

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Muskan Walia has served on the Utah Board of Higher Education since 2024, representing the students attending public colleges and universities within the Utah System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, her work as a student Board member 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, Ms. Walia met with students from all 16 institutions to understand their concerns and consistently elevated their perspectives, regularly bringing these issues to the Office of the Commissioner and fiercely advocating for student interests in Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, she met with K-12 students to gather feedback and understand the barriers facing students preparing for college and used these insights to improve Admit Utah for students across the state; and

WHEREAS, she also supported graduates of prison education programs by attending their commencement ceremonies and consistently celebrated and championed learners across all educational settings; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work on the Board, she held several leadership positions as a student at the University of Utah, including serving as a presidential intern and actively participating in student government; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walia collaborated with the Utah Student Association on statewide student advocacy projects; and

WHEREAS, she graduated with honors from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and philosophy; and


WHEREAS, Ms. Walia was a finalist for both the Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships, prestigious awards that support postgraduate studies at leading universities in the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, she has been accepted into a joint PhD program in Computational Public Policy between Harvard University and New York University;


WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Ms. Walia enriched the work of the Board of Higher Education and the Utah System of Higher Education by sharing her insights and perspective, serving as an unwavering advocate for students and higher education;

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 Muskan Walia, hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and respect and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

Dated this 6th day of June 2025.


Amanda Covington, Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education




Geoffrey Landward, Commissioner
Utah System of Higher Education