# Minutes of 41st Meeting of Board of Management

The 41st Meeting of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur was held on May 11, 2026, at Manipal University Jaipur.

Following members were present.

**Chairperson:**

Mr S Vaitheeswaran, Chairperson, MUJ

**Members:**

Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG

Dr N N Sharma, President, MUJ

Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch, NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research at RUHS, Jaipur

Dr Aravind Chinchure, Founder and CEO QLeap Academy

Ms Revathi Kasturi, Founder Laqsh Jobs Skills Academy Pvt Ltd

Mr Nishith K Mohanty, Group President HR & Academia, MEMG

Dr Karunakar A Kotegar, Pro President, MUJ

**Member Secretary:**

Dr Amit Soni, Registrar, MUJ

**Invitee Present**

Dr H P Khincha, Chief Mentor – MUJ

CA Shridhar Hegde, Sr Vice President – Finance, MEMG

CA Pradeep Chaturvedi, CF&AO, MUJ

**Members Granted Leave of Absence:**

Mr Omprakash Bairwa, IAS, Commissioner College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan

Mr Somnath Das, Group President – Special Projects, MEMG

Shri TV Mohandas Pai, Aarin Capital Partners, Bangalore

## $41^{st}$ Board of Management Meeting of MUJ

The $41^{st}$ meeting of the Board of Management began with the Chairperson, MUJ, extending a warm welcome to all the members present. After the confirmation of the quorum by the Registrar, MUJ, the agenda were taken up for discussion. The discussion on the different agenda and decisions taken thereon during the meeting are as mentioned below.

### 41 BoM (A) Nomination of BoM Members; Confirmation of Minutes and Action Taken

### 41 BoM (A-1) Nomination, Extension and Conclusion of Members of the Board of Management (BoM):

Registrar informed all the members about the nomination of new member in the Board of Management – Lt. Gen. (Dr) M.D. Venkatesh, Former Vice Chancellor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), for a period of two years, with effect from May 11, 2026. All the members welcomed the new member to the Board of Management.

It was informed on the extension of tenure for a period of two years of Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch, NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research, Ms. Revathi Kasturi, Founder, LAQSH Job skills academy Pvt Ltd and Mr Nishith Mohanty, Group President HR & Academia, MEMG.

### 41 BoM (A-2) Confirmation of Minutes of the $40^{th}$ Meeting of the Board of Management

Registrar informed all the members that the minutes of the $40^{th}$ Meeting of the Board of Management held on November 11, 2025, was circulated among members and no comments were received. The Board was requested to confirm the same.

***Resolved that the minutes of $40^{th}$ meeting of the Board of Management held on November 11, 2025, are hereby confirmed.***

### 41 BoM (A-3) Review of Actions Taken on Minutes of the $40^{th}$ Meeting of the Board of Management:

The action on the suggestions and the resolutions passed in the $40^{th}$ Meeting of the Board of Management were briefed to the Board members by the Registrar.

**1. Admissions - Status update**

**A.** Pro President presented the data on the Academic Performance in the First Semester by those students who got admissions with less than 70% and those with more than 70% in their $12^{th}$ Board Exams.

Members made the following suggestions:

- Academic Performance of all these students in the subsequent $2^{nd}$ and $3^{rd}$ year must be looked into and analysed for correlation.

- For Admissions, the percentage of marks scored in the 12th Board Exams shall be gradually increased to above 75%, 80% and likewise in the upcoming years, ultimately leading to securing quality students into MUJ with a capping of 20,000 students.
- To analyse the median entry criteria of students over the past three years in order to understand the emerging trends.
- MUJ should look into having partnerships with Universities falling within Top 50 QS Ranking which enables MUJ to position itself in fetching quality admissions.

**B.** Pro President presented a comparative analysis on the Integrated Program in Management (IPM) offered at TAPMI, Manipal and MUJ.

Members made the following suggestions:

- To enhance the standards of the Integrated MBA program at MUJ and strengthen its perception by aligning it with the quality and reputation of the IPM offered by TAPMI.
- To look into the possibility of placing the Integrated MBA program under Department of Management, TAPMI School of Business, instead of Department of Business Administration.

**C.** Pro President briefed to the Board on the steps taken towards improving quality admissions in School of Law, MUJ, such as Program-Specific Digital Marketing, Highlighted Student Achievements and Dedicated Placement Support (TPO).

Members made the following suggestions:

- Academic Performance of the Law students across all the Law programs must be carried out as being done in Engineering streams.
- MUJ must start considering CLAT score for admissions into Law programs.

**2. Directorate of Research (Progress @ MUJ 2.0 A way forward)**

Pro President informed the Board on the establishment of 7 Research Centres, with a draft SOP under formulation for the functioning of the Research Centres. He further added that renowned Academicians/Researchers like Prof. N Sathyamurthy, INSA Distinguished Professor and Founder Director, IISER Mohali, Prof. S L Kothari, Distinguished Professor and Vice President ASTIF have been added in the Research Advisory Committee which monitors the progress of the established Research Centres.

Members made the following suggestions:

- To seek the support of Board members Prof. Khincha and Dr. Aravind Chinchure in onboarding renowned scientists to the Research Advisory Committee.

### 3. Update from MUJ TEC - AI Enabled Teaching

Pro President informed the Board about the initiatives proposed to be adopted at MUJ in coordination with MAHE for the incorporation of AI in teaching.

Members suggested the following:

- The identified 7 faculty members shall undergo more sessions related to incorporating AI into Teaching-Learning, train other faculties to implement what they learnt at least in one of the courses, projects, etc as a kick start.
- To seek the support of MAHE in procuring Open AI licences.

***The action taken report on the 40th meeting of the Board of Management held on November 11, 2025, is hereby noted.***

### 41 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision

### 41 BoM (B-1) Update on the Progress @ MUJ 2.0

President presented to the Board on the progress of Quality and Translational Research through reappropriation, optimization of budget allocated for research; Research achievements like numbers and quality of peer reviewed publications, extramural grants received; substantial increase in Manpower budget; status of Graduate Outcomes and Placements; Quality Teaching and continuous education; High End Laboratories; High-Performance Computing (HPC); Knowledge Centre; Students' achievements; status of MUJ in various Rankings.

Members suggested the following:

- To seriously review the UG:PG ratio and bring greater rationality and balance to it, which will have a greater positive impact on the research publications.
- The total number of eligible students, irrespective of whether they seek placements or not, must be tracked to analyse the emerging trends.
- Matrices on the number of eligible PhD supervisors, number of supervisors who aren't taking any PhD research scholars and number of supervisors intaking for more than 2 PhD research scholars per year has to kept on track.
- MUJ should initiate collaborations with leading global institutions in the field of research.
- The Research Centres @ MUJ should allow access to faculties/researchers other group universities to come and work together for greater outcomes. Additionally, the Genomics facility at MAHE and the Quantum Computing facility at the MAHE Bengaluru Campus may be explored by MUJ faculties/researchers for potential collaboration opportunities.

- The progress of 2 Research Centres must be presented before the Board in the forthcoming Board meetings onwards.
- To work on Virtual Research Centres which is more economically feasible.
- To review faculty attrition and retention at MUJ and present the findings before the Board members at the Board meeting scheduled towards the end of this year.
- To have good number of well qualified counsellors for both students and faculties which has to be taken on priority.
- To initiate deliberations on the establishment of a Section 8 Company.

*Resolved that the agenda from President is hereby noted.*

## 41 BoM (B-2) Approval of Sanctioned post for Teaching and Non-Teaching

| Academic Year 2026-2027 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Faculty | Required Faculty Count | | | | Existing Faculty Count as on 31 March 2026 | | | | Difference |
| | AY 2026-2027 | Professor | Associate Professor | Assistant Professor | Total | Professor | Associate Professor | Assistant Professor | |
| FoHS | 19 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| FoL | 41 | 1 | 6 | 34 | 41 | 1 | 6 | 34 | 0 |
| FoMCA | 175 | 10 | 26 | 139 | 170 | 9 | 24 | 137 | 5 |
| FoSTA | 624 | 70 | 150 | 404 | 548 | 59 | 137 | 352 | 76 |
| RTF (Contract) | 27 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 15 |
| **Sub-Total (Campus)** | **886** | **85** | **183** | **618** | **790** | **73** | **168** | **549** | **96** |
| CDOE | 115 | 8 | 34 | 73 | 86 | 4 | 27 | 55 | 29 |
| **Total** | **1001** | **93** | **217** | **691** | **876** | **77** | **195** | **604** | **125** |
| Leadership (Campus) (L1) | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 01 |
| Leadership (CDOE) (L1) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Teaching | 400 | | | | 361 | | | | 39 |
| **Total** | **1413** | | | | **1248** | | | | **165** |

*Resolved that the agenda from Head HR is hereby noted.*

## 41 BoM (B-3) Approval of Sanctioned admission numbers for AY 2026-27.

| Sl No | Name of Faculty | Intake (26-27) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | FoHS | 320 |
| 2 | FoL | 150 |
| 3 | FoMCA | 1060 |
| 4 | FoSTA | 3985 |
| **Total** | | **5515** |

*Resolved that the agenda from Director, Admissions is hereby noted.*

## 41 BoM (B-4) Dashboard of Compliance/Regulatory Approvals

- Registrar informed the Board on the status of various compliance and statutory approvals required for MUJ.

Chairman, Board of Management, suggested that the Registrar must ensure and submit a declaration to the Board every quarter that all the necessary statutory approvals which are required to run MUJ are available and valid as on date.

*Resolved that the agenda from Registrar is hereby noted.*

### 41 BoM (C) Reporting and Ratification

### 41 BoM (C-1) Important Events in the University – AV Clip

The event details from November 2025 to April 2026, were placed before the Board through AV mode.

***The Board members noted the details.***

### 41 BoM (C-2) Ratification of minutes of 24th Meeting of Executive Committee.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 24th meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 02, 2026. He further informed that the minutes of the meeting were circulated among members, and no observations were received for the minutes.

He requested the members for ratification of the same.

***Resolved that the minutes of the 24th Executive Meeting held on March 02, 2026, are hereby ratified.***

### 41 BoM (C-3) Ratification of minutes of Meeting of 45th Academic Council.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 45th meeting of the Academic Council held on February 20, 2026. He further informed that the minutes of the meeting were circulated among members and no observations were received for the minutes.
He requested the members for ratification of the minutes.

***Resolved that the minutes of the 45th meeting of Academic Council held on February 20, 2026, are hereby ratified.***

### 41 BoM (C-4) Minutes of Meeting of 37th Finance Committee

Registrar shared the recommendation of the Finance Committee of Manipal University Jaipur held on November 11, 2025, for approval. He further informed that the same were circulated to BoM members and no comments were received.

He requested the Board ratification of the minutes of the 37th meeting of the Finance Committee held on November 11, 2025.

***Resolved that the minutes of the 37th meeting of Finance Committee held on November 11, 2025, are hereby ratified.***

### 41 BoM (C-5) Update on rankings and awards received by the University

Registrar presented an update on the ranking and awards received from different regulators and agencies from November 2025 to April 2026 to the members.

***Members noted the details and congratulated the MUJ team for the achievements.***

### 41 BoM (D) Conduction of 42nd BoM Meeting

Members suggested to take a call on the forthcoming 42nd BoM meeting. Once fixed, the dates will be shared with the members in advance.

### 41 BoM (E) Any Other Agenda with Permission of Chair

Further, with no other agenda to discuss, the meeting concluded with a thanking note from the Chair to all members for their inputs and valuable time.

**Dr Amit Soni**
**Member Secretary**

**Mr S Vaitheeswaran**
**Chairperson**