Minutes of the of the Board of Trustees
University of Kentucky
Thursday, September 18, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky met on Friday, September 18, 2026, in the Student Activities Center, on the campus of the University of Louisville.

I. Call to Order

E. Britt Brockman, chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and called on the President for his report.

President Capilouto introduced an economic and workforce development panel discussion including, University of Louisville President Gerry Bradley, President and CEO of Alliance Resource Partners Joe Craft, Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg and One Louisville CEO Trevor Pawl.

The discussion was facilitated by University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto and focused on how partnerships among Kentucky's research universities, communities and business leaders can strengthen the Commonwealth's workforce and drive sustainable economic development. The discussion highlighted the importance of collaboration between UK and the University of Louisville, Louisville's role as an economic engine for the state and the need to develop a well-educated, highly skilled workforce to support economic growth across Kentucky.

Upon conclusion of the panel discussion, the Board honored the speakers with a standing ovation.

Chair Brockman then asked Assistant 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, Ruth Day, Mitchel Denham, David Figg, Brenda Gosney, Janie Greer, Lance Lucas, Hannah Myers, Nick Pace, Phil Patton, Joe Palumbo, Karen Petrone, Frank Shoop, Zach Stacy, Nathan Vanderford, Clark Williams and Elaine Wilson. Jim Gray and Elizabeth McCoy were absent.

Secretary Myers announced a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chair Brockman reported that the minutes from the June 30 meeting had been distributed and called for a motion to approve. Trustee Figg moved approval and Trustee Wilson seconded the motion; the motion carried without dissent.

IV. Chair's Report

Chair Brockman began his report by introducing a resolution honoring the life and service of Claude A. "Skip" Berry III to the UK Board of Trustees, the University, his community and the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, Claude A. "Skip" Berry III, a member of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees from June 26, 2015, until his death on July 17, 2026, served the University with integrity, sound judgment and steadfast devotion;

WHEREAS, Mr. Berry brought to the Board the perspective of a proud University of Kentucky alumnus, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1973;

WHEREAS, during his service on the Board, Mr. Berry chaired the Audit and Compliance Committee and served as a member of the Nominating, University Athletics and University Health Care committees;

WHEREAS, Mr. Berry devoted 45 years to Wehr Constructors, rising to serve as president before his retirement in 2018 and personally overseeing more than $1 billion in construction management projects;

WHEREAS, his professional leadership helped establish Wehr Constructors among the nation's leading construction management firms and earned him the respect of colleagues throughout Kentucky and beyond;

WHEREAS, the University of Kentucky recognized Mr. Berry with the College of Engineering Construction Management Founders Society Lifetime Achievement Award, named him a Henry Stites Barker Fellow and inducted him into the College of Engineering Hall of Distinction;

WHEREAS, Mr. Berry's commitment to service extended throughout his community as a church elder, board chair and Sunday school teacher, a member of the Eminence Independent Schools Board of Education and a volunteer track and tennis coach;

WHEREAS, his life was grounded in his Christian faith and in his deep love for his wife of 54 years, Joyce; their children, Buddy, Tiffany and Tara; their nine grandchildren; and their great-grandchild;

WHEREAS, Mr. Berry's wisdom, humility and calm fortitude enriched the work of this Board, and his example of servant leadership will endure in the University, his profession, his community and the lives of those who knew him;

Be it therefore resolved that the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees does hereby adopt this resolution on September 18, 2026, and expresses, on behalf of the University community, our individual and collective gratitude for the life and service of Claude A. "Skip" Berry III, extends its deepest sympathy to Joyce and the Berry family and orders that this resolution be made part of the minutes of the meeting.

Additionally, Chair Brockman recognized the passing of former trustee Bruce Lunsford, whose life exemplified service, leadership and a deep commitment to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Whether through his work as a business leader or public servant, trustee or philanthropist, Bruce invested in people and institutions that would benefit future generations. At the University of Kentucky, his legacy lives on not only through his service to this board but through the students whose lives have been changed by opportunities he helped create. We honor his memory and extend our heartfelt sympathies to his loved ones.

Chair Brockman also recognized and welcomed the newly appointed Board of Trustee members: Trustee Ruth Day, Trustee Mitchel Denham, Trustee Nick Pace, Trustee Joe Palumbo, Trustee Phil Patton and Trustee Nathan Vanderford. Dr. Brockman stated, “We look forward to continuing this important work, together, and thank you for your commitment to a place we all hold dear.”

CR 1 Proposed Revision to Governing Regulations: Dean Appointments (First Reading)

Chair Brockman introduced CR 1, a recommendation that the Board of Trustees receive and vote to accept for the first reading of the revision of Governing Regulation II, relating to Dean appointments. The proposed amendment ensures Dean appointments are approved by the Board of Trustees.

Chair Brockman explained by adopting ECR 3 at the June 30, 2026, meeting, the Board directed the President to propose amendments to the Governing Regulations, which would accomplish the following objectives:

1. Ensure all future Dean appointments are approved by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the institution.

2. Supports the President’s continuing efforts to revise and modernize the Administrative Regulations. As part of the already established process, the President should consider developing a means of streamlining the expedited academic appointment process for Deans.

Chair Brockman asked for a motion to approve CR 1. Trustee Case moved approval, and Trustee Figg seconded the motion. With no further discussion, CR 1 passed without dissent.

2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

Next, Chair Brockman introduced the 2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule and called for a motion to approve. Trustee Williams moved approval, and Trustee Boone seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the 2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule passed without dissent.

Dr. Brockman then reported there were 23 consent agenda items, including:

PR 2	Personnel Actions
ASACR 1	Policy on Academic and Financial Sustainability
ASACR 2	Academic Degree: College of Arts and Sciences
ASACR 3	Undergraduate Degree: College of Social Work
ASACR 4	Undergraduate Certificate: Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
FCR 1	Acceptance of Charitable Gift Commitment
FCR 2	Acceptance of Charitable Gift Commitment
FCR 3	Acceptance of Charitable Gift
FCR 4	Acceptance of Charitable Gift Commitment
FCR 5	Approval to Declare Surplus
FCR 6	Approval of Disposal
FCR 7	Approval of Disposal
FCR 8	Approval of Disposal
FCR 9	Improve UK Kings Daughters Medical Campus Capital Project
FCR 10	Acquire Improve Medical Administrative Facility 1 Capital Project
FCR 11	Construct Improve Medical Administrative Facility 10 Capital Project
FCR 12	Construct Improve Research Space Capital Project
FCR 13	Construct Academic Building Capital Project
FCR 14	Asset Preservation Capital Projects
FCR 15	Improve Good Samaritan Hospital Facilities Capital Project
FCR 16	Capital Construction Report
FCR 17	Patent Report

UK HealthCare Medical Staff Privileges and Appointments

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

V. Adjournment

Chair Brockman asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah M. Myers
Secretary