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When the Board of Overseers was established in 2013, Chancellor Nancy Zimpher commented on its importance. "SUNY is leading the nation on a broad range of research and policy issues, and the Rockefeller Institute is the ideal organization to guide our future endeavors and ensure that New York State remains at the forefront," said Chancellor Zimpher. "As we continue to educate students for 21st-century careers, bring today's top research discoveries to market, and create and attract more jobs for New York, the Board's insight will be a critical component of the state's public policy agenda moving forward."

Board Chair Carl Hayden added, "As the public policy arm of the State University of New York since 1981, the Rockefeller Institute has become a trusted resource on fiscal issues, education, intergovernmental relations, health care, and more. With this rich history as a foundation, the Rockefeller Institute is primed to play a larger role in informing and shaping policy in New York and throughout the nation, and we look forward to getting started."