David H. Gilbert

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David H. Gilbert was appointed to the position of President of the UWM Foundation by the Foundation Board of Directors 2005. As President of the UWM Foundation, Mr. Gilbert provides leadership and direction for Foundation programs that support the educational, scientific and literary purposes of the University. Since being appointed to the position of President, he led the effort to create two subsidiary corporations – the UWM Real Estate Foundation and the UWM Research Foundation. Mr. Gilbert serves as an ex-officio member of the Board, all of its committees, and subsidiary corporations. In 2013, he was appointed by the Chancellor to the newly created post of Executive Director of the UWM Innovation Campus, a project Mr. Gilbert spearheaded as President of the UWM Real Estate Foundation.

Mr. Gilbert came to UWM from the State University of New York at Albany in 2004 as Senior Advisor to the Chancellor of UWM. From June 2007 through August 2008, Mr. Gilbert served as Interim Vice Chancellor for Development at UWM during which time he guided the University through the close of a successful \$125 million comprehensive campaign. He also served as Interim Athletic Director from April 2010 through February 2011. At Albany, he served as Vice President for Outreach. His portfolio there included government, industry and community relations. His initiatives at Albany supported both the academic programs of the University and economic development in the region.

Since moving to Wisconsin, Mr. Gilbert has served on a variety of Boards including the Children's Hospital and Health System, the Wisconsin Biotechnology and Medical Device Association, the Milwaukee County Research Park, the Wisconsin Innovation Network and the Techstar Foundation.

Mr. Gilbert holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University at Albany and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Resource Management from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He resides with his wife in Mequon, Wisconsin and has two grown daughters that also live in the Milwaukee area.