

**MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

February 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Required statutory notice having been given the First Quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on February 20, 2026, at the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jan West, at approximately 12:30 p.m. (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:

- Fourth Quarterly Meeting – December 11, 2025

MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Other _____

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Consent Agenda: AA-1 to AA-12

- AA - 1 Approval of Master of Science of Applied Behavior Analysis [p 1]
- AA - 2 Approval of Digital Health & Data Management Graduate Certificate [p 2]
- AA - 3 Approval of Health Policy and Systems Management Graduate Certificate [p 3]
- AA - 4 Approval of Sustainability Practices in Health Leadership Graduate Certificate [p 4]
- AA - 5 Approval of Global Economic Issues Undergraduate Certificate [p 5]
- AA - 6 Approval of Bachelor of Science in Disaster Science [p 6]
- AA - 7 Approval of Master of Science in Disaster Science [p 7]
- AA - 8 Approval of Bachelor of Science in Environmental, Earth, and Sustainability Sciences [p 8]
- AA - 9 Approval of Statistical Data Science Graduate Certificate [p 9]
- AA -10 Approval of Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Advertising & Public Relations [p 10]
- AA -11 Approval of Suspension Bachelor of Arts in Art History [p 11]
- AA -12 Approval of Suspension of Minor in Graphic Design [p 12]

Action Items:

- AA-13 Approval of University Distinguished Professor recommendations [p 13] (*Provost Fischer*)
- AA-14 Approval of emeritus appointments [p 14] (*Provost Fischer*)

MOTION

Motion to approve items AA-1 to AA-12 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Bale.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve items AA-13 was made by Regent Bale and seconded by Regent Milliken.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve items AA-14 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Bale.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Other _____

FINANCE, BUDGET & AUDIT

Consent Agenda: FBA-1 to FBA-4

FBA-1 Acceptance of accountant's report on application of agreed upon procedures, NCAA compliance report for the

year ended June 30, 2025 [p 1] (*Susan Howarth*)

FBA-2 Approval of 2025-2026 statement of revenue & expenditures [p 2] (*Susan Howarth*)

FBA-3 Approval of asset preservation capital projects [pp 3-4] (*Susan Howarth*)

MOTION

Motion to approve items FBA-1 to FBA-3 was made by Regent Helm and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Other

EXECUTIVE

Information Item:

- Housing renderings (*President Timothy Caboni*)
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OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future dates:

- March 24, 2026 – Tim and Sarah Ford Hilltopper Fieldhouse Dedication
 - May 7, 2026 – Committees Meeting
 - May 7, 2026 – Commencement
 - May 8, 2026 – Graduation ceremonies
 - June 5, 2026 – Second Quarterly Meeting
 - August 13, 2026 – Board Retreat
 - August 14, 2026 – Third Quarterly Meeting
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ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:17 p.m. (CST).

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the First Quarterly Meeting held February 20, 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, Chair
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on 06-05-26



Melissa Dennison, Secretary
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on 06-05-26