

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**\*\*\* Meeting Was Conducted in Person and by  
videoconference \*\*\***

**Friday, December 5, 2025  
10:00 a.m. EDT**

**Board of Regents Room  
Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building,  
2nd Floor 400 East Main Street  
Frankfort, Kentucky  
40601 (Primary Physical  
Location)**

**MINUTES**

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**I. Call To Order**

The Board of Regent's Chair, Regent Tammi Dukes, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The Board's Secretary, Nicole Sergent, called the roll:

Regent Tammi Dukes	Present
Regent Edward Fields	Present
Regent Matthew Grimshaw	Present
Regent Edward Hatchett	Present
Regent Jason Moseley	Not Present
Regent Charlie Moyer	Present
Regent Jonathan Rabinowitz	Not Present
Regent Robert Ramsey, Sr.	Not Present
Regent James Obielodan	Present
Regent Toni Stringer	Present

- a. Seven (7) Regents were in attendance and present at roll call. A quorum was therefore established.

### **III. Approval of the Agenda**

- Regent Dukes stated that listed in the agenda are the five regularly scheduled board meetings that they are proposing for 2026, which is February 13; June 19; August 7; October 8; and December 4. The Feb. 13 and October 8 coincide with mini homecoming and homecoming. The August 7 is coordinating with the board retreat.
- Regent Fields commented that the approval of the minutes had been skipped over.

### **IV. Approval of Agenda.**

#### **I. Athletics Fundraising Initiatives**

- a. Regent Dukes requested a motion to approve the agenda for today's regularly scheduled meeting. Regent Stringer made the motion and it was seconded by Regent Fields.
- b. Agenda was approved with no opposed votes.

#### **IV. Board Items – Approval of 2026 Board Dates.**

- a. Regent Dukes repeated the dates of Feb. 13, June 19, Aug. 7 (which is parallel to board retreat) and October 8, which is in coordination with homecoming.
- b. After discussion between Regent Hatchett and Regent Dukes on the August meeting date, it was determined that the retreat is August 6 and the regular board meeting is August 7.
- c. The trustee conference was added to the calendar for the date of September 28 and 29. A location has not been decided yet.
- d. Motion for approval of the board meeting dates for 2026 was moved by Regent Fields and seconded by Regent Hatchett. The motion was approved with no nays.

#### **V. Consent Agenda.**

- e. Regent Dukes brought up a consent agenda of the meeting minutes in their board book that includes June 27 meeting, August 28 meeting and October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. In addition to that the interim policies of the personal service contract for Magellan; service contract for Sway Communications; tuition and fees for 2026-27; and the Center for Advancement Digital, Engagement, Entrepreneurship and Transformation presented in the committee meetings.
- f. Regent Fields had questions on Magellan Learning Solutions before they move to that one. He had questions on the cost of the contract at 2.3 million. Dr. Michael Dailey said the contract runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and it isn't effective until all the signatures and the GCRC approval but they are already

working.

- g. Dr. Dailey also discussed the Sway contract, which is a marketing piece, and the number of students they have from that recruitment effort. He also discussed the marketing of KSU online and responded to questions from Regent Hackett.
- h. Regent Dukes asked for a motion, except for Magellan and Sway, for approval of meeting minutes identified in the board agenda, as well as tuition and fees; the Center for Advancement, Digital Engagement, Entrepreneurship and Transformation Proposal. Regent Moyer moved for approval of those items and it was seconded by Regent Fields. Items approved were the meeting minutes for June 27, August 8, October 9, all of 2025, as well as interim policies of FY 26-27 tuition and fees and the proposal for the Center of Advancement, Digital Engagement, Entrepreneurship and Transformation.
- i. Regent Dukes asked for motion for the approval of the Magellan Learning Solutions contract and Sway Communications Contract. The two contracts were approved.

#### **VI. Information Items.**

- a. **Faculty Senate Report.** Presented by Dr. Patrese A. Nesbitt, faculty senate president. CPE has moved and approved a master's in sports analytics program with a summer start with the initiative being an online 8-week program. This was done by Dr. Nesbitt and Dr. Tasha Harris, who is the assistant in sports management. They are waiting for feedback for their masters of public health.
- b. **Staff Senate Report.** Presented by Delandual Conwell, staff senate president. He summarized their work including finishing initial meetings with the president and having conducted campus-wide surveys to get ideas on how to improve.
- c. **SGA Report.** Presented by Cheyenne Rushing, SGA president. She presented a recap of their town hall, including discussions on extending dining hall hours past 8 p.m. for athletes and also discussed residence hall and campus improvements. She said they have not received their budget that was submitted in August and re-submitted in September. Regent Hatchett had questions on the library and its books. There was a general discussion on digital books and materials.

**VII. Office of the President.** Summary by Dr. Koffi Akakpo. Dr. Akakpo discussed homecoming attendance; the Ag roundup; bourbon company partnership; Ale-8 partnership; developing new programs; trying to find new scholarships and resources for students; Coleman fundraiser; Bluegrass goods giving; and financial statement audit. Regent Moyer had a question on the 2025 audit.

**VIII. Academic Feature: School of Nursing.** Presented by Mary Ellen Broaddus, administrator for the school of nursing. She provided several slides of the programs they offer, including the traditional associate two year; the accelerated associate one year program; the bachelor of science and doctoral program. She also had a nursing graduate discuss her success.

- IX. Division of Finance & Administration.** Presented by Dr. Heather Bigard, vice president of finance and administration, CFO, board treasurer.
- Update of FY 2024 and FY 2025 audits. Also discussion on FY 2026 budget update.
  - President's expenses for July-October and report of expenditures over \$100,000 for July-October.
  - There was a discussion on determining where they could mitigate some of the trend and expenses and to bring back an amended budget in January or February to see what is being done to get back into alignment.
- X. Capital Planning and Facilities Management Update.** Summary by Wayne Cowan, director of Capital Planning and Facilities Management. There was discussion of the projects he has in programming and design, including the residence halls and campus buildings. There were questions from Regents Duke, Hatchett, Fields and Moyer.
- XI. Division of Academic and Student Affairs.** Presented by Dr. Michael Dailey, Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. He was joined by Dr. Dina McGoy-Summers. The academic and student affairs updates have been done. He summarized the structure of online staffing including how they hire and basis of what they're getting paid and how they get paid. Dr. McGoy-Summers discussed in more detail the hiring of online faculty and pay. Questions by Regent Moyer.
- XII. Closing Remarks.** Regent Dukes gave closing remarks including the completion of the FY24 audit pan, the enhancements in the academic offerings; the upgrades and facilities.
- XIII. Adjournment.** Regent Fields moved for adjournment. Seconded by Regent Moyer. Passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m. EDT.

Submitted by:

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Board of Regents  
Kentucky State University

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Regent Tammi Dukes, Chair  
Board of Regents  
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