Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
University of Kentucky
Tuesday, June 30, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky (UK) met on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, in the Kroger Field, Longship Club.

I. Call to Order

E. Britt Brockman, chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and asked Secretary Myers to call the roll.

II. Roll Call

The following members of the Board of Trustees were in attendance: Alex Boone, E. Britt Brockman, Todd Case, McKenna Dowell, David Figg, Ron Geoghegan, Brenda Gosney, Jim Gray, Janie Greer, Lance Lucas, Elizabeth McCoy, Hannah Myers, Karen Petrone, Paula Leach Pope, Frank Shoop, Zach Stacy, Hollie Swanson, Robert Vance, Elaine Wilson and Clark Williams. Claude A. “Skip” Berry was absent.

Secretary Myers announced a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chair Brockman stated that the minutes of the April 24, 2026, meeting had been distributed and asked for a motion to approve. Trustee McCoy moved approval and Trustee Wilson seconded the motion; the motion carried without dissent.

IV. Chair’s Report

Chair Brockman reported there were three petitions to address the Board since the last meeting. They were not relevant to the agenda and were forwarded to Trustee Gosney where they were heard during the Human Resources and University Relations Committee meeting the day prior.

He reported that the Executive Committee met and approved ECR 1, the recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the process, timeline and preliminary list of survey questions as part of the 2025-26 Presidential Evaluation.

As background, pursuant to Governing Regulation II, an annual performance evaluation of the President is performed, and ECR 1 initiates the six-month long process of the presidential evaluation.

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve ECR 1. Trustee Wilson motioned to approve; Trustee Gray seconded the motion, and ECR 1 passed without dissent.

Dr. Brockman reported in addition to ECR 1, the Executive Committee approved ECR 2, the recommendation to approve the process, timeline and preliminary list of survey questions as part of the annual 2025-26 Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation.

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve ECR 2. Trustee Figg motioned to approve; Trustee Boone seconded the motion, and ECR 2 passed without dissent.

Chair Brockman then reported that the Executive Committee approved ECR 3, the recommendation that the Board of Trustees direct the President to propose a revision to the University's Governing Regulations to ensure Dean appointments are approved by the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Brockman asked for a motion to approve ECR 3. Trustee Swanson motioned to approve; Trustee Figg seconded the motion. Chair Brockman recognized Trustee McCoy for comments.

Trustee McCoy stated that she voted against the recommendation at the Executive Committee meeting and intended to vote against it again, citing concern that the proposal did not align with the recommendation provided by the University committee that had been convened to study the matter and make a recommendation to the Board.

Chair Brockman asked for any additional discussion, hearing none he called for a vote; ECR 3 passed with 18 members voting in favor and Trustee McCoy voting against.

Dr. Brockman then reported there were 34 consent agenda items, including:

PR 2	Personnel Actions
ACC 1	Internal Audit FY 2026-27 Work Priorities
ASACR 1	Candidates for Degrees: August 2026
ASACR 2	Undergraduate Certificate: Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
ASACR 3	Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Arts and Sciences
ASACR 4	Graduate Certificate: College of Design
ASACR 5	Graduate Certificate: College of Social Work
ASACR 6	Graduate Certificate: College of Social Work
ASACR 7	Deletion of Graduate Certificate: College of Education
ASACR 8	Academic Degree Recommendation: College of Education
FCR 1	Gift Commitment
FCR 2	Grant Commitment
FCR 3	Acceptance of Interim Financial Report
FCR 4	FY 2026-27 Operating and Capital Budget
FCR 5	Refunding Bond Resolution
FCR 6	Internal Loan for Improve Central Plants Capital Project
FCR 7	Disposal of Personal Property
FCR 8	Approval of Disposal and Demolition
FCR 9	Approval of Disposal and Demolition
FCR 10	Approval of Disposal

FCR 11 Approval to Acquire
FCR 12 Approval to Acquire
FCR 13 Improvements to Leased Space
FCR 14 Approval of Premises Lease
FCR 15 Construct Modernize Improve Facilities and Construct Improve Dining Facilities Capital Project
FCR 16 Construct Improve Medical Administration Facility Capital Project
FCR 17 Approval to Declare Surplus
FCR 18 Approval to Declare Surplus
FCR 19 Improve Medical Facility 4 Capital Project
FCR 20 Improve State Street Medical Facility Capital Project
FCR 21 Approval of Withdrawal of Funds from Quasi Endowment
FCR 22 Improve Coldstream Research Campus Capital Project
FCR 23 Patent Assignment Report
UK HealthCare Medical Staff Privileges and Appointments

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Gray moved approval and Trustee Vance seconded the motion; the motion carried without dissent.

Chair Brockman recognized President Capilouto for his report.

V. President's Report

President Capilouto reported that each generation must make decisions before history can render its verdict, noting that stewardship requires preparing the institution for a Commonwealth that continues to evolve. He stated that the University inherited by each Board is not finished but entrusted to them for a brief moment in history with the responsibility of ensuring it remains useful, connected and committed to the people it was created to serve.

President Capilouto stated that the budget approved by the Board is important not because of its growth, revenues, resources, expenses or expenditures, but because of how it enables the University to serve Kentucky. He described the budget as a promissory note to the people the University serves and said it reflects the institution's mission to remain connected to the State and its future.

President Capilouto reported that one of the earliest questions Kentucky asked of the University was what good knowledge would be if it could not reach the people who needed it. He stated that more than a century ago, the University answered by extending learning beyond campus to farms, families and all 120 counties through what is now known as Cooperative Extension.

President Capilouto stated that Cooperative Extension became a relationship that supported lives, including that of Ray Allan Mackey, a Kentucky farmer from Hardin County and recent Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Hall of Distinguished Alumni inductee. He shared that Mackey has relied on the Hardin County Extension Office for nearly 50 years and described the relationship as one built on research, leadership opportunities, better decisions, new technologies and stewardship of the land.

President Capilouto reported that as Kentucky changed, the University's responsibilities widened. He stated that by the middle of the 20th century too many Kentuckians lived beyond the reach of modern medicine, with some communities having one physician for every 3,000 to 4,000 residents compared to a national average of one per 740. He noted that families traveled hours for primary care and sometimes even farther for specialized care.

President Capilouto stated that the creation of a medical school and academic health center required extraordinary resources and faced significant opposition, including concerns about cost and whether such an effort fell within the University's responsibility as a land-grant institution. He noted that earlier generations chose to answer yes, leading to the development of a full academic health center and hospital whose impact continues to be felt today.

President Capilouto shared the story of Oliver Blair, who was critically injured days before his sixth birthday and airlifted to Kentucky's only comprehensive academic health center and one of two Level 1 pediatric trauma centers in the Commonwealth. He stated that Oliver suffered two broken femurs, a punctured lung and a severe traumatic brain injury, received months of care from nurses, physicians and therapists and ultimately returned home, where he chose to walk up the wheelchair ramp built for him by his family's church.

President Capilouto stated that as Kentucky continued to change, the University's responsibilities widened again and the challenges shaping the future could no longer belong to one discipline, profession or institution. He noted that by the early 2000s, progress increasingly depended on collaboration among researchers, entrepreneurs, industry partners, educators, healthcare providers and communities.

President Capilouto reported that questions arose about whether the University was growing too fast or moving too far from its land-grant mission by engaging external or corporate partners. He cited Dr. Serenity Wright, who observed that solutions designed without communities often fail, and stated that this philosophy guides UK Innovate as discoveries become patents, patents become partnerships and partnerships become new opportunities for Kentuckians and their communities.

President Capilouto stated that UK-supported innovations include a modular forensic sample collection tool designed to lower the cost of DNA profiling and reduce the time needed to identify victims and suspects of crime, as well as a mobile and wearable system that supports bone marrow transplant patients during recovery. He said these examples demonstrate stewardship by helping knowledge move into the world where Kentucky can use it.

President Capilouto stated that the University has continually affirmed its original identity by evolving not to become more important or powerful, but to become more capable of serving Kentucky. He noted that if earlier generations had mistaken uncertainty for a reason to wait, knowledge would not have reached every Kentucky county, a medical center would not have brought care closer to home and discovery would not have become partnerships, industries, small businesses or opportunities that strengthen communities across the Commonwealth.

President Capilouto concluded that the University remains in the middle of the same unfinished promise that has guided the institution since its founding. He stated that decisions should be measured not by whether they are free from criticism, but by whether they are worthy of the Kentucky that is coming. He said those who come after will inherit the University left behind and will know the answer given by today's decisions, that the University was faithful to a Commonwealth it would never fully see.

Chair Brockman thanked the President for his report and asked for any questions.

Trustee Shoop suggested that the Board receive a future presentation from the University's Cooperative Extension Service. He noted that many current Board members have not had the opportunity to learn about the work Extension agents perform across the state and expressed support for inviting Vice President for Land-grant Engagement and Dean of the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Laura Stephenson to bring several agents to a Board meeting later in the fall or early next year.

Chair Brockman thanked Trustee Shoop and asked for any additional comments from the Board. Hearing none, he called on the President to introduce items for consideration by the Board.

PR 3 Champions Blue LLC Board of Governors Reappointment

President Capilouto introduced PR 3, a recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Chris Prindiville to the Board of Governors of Champions Blue LLC for a three-year term ending June 30, 2029.

The Board of Trustees on April 25, 2025, approved the establishment of the creation of a new affiliated corporation, Champions Blue, LLC, to manage and coordinate the University's educational mission concerning intercollegiate athletics that allows athletics to:

- Prepare student-athletes for winning championships and living lives of meaning and purpose by earning UK degrees.
- Create a flexible operating model more responsive to change.
- Create new revenue streams.
- Align with the University and University partners more deeply than ever before.
- Provide coaches and student-athletes with tools to maximize their opportunities and value.
- Restructure to accept new capital and approach permanent financial stability.

Appointments to the Board of Governors of Champions Blue LLC require approval by the UK Board of Trustees. Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve PR 3. Trustee

Case moved approval, and Trustee McCoy seconded the motion. With no further discussion, PR 3 passed without dissent.

PR 4 Appointment/Reappointment to the UK Humanities Foundation Board

President Capilouto introduced PR 4, a recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve appointments of James Clark and Wendy L. Jackson to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Humanities Foundation, Inc. and the reappointments of Jay Varellas, Scott Shapiro and Josh Santana.

The management of the affairs of the Foundation shall be vested in a Board of Directors whose membership shall consist of at least fifteen members, one of whom shall be the President of the University of Kentucky; one of whom shall be the Provost of the University of Kentucky; one of whom shall be the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; one of whom shall be the Dean of the Lewis Honors College; one of whom shall be an alumnus of the Gaines Center Fellowship Program; one of whom shall be a Gaines Fellow who will serve in his or her senior (second) year; and up to two of whom shall be individuals designated by the family of John R. and Joan B. Gaines. The remaining ten members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed from the public-at-large.

These appointments require approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the University of Kentucky Humanities Foundation, Inc. These nominations are supported by the President and Provost.

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

PR 5 Appointments to the UK Mining Engineering Board of Directors

President Capilouto introduced PR 5, a recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the appointments of Sam McKown and Nate Waters to the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation Board of Directors for a two-year term ending June 30, 2028.

The Nominating Committee of the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation, which includes the dean of the college of engineering, recommended these appointments to the Provost. These recommended appointments require approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on December 14, 1982. This nomination is supported by the President and Provost.

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

VI. Other Business

Chair Brockman moved on to the presentation of resolutions for the outgoing Board of Trustees. Each year, a framed resolution is presented to those Trustees whose terms are ending, providing an opportunity to honor those colleagues who have helped build a brighter future for the community and Commonwealth through their service as Trustees.

He introduced Trustee Boone to present Trustee Dowell’s resolution.

“A resolution honoring and commending McKenna Dowell for her service to the University of Kentucky, its Board of Trustees and the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, McKenna Dowell has provided dedicated service to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, serving as a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, a Lewis Honors College Rising Leader from Louisville, Kentucky, Ms. Dowell graduated with honors from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dowell was elected Student Body President by the largest voter turnout in the University’s history, winning by a twelve percent margin, and focused her administration on advancing student voice, supporting mental health and wellness and strengthening the connection between alumni and current students; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to leadership and service across campus, including her involvement in the Student Government Association, where she served since her freshman year, as well as her role as cofounder of Students for Sensible Drug Policies and a team captain for the 2025 DanceBlue marathon; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dowell has held numerous leadership roles through her involvement in Alpha Delta Pi, the pre-law fraternity Kappa Alpha Pi and as an ambassador for the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, she has further distinguished herself through public service and professional development experiences, including participation in the Kentucky Legislative Internship Program in Frankfort and the Wildcats at the Capitol Internship program in Washington, D.C., and will continue her academic journey at the University of Cincinnati College of Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees does hereby adopt this resolution on June 30, 2026, and expresses its sincere appreciation to McKenna Dowell for her exceptional leadership, her dedication to advancing the student experience and her meaningful contributions to the University of Kentucky and the Commonwealth. This resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of this meeting as a testament to her significant contributions.”

Trustee Dowell thanked the Board and was honored with a round of applause.

Chair Brockman invited Vice Chair Case to present Trustee Geoghegan's resolution.

"A resolution honoring and commending Ron Geoghegan for his service to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, the University and the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, Ron Geoghegan has provided distinguished service to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees from September 3, 2020, to June 30, 2026, including service on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee and University Health Care Committee, as well as on the UK Research Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geoghegan devoted more than four decades to a distinguished career in government relations and public affairs, including 30 years with South Central Bell, BellSouth and AT&T, and later as a strategic partner with McCarthy Strategic Solutions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geoghegan has demonstrated longstanding leadership in advancing higher education, science, technology and innovation in Kentucky, including his role as chair of Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education and his contributions to the landmark 1997 House Bill 1 reforms; and

WHEREAS, he served as chair of the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation from 2001 to 2019, guiding initiatives in talent development, economic growth and scientific research; and

WHEREAS, his civic leadership includes service as chair of the St. Catharine College Board of Trustees and the Public Policy Forums of the Kentucky State Chamber of Commerce, as well as leadership roles with Leadership Kentucky, the Speed Art Museum and the Olmsted Parks Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, a proud alumnus of the University of Kentucky, Mr. Geoghegan earned his Bachelor of Arts in journalism and has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to service in the Commonwealth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees does hereby adopt this resolution on June 30, 2026, and expresses its sincere appreciation to Ron Geoghegan for his distinguished leadership, his dedicated service and his lasting contributions to the University of Kentucky and the Commonwealth. This resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of this meeting as a testament to his significant contributions."

Trustee Geoghegan thanked the Board and was honored with a round of applause.

Next, Chair Brockman invited Secretary Myers to present Trustee Pope's resolution.

“A resolution honoring and commending Paula Leach Pope for her service to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, the University, her community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

WHEREAS, Paula Leach Pope has provided exemplary service to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2026, including service on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Audit and Compliance Committee, Human Resources and University Relations Committee and Nominating Committee, as well as on the UK Honorary Degree Review Council; and

WHEREAS, a proud alumna of the University of Kentucky College of Education, Ms. Pope earned her bachelor’s degree in education and master’s degree in higher education and began her career as a teacher in Fayette County Public Schools before serving in leadership roles with the City of Lexington and the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pope devoted more than three decades of service to the University of Kentucky, beginning in 1983, where she played a key role in advancing philanthropic initiatives, including the William T. Young Library campaign, the UK Fellows Society, the restoration of the historic Main Building and UK Women and Philanthropy, and co-chaired the University’s 2015 Sesquicentennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, she has remained deeply engaged with the University and its alumni community as a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association, serving as national president and earning the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her leadership and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pope’s dedication to service extends throughout the Lexington community through her leadership in numerous civic and charitable organizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees does hereby adopt this resolution on June 30, 2026, and expresses its sincere appreciation to Paula Leach Pope for her outstanding leadership, her dedicated service and her lasting contributions to the University of Kentucky and the Commonwealth. This resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of this meeting as a testament to her significant contributions.”

Trustee Pope thanked the Board and was honored with a round of applause.

Next, Chair Brockman introduced Trustee Petrone to present Trustee Swanson’s resolution.

“A resolution honoring and commending Dr. Hollie Swanson for her service to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, the University and the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, Hollie Swanson has provided distinguished service to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2026, including service on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Audit and Compliance Committee, Human Resources and University Relations Committee, Investment Committee and University Health Care Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swanson joined the University of Kentucky in 1995 following the completion of a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from South Dakota State University, a master's degree in food Toxicology from Oregon State University, a Ph.D. in Food Science from Purdue University and postdoctoral fellowships in Biochemistry and Pharmacology; and

WHEREAS, she has built a distinguished career as a professor in the Departments of Nutritional Sciences and Pharmacology, teaching undergraduate, graduate, dental and medical students while demonstrating a deep commitment to mentoring and education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swanson has provided impactful leadership in student training and development, including directing the Summer Undergraduate Program in Environmental Health and serving as Director of the Biomedical Science Graduate Program for the College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, her research on drug metabolism and the health effects of environmental contaminants has been continuously supported by the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences since 1996 and has contributed to the advancement of knowledge in pharmacology and toxicology, including her work with the UK Superfund Research Program and the UK Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees does hereby adopt this resolution on June 30, 2026, and expresses its sincere appreciation to Hollie Swanson for her distinguished leadership, her dedication to advancing education and scientific research and her lasting contributions to the University of Kentucky and the Commonwealth. This resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of this meeting as a testament to her significant contributions."

Trustee Swanson thanked the Board and was honored with a round of applause.

Chair Brockman then presented the final resolution for Trustee Vance.

"A resolution honoring and commending Robert D. Vance for his service to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, the University, his community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

WHEREAS, Robert D. Vance has provided distinguished leadership and service to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, including serving as Board Chair from 2019 to 2023, Vice Chair and at-large member of the Executive Committee, chair of the University Health Care Committee and as a member of the Audit and Compliance, Finance and

Investment Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vance has built a distinguished career in banking, serving as chairman or senior officer of several financial institutions across Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana; and

WHEREAS, he further served the Commonwealth through state government as Secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet from 2007 to 2014, overseeing multiple regulatory agencies and playing a key role in strengthening public policy and oversight across a wide range of sectors; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in state government, Mr. Vance contributed to initiatives to enhance the safety and integrity of horse racing in Kentucky and chaired the Governor’s Task Force on the Study of Kentucky’s Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, leading to significant reforms in the Commonwealth’s regulatory framework; and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized for his leadership and professional excellence, including induction into the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law Hall of Fame and receipt of the Livingston Taylor Ethics Award for his contributions to promoting ethical conduct in state government; and

WHEREAS, a native of Grant County, Mr. Vance is a proud graduate of the University of Kentucky, earning degrees in business and law, and has continued to demonstrate a strong commitment to service and leadership, complemented by advanced studies in banking and executive leadership; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees does hereby adopt this resolution on June 30, 2026, and expresses its sincere appreciation to Robert D. Vance for his exemplary leadership, his dedicated service and his lasting contributions to the University of Kentucky and the Commonwealth. This resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of this meeting as a testament to his significant contributions.”

Trustee Vance thanked the Board and was honored with a round of applause.

Chair Brockman stated that on behalf of the Board, they extended their deepest gratitude to all the retiring Board members, “President Capilouto often says that, as Kentucky’s university, UK was created to advance our Commonwealth and its people, leading to a state that is healthier, wealthier and wiser today than it was yesterday. Your belief in what UK does and how we do it has helped strengthen that mission and build a lasting legacy for generations of Kentuckians to come. For that, we extend our deepest gratitude.”

VII. Adjournment

Chair Brockman asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah M. Myers

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Secretary