

# **BOARD OF REGENTS**

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

**SECTION: 15**  
**DATE:**  
**December 8,**  
**2022**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve Mr. Phil Incarnati as Commencement Speaker at the December 17, 2022 commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Mr. Incarnati.

It is recommended that the Board of Regents award an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Ronald Woods at the December 17, 2022 commencement ceremony.

#### **STAFF SUMMARY**

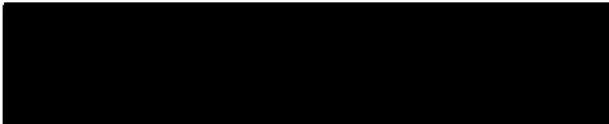
Biographies for Mr. Incarnati and Mr. Woods follow.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

  
University Executive Officer  
Rhonda Longworth, Ph.D.

11/14/22  
Date

## **Philip Incarnati, Eastern Michigan University**

The Honorary Doctor of Science degree is awarded to physicians, scientists, health care providers and educators, who have made substantial contributions to the advancement of medicine, science, health care, and medical/health education.

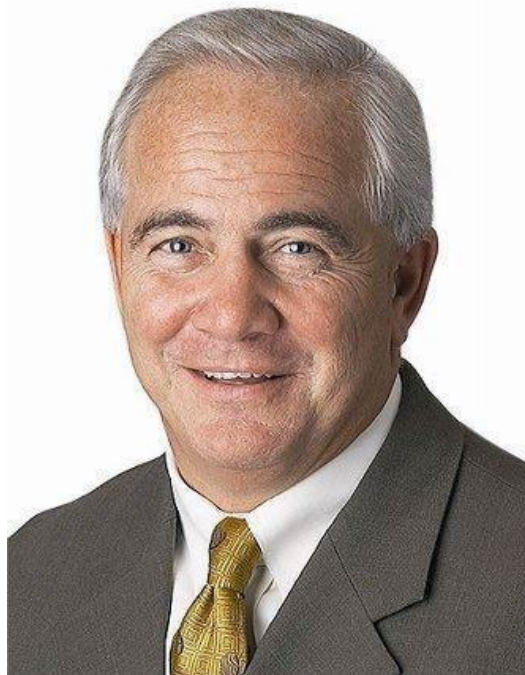
Mr. Philip Incarnati, is a two-time graduate of Eastern Michigan University, holding both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Business Administration. As a student, he competed for the EMU football team, earning a scholarship to play strong safety. Incarnati's legacy at EMU runs deep as he served on the Board of Regents from 1992-2010, including serving as Chair for 10 years (1995-2005). His leadership as a Regent and his generous donations continue to support innovation, growth, and excellence on our campus.

Mr. Incarnati began his health care career in 1977, and has held top-level executive positions with the Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit Receiving Hospital and University Health Center, and Horizon Health System prior to joining McLaren Health Care. In 1989 Mr. Incarnati became the President and Chief Executive Officer of McLaren Health Care, a single hospital in Flint, MI at the time.

Today, Philip Incarnati remains the President and Chief Executive Officer of McLaren Health Care which has grown to be a \$6 billion dollar, fully integrated healthcare delivery system with 14 hospitals and an almost 500 member primary care and specialty care network that provides care for nearly 700,000 people. McLaren Health also operates Michigan's largest network of cancer centers.

Currently, Mr. Incarnati is a Director on the Board of Premier, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina. Previous Board appointments include Anthelio Healthcare Solutions, Inc., Dallas, Texas; King Pharmaceuticals (Lead Director), Bristol, Tennessee; McKesson/HBOC, Atlanta, Georgia; Medical Staffing Network, Boca, Raton, Florida; ProTom International, Inc., Dallas, Texas; Reliant Renal Care, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Theragenics, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Incarnati earned a bachelor's (1976) degree and a master's degree (1982) in management and finance from Eastern Michigan University.



## **Ronald Woods, Emeritus Professor, Eastern Michigan University**

The Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree is granted to individuals who have made substantial contributions to improving the human condition through their community service, advocacy, and philanthropic efforts.

Professor Woods was the Founding Department Head of African American studies at EMU and was the first to serve on the President's Commission on Diversity. He has also served as the Michael O. Sawyer visiting professor of constitutional law and politics at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University and as a legal services attorney in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Professor Woods previously was an interim president of the Michigan Council of Black Studies and has been a consultant to school systems on various aspects of desegregation and diversity enhancement. He is on the board of directors of the African American Culture and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County, and is a consultant to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. From 2002–2004, Professor Woods was the director of the Eastern Michigan Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Communities. As member of the board of directors of Wittenberg University, he has lectured internationally and has published articles on refugee policy in the horn of Africa and on African American vernacular English.

Mr. Woods holds a JD, Law degree from the University of Michigan (1974), an MA in History, also from the University of Michigan (1971) and a BA in History from Wittenberg University (1969).

