

AGENDA ITEM

A-6. UNC Press Board of Governors AppointmentsAlex Mitchell

Situation: UNC Press has three vacancies with five-year terms beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031, and two board appointees whose term expired June 30, 2026. Two of the three vacancies and the two reappointments are before the committee today for consideration.

Background: The UNC Press Board of Governors has 15 elected members who serve five-year terms and may be reelected for successive terms up to a service limit of three full terms. Eleven of the current members actively hold an academic position at universities, including Appalachian State University, North Carolina Central University, NC State University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

According to its bylaws, the UNC Press Board of Governors creates a nominating committee and submits candidates to the chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who transmits it to the president of the UNC System, who presents it to the Board of Governors.

Assessment: Pursuant to the bylaws of UNC Press and the transmittal of nominations to UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Lee Roberts and President Peter Hans, it is recommended to nominate María Estorino for a partial term appointment ending June 30, 2030, C. Edward Teague III for an appointment ending June 30, 2031, and Elizabeth Engelhardt and Osamudia James for reappointments ending June 30, 2031. Biographical information for each can be found in your materials.

Action: This item requires a vote by the committee and a vote by the full Board of Governors.

María Estorino

María Estorino is the vice provost for University Libraries and university librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before coming to UNC-Chapel Hill she worked in various capacities for University of Miami Libraries. Estorino is a professional library consultant and served as principal investigator to over \$1 million in library grant funding. She currently serves on several boards, including the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, Hathitrust, the Triangle Research Library Network, the Association of Research Libraries, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center, and UNC Press. Estorino received a BA in history from Loyola University, an MA in history from Northeastern University, and MS in library science from Simmons College.

C. Edward Teague III

C. Edward Teague III is of counsel at Cunningham Law and The Carson Law Firm in Raleigh. He previously served as associate general counsel at the University of North Carolina General Administration and counsel or associate at various other firms. Teague serves on multiple boards, including the UNC-Chapel Hill Carolina Public Humanities Advisory Board, the North Carolina Botanical Garden Foundation, and the UNC Healthcare System Board of Directors. He received a BA from UNC-Chapel Hill, and both an MBA and a JD from Wake Forest University.

Elizabeth Engelhardt – Current Member

Elizabeth Engelhardt is vice provost for arts and culture and the senior associate dean for fine arts and humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill with oversight of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Carolina Public Humanities, the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, and the Center for the Study of the American South. As the inaugural vice provost for arts and culture, Engelhardt oversees a unified structure for arts and culture initiatives across UNC-Chapel Hill, streamlining arts infrastructure that enables more students, faculty, and the public to engage with the arts. The Ackland Art Museum, Carolina Performing Arts, Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, and North Carolina Botanical Garden report to this position; and in her role as senior associate dean, PlayMakers Repertory Company and the academic arts departments of Art and Art History, Dramatic Art, and Music also report to her. Engelhardt is a Kenan Eminent Professor of Southern Studies, joining the UNC-Chapel Hill American Studies faculty in 2015 after spending more than a decade at the University of Texas at Austin. In fall 2023, Engelhardt published *Boardinghouse Women: How Southern Keepers, Cooks, Nurses, Widows, and Runaways Shaped Modern America* (UNC Press), which received the Ragan Old North State Award for Nonfiction in 2024 from the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association. She received master's and doctoral degrees from Emory University and a bachelor's degree from Duke University.

Osamudia James – Current Member

Osamudia James joined the University of North Carolina School of Law faculty in 2021 and serves as the Henry P. Brandis Distinguished Professor of Law. Her writing and teaching interests include education law, race and the law, administrative law, and torts. James is the author of numerous articles, book chapters, and popular press commentary exploring the interaction of law and identity in the context of public education. Her work has appeared in the NYU Law Review, the Michigan Law Review, and the Minnesota Law Review, among others, as well as in the pages of the New York Times and Washington Post. In 2023, James was cited in Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's Students for Fair Admissions dissenting opinion. James received a BA in sociology, from the University of Pennsylvania, a JD from the Georgetown University Law Center, and an LL.M. from the University of Wisconsin, where she served as

a William H. Hastie Fellow. She practiced law at King & Spalding in Washington, D.C., before joining the faculty at the University of Miami, where she taught for 13 years prior to joining UNC School of Law. James was a 2014 co-recipient of the Derrick A. Bell Jr. Award, a national award presented to a junior faculty member who makes an extraordinary contribution to legal education, the legal system, or social justice through activism, mentoring, teaching, and scholarship. She was awarded the Hausler Golden Apple Teaching Award from Miami Law in 2017 and was also selected as a University of Miami Public Voices Fellow in 2020. In 2024, she received the Frederick B. McCall Award for Teaching Excellence from the UNC School of Law graduating class.