

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
University of Kentucky
Friday, April 25, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky met on Friday, February 21, 2025, in the Gatton Student Center, Harris Ballroom.

I. Call to Order

E. Britt Brockman, chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and asked Secretary Black to call the roll.

II. Roll Call

The following members of the Board of Trustees were in attendance: Hubie Ballard, Claude A. "Skip" Berry, Cathy A. Black, Alex Boone, E. Britt Brockman, Todd Case, Ray Daniels, Maddie Duff, David Figg, Ron Geoghegan, Brenda Gosney, Janie Greer, Lance Lucas, Elizabeth McCoy, David Melanson, Hannah Myers, Paula Leach Pope, Hollie Swanson and Robert Vance. Frank Shoop was not in attendance.

Secretary Black announced a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chair Brockman stated that the minutes of the February 21, 2025, meeting had been distributed and asked for a motion to approve. Trustee McCoy moved approval and Trustee Geoghegan seconded the motion; the motion carried without dissent.

IV. Chair's Report

Chair Brockman reported there had been three petitions to address the Board, but the subject matter was not related to the Board's agenda, so the petitions were denied. He then reported there were 22 consent agenda items, including:

PR 2	Personnel Actions
ASACR 1	Candidates for Degrees: May 2025
ASACR 2	Candidates for Degrees: August 2025
ASACR 3	Candidates for In Memoriam Degrees: May 2025
ASACR 4	Candidates for Degrees: April 2025 (Ft. Sam Houston)
ASACR 5	Deletion of Certificate: College of Education
ASACR 6	Undergraduate Certificate: Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
ASACR 7	Academic Degree: College of Nursing
FCR 1	Acceptance of Charitable Grant Commitment
FCR 2	Acceptance of Interim Financial Report
FCR 3	Lease/Purchase of Equipment for the Smart Campus Initiative

FCR 4	Authorization of Negotiated Disposition of Personal Property
FCR 5	Authorization of Negotiated Disposition of Personal Property
FCR 6	Authorization of Negotiated Disposition of Personal Property
FCR 7	Upgrade/Renovate/Expand Research Labs Capital Project
FCR 8	Construct Academic Building Capital Project
FCR 9	Improve Academic Administrative Space 1 Capital Project
FCR 10	Acquire/Partnership Medical System 1
FCR 11	Improve UK Good Samaritan Hospital Facilities Capital Project
FCR 12	Approval of Land Lease
FCR 13	Capital Construction Report
UK HealthCare Medical Staff Privileges and Appointments	

Chair Brockman asked to pull ASACR 3 from the consent agenda and asked if there were any additional requests to remove an item from the consent agenda. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Swanson moved approval; Trustee Duff seconded the motion, and the consent agenda passed without dissent.

Chair Brockman recognized President Capilouto for his report.

V. President's Report

President Capilouto reported that the University is currently navigating a period of significant challenge for higher education. He emphasized that each component of the University's mission is under scrutiny and stress and must respond accordingly, while remaining anchored to the institution's North Star: advancing Kentucky.

He stated that while the coming months will involve frequent dialogue and consultation with University stakeholders, the guiding principle must remain the same—the belief in a healthier, wealthier and wiser Kentucky. He reinforced that this vision is not just aspirational language, but a deeply rooted mission that has become more vital than ever.

President Capilouto acknowledged the headwinds facing the University and the difficult decisions already made, including the cancellation of celebrations important to some members of the community. He explained that such actions were taken in compliance with laws and directives, intended to protect the University community and preserve its capacity to serve.

He stated that despite the turbulence, he remains convinced that by focusing on the North Star and working with partners, the University will not just survive but thrive. He posed the central challenge of the current moment: how to comply with policy directives from both Federal and State levels while continuing to support students, faculty and staff.

President Capilouto shared insights from a recent meeting between University officials and Apple executives. He noted that Apple has been a long-term partner in the University's effort to provide iPads to all incoming students to enhance access to learning. He highlighted the mutual benefits of this collaboration, emphasizing that Apple has learned from the University just as the University has benefited from the partnership.

He noted that the visit included three alumni currently working at Apple. One graduate, formerly involved in theater at the University, spoke about how the arts had given him a framework for understanding and addressing complexity. This, President Capilouto observed, is precisely the role of the University—creating structure out of chaos across disciplines and perspectives.

He reiterated that the University's efforts begin and end with Kentucky. Referencing the resilience shown during the recent global recession and pandemic, he affirmed that the University emerged stronger and more focused on its mission.

President Capilouto recalled recent discussions with elected officials and community leaders that highlighted persistent challenges within the State. He stated that the University has been charged with doing more than any other institution in the country to improve the health of Kentucky. This includes not just treating illness but also preventing it, and not just enrolling and graduating students, but ensuring they are prepared for careers that the State most urgently needs.

He reported on ongoing efforts to create a statewide network of partnerships aimed at improving access to healthcare and education. These include collaborations to train more primary care physicians, nurses, teachers, social workers and AI engineers. He cited examples such as addressing food insecurity in areas with high rates of diet-related disease and placing social workers in libraries to improve access to services and digital connectivity.

He described plans to build a primary care clinic in a nearby neighborhood with drastically lower life expectancy. The clinic would serve not just medical needs but also function as a hub for addressing food, transportation, oral health and other community issues.

President Capilouto emphasized the University's role in building structure out of chaos—eliminating barriers to holistic health, seeking unity, connection and progress amid fragmentation and discord. He reiterated the importance of maintaining focus on community and State, even in the face of criticism.

He concluded by reaffirming that the University was created to be a place of service, ideas and promise, with a singular purpose: to advance Kentucky. He expressed deep conviction that following this North Star will continue to guide the University successfully into the future, just as it has for more than 160 years.

PR 3 University Research Professors

President Capilouto introduced PR 3, a recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the individuals on the attached Exhibit I as University Research Professorships for 2025 - 2026. He introduced Acting Vice President for Research Ilhem Messaoudi to introduce the honorees.

Dr. Messaoudi introduced the individual 2025 University Research Professors and explained the criteria of the program. Recipients stood as they were recognized. “It is an honor and privilege to continue to celebrate the research that is happening on this campus today and to present you with the nominated 2025 University Research Professors.” The honorees were as follows:

- Daniel K. Howe, Department of Veterinary Science, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment;
- Chris Richards, Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences;
- Scott Hutson, Department of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences;
- William Gerken, Department of Finance and Qualitative Methods, Gatton College of Business and Economics;
- Kimberly A. Parker, Department of Integrated Strategic Communication, College of Communication and Information;
- Mauro P. Santamaria, Department of Oral Health Practice, College of Dentistry;
- Daniel Vivian, Department of Historic Preservation, College of Design;
- Neal H. Hutchens, Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation, College of Education;
- Zach Agioutantis, Department of Mining Engineering, Stanley and Karen Pigman College of Engineering;
- Donna Lee Kwon, Department of School of Music, College of Fine Arts;
- Nicholas Heebner, Department of Athletic Training and Clinical Nutrition, College of Health Sciences;
- Michael D. Murray, Department of Law Instruction, J. David Rosenberg College of Law;
- Kenneth S. Campbell, Department of Internal Medicine, College of Medicine;
- M. Paul Murphy, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, College of Medicine;
- Ty Borders, Department of Nursing Instruction, College of Nursing;
- David J. Feola, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, College of Pharmacy;
- Krystle A. Lang Kuhs, Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, College of Public Health;
- Rajeev Darolia, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, The Graduate School.

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve PR 3. Trustee Swanson moved approval, and Trustee Melanson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, PR 3 passed without dissent.

The recipients were honored with a round of applause.

PR 4 Gluck Equine Research Foundation Appointments

President Capilouto introduced PR 4, a recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the four-year appointment of Dermot Ryan to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation, Inc. and the reappointment of Elisabeth Goth for a second four-year term, both ending Spring 2029.

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve PR 4. Trustee Boone moved approval, and Trustee Greer seconded the motion. With no further discussion, PR 3 passed without dissent.

PR 5 University Community Election Process

President Capilouto introduced PR 5, a recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the President's proposal for the University community process to elect faculty and staff representatives to the Board of Trustees.

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve PR 5. Trustee Lucas moved approval, and Trustee Vance seconded the motion; Trustee Melanson abstained. With no further discussion, PR 5 passed.

PR 6 Creation of Champions Blue, LLC

President Capilouto introduced PR 6, a recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of a new affiliated corporation, Champions Blue, LLC, to manage and coordinate the University's educational mission concerning intercollegiate athletics.

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve PR 6. Trustee Melanson moved approval, and Trustee Duff seconded the motion. With no further discussion, PR 6 passed without dissent.

Dr. Brockman continued with Committee reports and reminded the Board that ASACR 3, Candidates for In Memoriam Degrees for May 2025 had been pulled from the consent agenda and called on Trustee Ballard for comments.

Trustee Ballard wanted to publicly recognize the students who, along with their families and loved ones, will be honored at the upcoming commencement ceremonies.

Chair Brockman thanked Trustee Ballard and asked for a motion to approve ASACR 3. Trustee Ballard moved approval, and Trustee Lucas seconded the motion. With no further discussion, ASACR 3 passed without dissent.

VI. Other Business

Chair Brockman reminded the Board that immediately following the Board meeting, a reception honoring the 2025-26 Research Professors will occur in the Great Hall. He also reminded them that the dedication ceremony for Memorial Coliseum would occur the next

day at the newly renovated facility.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Brockman asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cathy A. Black".

Cathy A. Black
Secretary