

## **M. Peter McPherson**



M. Peter McPherson has been a federal government administrator, lawyer, banker, and university president. He recently retired after 16 years as President of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), an association of public research universities, including the 1890 land grant universities. Before APLU, he was President of Michigan State University for 11 years. During that time, he vastly increased study-abroad participation, controlled tuition costs, brought a law school to the university, and increased research.

McPherson served as Deputy Director of White House Personnel and a Special Assistant to President Ford in the White House. He served as General Counsel of the Reagan-Bush Transition and White House Counsel in the early weeks of the Reagan White House. Under Reagan, McPherson was the USAID Administrator, which included work in health, famine relief, agriculture, and family planning. He also served as Deputy Secretary of the U. S. Department of Treasury.

McPherson was managing partner of the Washington D.C. office of Vorys, Sater, Seymore, and Pease, a large Midwest law firm. He was Chair of the Board of Dow Jones & Co., the Wall Street Journal publisher. He also served as an executive vice president of Bank of America, overseeing the bank's operations in Canada and Latin America and handling other international responsibilities. In the 1980s, McPherson received an honorary doctorate from Virginia State University. Governor Glenn Youngkin appointed him to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors in July 2024.