

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

**August 8, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Required statutory notice having been given the Third Quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on August 8, 2025, at the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Currie Milliken, at approximately 9:00 a.m. (CST).

**ROLL CALL**

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

Regents Present:

Regent Currie Milliken, Chair  
Regent Phillip Bale  
Regent Jennifer Hammonds  
Regent Derrick Helm  
Regent Gary Broady  
Regent Melissa Dennison

Regent Cynthia Nichols  
Regent Shane Spiller  
Regent Doris Thomas  
Regent Jan West, Vice Chair  
Regent Rush Robinson

Others Present:

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

**NOMINATING**

Action Items:

NC-1 Approval of the 2025-26 slate of officers (*Gary Broady*)

MOTION

Motion to approve items NC-1 was made by Regent Bale and seconded by Regent Nichols.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**OATH OF OFFICE**

- Rush A. Robinson

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- Second Quarterly meeting – June 6, 2025

### MOTION

Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Dennison.

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Action Items:

AA-1 Approval of academic program suspension, Literacy in Post-Secondary Settings, graduate certificate

AA-2 Approval of academic program suspension, College and Career Readiness, graduate certificate

AA-3 Approval of academic program suspension, Interdisciplinary Professionalism and Success, graduate certificate

AA-4 Approval of Artificial Intelligence and Technology Leader, certificate

AA-5 Approval of emeritus appointment

AA-6 Approval of required performance and productivity evaluations for faculty members and president

### Information Item:

- Academic Marketing (*Morgan Gossett*)

### MOTION

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

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

### MOTION

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

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

### MOTION

Motion to approve items AA-3 was made by Regent Bale and seconded by Regent Nichols.

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

### MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION

Motion to approve items AA-5 was made by Regent Spiller 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 Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXECUTIVE**

Action Item:

EX-1 Approval to convey an easement to Glasgow Power Board

EX-2 Approval of philanthropic naming request for the Gordon Ford College of Business facility

EX-3 Approval of philanthropic naming requests for the Gordon Ford College of Business facility

Information Item:

- Philanthropy update (*Amanda Trabue*)

MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION

Motion to approve items EX-2 was made by Regent Broady and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION

Motion to approve items EX-3 was made by Regent Spiller and seconded by Regent Helm.

\*Regent Broady recused himself from the vote\*

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION**

As provided in KRS 61.810(1)(b) for discussion of future acquisition or sale of real property by the University. Upon return to open session, Chair West called for any additional items of business for approval. Regent Milliken moved that the board take action on an additional Executive action item EX-4 – Approval of a resolution authorizing the exercise of eminent domain under KRS 164.410 (1) for property located at the future site of the new academic complex building. Regent Helm read the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Kentucky General Assembly has provided a \$160 million appropriation to Western Kentucky University to replace the current Academic Complex building; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Regents has previously been advised of the future site of a new Academic Complex building within the University's Campus Master Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, several properties lie within the site identified by the University for location of the academic building bounded by property currently owned by the University; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University is in the process of acquiring parcels of land so situated that are not owned by the University; and,

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of these properties by the University is critical and necessary as the site of the academic building, to further the University's public purpose and use of the surrounding property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University has attempted and will continue to attempt to negotiate in good faith the acquisition of the properties not previously acquired and,

**WHEREAS**, if an agreement with the owners of the parcels of real estate not previously acquired cannot be reached as to its value based on appraisals from the state's prequalified appraisers, the University may proceed under KRS 164.410(1) in its own name to condemn the real estate properties in the manner provided in the Eminent Domain Act of Kentucky; and,

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. Being authorized to do so under Kentucky law, the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University authorizes the University to continue to attempt to negotiate in good faith to purchase parcels of property at the site of the future Academic Complex. In the event the University is unable to contract with the owner(s) of land necessary for the site of the academic building, the University may proceed with condemnation of the properties pursuant to state law.

2. The acquisition of the property shall be paid out of money appropriated to the University.
3. The President is authorized to take actions necessary on behalf of the University to proceed in accordance with this resolution.

MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Future dates:*

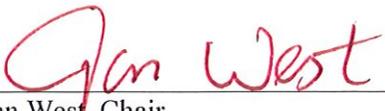
- August 11, 2025 – Convocation
  - September 19, 2025 – Gordon Ford College of Business Building Dedication
  - November 1, 2025 – Homecoming
  - November 14, 2025 – BOR Committees Meeting
  - December 11, 2025 – Fourth Quarterly BOR Meeting
  - December 12, 2025 – College recognition ceremonies
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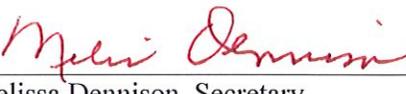
**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:38 a.m. (CST).

**CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY**

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the Third Quarterly Meeting held August 8, 2025, 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).

  
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Jan West, Chair  
WKU Board of Regents  
Approved on 12/11/25

  
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Melissa Dennison, Secretary  
WKU Board of Regents  
Approved on 12/11/25