MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

June 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Required statutory notice having been given the Second Quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on June 5, 2026 at the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jan West, at approximately 9:00 am (CST).

ROLL CALL

The following Regents were present, representing a quorum of the Board:

Regents Present:
Regent Jan West, Chair
Regent Phillip Bale
Regent Gary Broady
Regent Melissa Dennison
Regent Jennifer Hammonds
Regent Derrick Helm
Regent W. Currie Milliken
Regent Cynthia Nichols
Regent Shane Spiller
Vice Chair Doris Thomas
Regent Rush Robinson

Others Present:
Timothy C. Caboni, President
Andrea Anderson, General Counsel
Beth Dillon, Assistant to the President for the Board of Regents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were distributed to the Board for review in advance and presented for adoption:

- First Quarterly Meeting – February 20, 2026
- Special Called Meeting – April 24, 2026
- Special Called Meeting – May 7, 2026

MOTION
Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Regent Thomas and seconded by Regent Robinson.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other________________

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Action Items:

AA-1 Approval of WKU Innovation Campus microgrid project **[p 1]** *(Provost Fischer)*
AA-2 Approval of program suspension of Master of Science, Kinesiology **[p 2]** *(Provost Fischer)*
*AA-3 Approval of program suspension of Bachelor of Science, Geological Sciences **[p 3]** *(Fischer)*
*AA-4 Approval of program suspension of Bachelor of Science, Environmental, Sustainability, and Geographic Studies **[p 4]** *(Provost Fischer)*
*AA-5 Approval of program suspension of Bachelor of Arts, Advertising **[p 5]** *(Provost Fischer)*
*AA-6 Approval of program suspension of Bachelor of Arts, Public Relations **[p 6]** *(Provost Fischer)*
AA-7 Approval of faculty emeritus **[p 7]** *(Provost Fischer)*

***These items were not presented in the Academic Affairs Committee meeting on May 7, 2026**

Information Item:

- PCAL Forward restructure plan (*Dean Terrance Brown*)

MOTION
Motion to approve items AA-1 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Robinson.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ☐Not Approved ☐Other________________

MOTION
Motion to approve items AA-2 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ☐Not Approved ☐Other________________

MOTION
Motion to approve items AA-3 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Robinson.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ☐Not Approved ☐Other________________

MOTION
Motion to approve items AA-4 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Spiller.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ☐Not Approved ☐Other________________

MOTION
Motion to approve items AA-5 was made by Regent Thomas and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ☐Not Approved ☐Other________________

MOTION
Motion to approve items AA-6 was made by Regent Dennison and seconded by Regent Robinson.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other________________

MOTION
Motion to approve items AA-7 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Robinson.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other________________

FINANCE, BUDGET & AUDIT

Action Items:

FBA-1 Accept for filing the statement of revenues and expenditures for the nine months ended March 31, 2026 and 2025 **[p 1]** (*Susan Howarth*)
FBA-2 Approval of personnel actions **[p 2]** *(Susan Howarth)*
*FBA-3 Approval of 2026-2027 operating budget **[pp 3-4]** (*Susan Howarth*)
*FBA-4 Approval of line of credit renewal **[p 5]** (*Susan Howarth*)
*FBA-5 Approval of 2026-27 Internal Audit Work Plan **[p 6]** (*Bruce Weisman*)

***These items were not presented in the Finance, Budget & Audit Committee on May 7, 2026**

Information Item:

- Quarterly audit update *(Bruce Weisman)*

MOTION
Motion to approve items FBA-1 to FBA-2 was made by Regent Helm and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other_

MOTION
Motion to approve items FBA-3 was made by Regent Dennison and seconded by Regent Nichols.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other *Regent Robinson did not approve of the action item

MOTION
Motion to approve items FBA-4 was made by Regent Helm and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other

MOTION
Motion to approve items FBA-5 was made by Regent Robinson and seconded by Regent Bale.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other

EXECUTIVE

Action Item:
EX-1 Approval of philanthropic naming request **[p 1]** (*Amanda Trabue*)
*EX-2 Approval of addendum to athletic employment contract **[p 2]** (*President Timothy C. Caboni*)
*EX-3 Approval of addendum to athletic employment contract **[p 3]** (*Todd Stewart*)
*EX-4 Approval of athletic employment contract **[p 4]** (*Todd Stewart*)

***These items were not presented in the Executive Committee meeting on May 7, 2026**

MOTION
Motion to approve items EX-1 was made by Regent Broady and seconded by Regent Bale.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other

MOTION
Members chose to table this item until the Third Quarterly Meeting on August 14, 2026.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
❑Approved ❑Not Approved ☑Other

MOTION
Motion to approve items EX-3 was made by Regent Bale and seconded by Regent Robinson.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other

MOTION
Motion to approve items EX-4 was made by Regent Helm and seconded by Milliken.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN
☑Approved ❑Not Approved ❑Other

EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION
As provided in KRS 61.810(1) (c) for discussion of pending litigation against or on behalf of the University was made by Regent Broady. The motion was approved and the Board entered into closed session at approximately 11:25 am.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 11:30 am. Chair West state the following, "The Board has now returned to open session. The discussion and deliberations during the closed session were restricted to those stated in the motion, and no formal action was taking by the Board in closed session.

Chair asked if there was any new business and Secretary Dennison said they discussed a desire to propose the following bylaw changes to be voted on at the August board meeting:

- Section 7
    - "if a board officer vacancy occurs, an election should be held to fill the unexpired

portion of the term and to serve on the Executive committee if that office was a member of the Executive Committee."

- Section 2, Article 6
  - "The President should be evaluated on an annual basis by the board according to written objectives specific and general developed by the President in conjunction with the board presented to the board at the outset of each academic year."
  - "The Executive Committee shall serve as the President's compensation committee and to establish the President's compensation package by contract, the compensation package and other terms of the President's contract and any renewal contracts as recommended by the Executive Committee must be presented to and approved by the majority of the board."

Chair West reminded board members they would be receiving self-assessments on Monday by email.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future dates:

- August 13 – Retreat
- August 14 – Third Quarterly Meeting
- August 17 – Faculty / Staff Convocation
- September 28-29 – CPE Conference
- November 6 – Committee Meetings
- December 10 – Fourth Quarterly Meeting
- December 11 – College Recognition Ceremonies

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:41 a.m. (CST).

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the Second Quarterly Meeting held June 5, 2026, in the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820, and 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).

Jan West

Jan West, Chair
WKU Board of Regents
Approved on 8-14-26

Melissa Dennison

Melissa Dennison, Secretary
WKU Board of Regents
Approved on 8-14-26