

**Minutes of a Regularly Scheduled Meeting  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents**

**August 16, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

**Powell 219  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**I. Call to Order**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents convened on August 16, 2023, at 9:03 a.m. in Powell 219, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky. Chair Eaves called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

**Present**

Mr. Mike Eaves  
Ms. Laura Babbage  
Mr. Jeremiah Duerson  
Mr. Alan Long  
Dr. Jason Marion  
Mr. Edwin Orange  
Mr. Camden Ritchie  
Ms. Lynn Taylor Tye  
Mr. Vase Vasudevan  
Mr. Ashley Ward

**Absent**

Mr. Juan Castro

**II. Swearing in**

Mr. Vasu Vasudevan, a prior member of the Board of Regents, was again appointed by Governor Andy Beshear to serve on the EKU Board of Regents. Mr. Vasudevan was formally administered the oath of office by Dana Fohl, University Counsel.

Following the reappointment of Regent Vasudevan, the Chair called for the election of Board Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Chair. Regent Tye made a motion to nominate Alan Long

for Vice Chair, Jeremiah Duerson for Board Secretary, and Barry Poynter for Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **III. Information Items**

#### **A. University Reports**

##### **1. Mary Beth Neiser, Development Update**

President McFaddin indicated that Mary Beth Neiser, Vice President of University Development and Alumni Engagement could not be present but indicated that he will make introductions to the board at a later date.

##### **2. Dr. Bryan Makinen, Construction Update**

Dr. Bryan Makinen, Associate Vice President for Facilities & Public Safety, gave a project overview of recently completed projects as well as continuing and upcoming projects across campus. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

##### **3. Dr. Sara Zeigler, Academic Affairs Update**

Dr. Sara Zeigler, Provost, and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs offered an update which included the Provost's Internship Program for 2023, the New Faculty Orientation that took place in early August, an Academic Program Review, and the Fall 2023 Teaching Symposium which addressed General Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

##### **4. Mr. Barry Poynter, Financial Update**

Mr. Barry Poynter, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented a preliminary financial update as of June 30, 2023, as the year was still being closed and the year-end audit was still ongoing. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

##### **5. Dr. Tanlee Wasson and Dr. Dannie Moore, Student Success & Student Life Update**

Dr. Tanlee Wasson, Senior Vice President for Student Success, Engagement, and opportunity, offered an update including Fall 2023 highlights, recruitment efforts, enrollment, and freshman retention.

Dr. Dannie Moore, Vice President of Student Affairs, gave an update explaining the importance of One Eastern and efforts to continue to make students feel welcome once they are on campus. He touched on move-in activities and residence halls updates, Big E Welcome, concerts, and upcoming event announcements. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

*[The Chair adjourned for a recess at 10:42 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.]*

#### **6. Mr. Matt Roan, J.D., Athletics Update**

Mr. Matt Roan, Vice President and Director of Athletics, gave an update which included a speaking engagement for the student athletes from Kenny Davis, who was the captain of the 1972 U.S. Men's Basketball National Team that competed in the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany. In addition, Mr. Roan reported on the opening of the competition season and shared information on the upcoming pep rally to be held in downtown Richmond the evening of September 15<sup>th</sup>, the night before the home football opener.. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

#### **7. Committee Reports, Mike Eaves J.D., Chair**

Chair Eaves indicated there were no committee reports.

### **B. Additional Reports to the Board**

#### **1. Written Reports**

##### **i. Dr. Lisa Kay, Faculty Senate Chair**

Dr. Kay submitted a written report to the board, which was included in the agenda.

##### **ii. Dr. Caelin Scott, Chair of Staff Council**

Dr. Scott submitted a written report to the board, which was included in the agenda.

##### **iii. Mr. Camden Ritchie, Student Government Association President**

Mr. Ritchie submitted a written report to the board, which was included in the agenda.

**iv. Dana Fohl, J.D., Policies and Regulations Report**

Ms. Fohl submitted a written report to the board, which was included in the agenda.

**2. Dr. David T. McFaddin, President**

President David McFaddin gave a report centered around his convocation presentation on FOCUS, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

**3. Mr. Mike Eaves, Chair of the Board Report**

Chair Eaves did not have a report to share with the board.

**IV. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Chair Eaves presented to the full board the following items on the Consent Agenda for approval. A motion was made by Regent Long to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- i. Approval of the Minutes for the Full Board Meeting on May 24, 2023, and the Special Meeting on June 23, 2023
- ii. Approval of the Personnel Actions
- iii. Approval of Policy Updates for Model Lab School
- iv. Approval of Degree Candidates for Fall 2023

**B. Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure**

Provost Zeigler presented to the board the Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure. The motion was seconded by Regent Orange. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**C. Approval of the Regional University Endowed Trust Fund Matches**

President McFaddin addressed the board seeking approval of the Regional University Endowed Trust Fund Matches, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

A motion was made by Regent Duerson to approve the Regional University Endowed Trust Fund Matches. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **D. Approval to Raze Brassfield Road Farmhouse**

Barry Poynter addressed the board seeking approval to surplus and raze the Brassfield Road Farmhouse. A copy of the request is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

A motion was made by Regent Long to surplus and raze the Brassfield Road Farmhouse. The motion was seconded by Regent Ward. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

#### **E. Approval of ECU appointee to the Madison County Airport Board**

President McFaddin addressed the board seeking approval to reappoint Colleen Chaney, Chief of Staff and Chief Communication Officer, to the Madison County Airport Board, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

A motion was made by Regent Duerson to approve the reappointment of Colleen Chaney to the Madison County Airport Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Ward. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

#### **V. New Business**

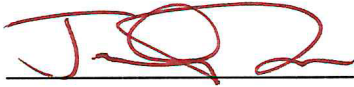
There was no new business to report.

#### **VI. Executive Session**

No Executive Session was needed.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Eaves called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Regent Long. The motion was seconded by Regent Ward. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm.

  
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Jeremiah Duerson, Board Secretary

4/15/2023  
Date