

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

**May 24, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

**EKU Center for the Arts
Main Stage
Eastern Kentucky University**

I. Call to Order

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents convened on May 24, 2023, at 9:04 a.m. at the Center for the Arts, 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. Juan Castro
Mr. Jeremiah Duerson
Dr. Jason Marion
Ms. Paige Murphy
Mr. Edwin Orange
Ms. Lynn Taylor Tye
Mr. Ashley Ward

Absent

Mr. Alan Long

II. Information Items

A. University Reports

1. Mr. Brad Compton, AVP, Audit Plan by Crowe Horwath, LLP

Mr. Brad Compton, AVP introduced to the board Mr. Pete Ugo, Partner at Crowe, LLP, who gave a brief presentation regarding the upcoming year-end audit, which detailed, amongst

other things, audit practices and actions to promote a smooth audit process, new accounting processes, and auditing pronouncements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

2. Mr. Barry Poynter, Financial Update

Mr. Barry Poynter, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented a financial update detailing the University's current financial position as of April 2023, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

3. Dr. Tanlee Wasson and Dr. Dannie Moore, Student Success & Student Life Update

Dr. Tanlee Wasson, Senior Vice President for Student Success, Engagement & Opportunity, offered a quick update on another way the University serves the region through Workforce Development Center, Community Engagement, and OSHA training center, she then went on to share that enrollment, retention, incoming freshman, and transfers, are all trending up.

Dr. Dannie Moore, Vice President of Student Affairs, gave an update on housing, and a presentation sharing a recap of student events and activities that took place during the spring semester, along with new updates for fall 2023. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

4. Dr. Bryan Makinen, Construction Update

Dr. Bryan Makinen, Associate Vice President for Facilities & Public Safety, gave a project overview on behalf of Facilities Management and the Capital Construction team regarding recently completed as well as ongoing projects taking place across campus. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

5. 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. Ms. Paige Murphy, Outgoing Student Government Association President

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

[The Chair adjourned for recess at 10:15 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:33 a.m.]

2. Dr. David T. McFaddin, President

President David McFaddin presented the 2022-23 Annual Report, “Experience Excellence” to the board, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

He explained that this year’s Annual Report was more simplified, streamlined, and aligned with the university’s strategic plan focusing on eight core areas.

1. Embrace Student Success as our Purpose
2. Encourage Focused Academic Investment
3. Emphasize Being an Employer of Choice
4. Ensure Financial Strength
5. Enhance The Campus Beautiful
6. Elevate the University Brand
7. Energize Collaboration Across the Service Region
8. Enrich Strategic Partnerships

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

Chair Eaves began his report by expressing his appreciation to Amy Scarborough, Chief Government, Community, and Corporate Relations Officer, for the excellent work she is doing on behalf of the university with our local elected officials.

He explained that when he first came on the board, he met with President McFaddin who asked him what he would like to see accomplished during his time on the board, and his only response was that he would like to see the university develop a much better relationship with the community. He indicated that the President took that to heart and that Amy is a large part of those efforts. He believes that Richmond can be so much more than it is if it will embrace what Eastern has to offer, and believes the converse is also true that Eastern can be so much more than it is if it

will simply engage, and embrace is the community. He indicated that he had made the comment to someone years ago that Richmond needs to decide if it is a town with a college in it, or if it is a college town, and that those two things are drastically different. He believes that the university can make that transition and that Amy is a part of that. She has performed several economic impact analyses, the results of which have been shared with city and county officials and he considered those results eye-opening.

Chair Eaves expressed that he is going to spend his energy for the balance of the year, trying to make headway in that area to help Richmond move along as well as some projects the university can collaborate on with the city. He stated that there are many things that Richmond wants to do that fit within what the university does, which is again something the President has taken to heart, and he is very involved in that effort.

He went on to explain that he sees his function as Chairman as making information available to the board. He feels that is both the board's obligation as well as their right. He took a moment to thank Staff Regent, Jeremiah Duerson, and Faculty Regent, Jason Marion, who have both been very helpful and patient in meeting with him and explaining operations on campus, primarily topics related to staff and faculty. He encouraged the board to share with him any topics that they would like to know more about or things they see coming down the road that they feel the board needs to be involved in, or looking into, as it is his desire to allow the board to dictate the agenda.

Before closing, he took a moment to express his thanks to Barry Poynter and Regent Tye for taking the time to go over the budget with him, which he expressed had been very helpful.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Eaves presented to the board the following items on the Consent Agenda for approval. Regent Marion asked that item iv. Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure for 2023-24 be voted on separately, as he must abstain from voting on that item. Chair Eaves then asked the full board to vote on Consent Agenda items i, ii, iii, v, and vi. A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve those items of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- i. Approval of the Minutes for the Full Board Meeting on February 15, 2023
- ii. Approval of the Personnel Actions
- iii. Approval of Degree Candidates for Summer 2023
- iv. Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure for 2023-24 (approved separately)

- v. Recommendations for Model Promotion and Tenure for 2023-24
- vi. Recommendations for Faculty Emeritus for 2022-23

Chair Eaves then asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda item iv., the Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure for 2023-24. A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve those items of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed by voice vote with Regent Marion abstaining.

B. Report from the Council on Academic Affairs

In the absence of Provost Zeigler, President McFaddin presented to the board the Report from the Council on Academic Affairs which included several new programs, and a modality change for four programs moving them to an online delivery, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

A motion was made by Regent Orange to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Proposed Tuition & Fees, Residence Hall, and Dining Rates for 2023-24

A motion was made by Regent Tye to approve the Tuition & Fees for 2023-24. The motion was seconded by Regent Orange. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Regent Ward to approve the Residence Hall rates for 2023-24. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the Dining Rates for 2023-24. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Approval of Annual Operating Budget

President McFaddin addressed the board prior to their vote to present a budget overview for FY2023-24, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. He stated that his team has worked hard to resource what is valued and as a result, the budget presented has the institution, for the first time in over three years standing squarely on its own two feet, fully supporting the operations of the institution.

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the 2023-24 annual operating budget. The motion was seconded by Regent Marion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll-call vote.

E. Approval to Surplus Property at 100 and 103 Cardinal Lane

Barry Poynter addressed the board seeking approval to surplus the properties at 100 and 103 Cardinal Lane, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

A motion was made by Regent Castro to accept the recommendation to surplus the properties. The motion was seconded by Regent Marion. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

F. Approval of Resolutions of Recommendation

1. Resolution Recognizing Paige Murphy

A motion was made by Regent Tye to approve a resolution regarding Paige Murphy, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Resolution Recognizing Betina Gardner

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve a resolution regarding Betina Gardner, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. New Business

New Business was addressed following Executive Session.

V. Swearing In

Mr. Camden Ritchie was elected by his peers to serve a 1-year term on the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents as Student Regent beginning July 1, 2023. Mr. Ritchie was formally administered the oath of office by University Counsel, Dana Fohl.

[The Chair adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:53 p.m.]

VI. Executive Session

Chair Eaves indicated that the board required a closed session to discuss the potential acquisition or sale of property pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) and to discuss pending litigation against or on behalf of the university pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c). The Chair entertained a motion pursuant to KRS 61.815 to adjourn to closed session. A motion was made by Regent Castro. The motion was seconded by Regent Duerson. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

[The Chair adjourned for Executive Session at 12:54 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:08 p.m.]

Chair Eaves called for a motion to return to order following closed session with no action being taken. A motion was made by Regent Duerson. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

President McFaddin then addressed the board regarding the partnership the university has had with the Department of Criminal Justice Training Center (DOCJT), which has been on campus for the better part of the last thirty years. He explained that they are a nationally renowned program and that any certified Peace Officer Professional (POP) from the Department of Criminal Justice Training Center here at Eastern Kentucky University is recognized in all 50 states, therefore allowing them to work in any of those 50 states. He went on to say that the university continues to have a great working relationship with Commissioner Jilek and his team and that the DOCJT was fortunate enough in this last legislative session to receive the necessary capital funding to build a new indoor firing range for those they train here on campus.

As a result, President McFaddin brought before the board a proposition to do a land lease of 7.3683 acres that would expand the overall footprint of the DOCJT here on the university's campus for the purpose of constructing the indoor firing range. He asked that the board would approve the land lease contingent upon an updated MOU drafted and executed between the two parties to lay out the terms for the use of that space and how it might affect the other operations of the university going forward. He indicated that University Counsel has provided a description of that lease to the board.

Regent Ward made a motion to approve the land lease contingent upon and subject to the provision of an updated MOU clearly defining the use and maintenance of the land and any restrictions put in place. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Eaves called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Regent Castro. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned the meeting at 2:11 pm.



Jeremiah Duerson, Board Secretary



Date