony, Utah Foundation, Economic Development Corporation of Utah, and the American Bankers Association; and

WHEREAS, for his nearly 30 years at the helm of Zions Bancorporation, Simmons was awarded Banker of the Year for 2018 by American Banker; and

WHEREAS, Simmons has worked tirelessly to improve higher education in Utah and has led the Board in considering and adopting many key initiatives, ultimately for the benefit of all Utah students; and

WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Utah and an MBA from Harvard Business School;

WHEREAS, Harris H. Simmons diligently attended to his duties as a Board member and contributed to the Board of Higher Education by bringing his personal experience and views;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utah Board of Higher Education, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his entire staff, and institution presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have worked with Harris H. Simmons, hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and respect, and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

Dated this 20th day of May 2022.

*Nina R. Barnes, Vice Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education*

*Aaron V. Osmond, Vice Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education*



*Dave R. Woolstenhulme
Commissioner of Higher Education*