

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting Was Conducted in Person and via videoconference

Thursday, March 26, 2026

9:30 a.m. EDT

Board of Regents Room

Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building

2nd Floor, 400 East Main Street

Frankfort, Kentucky

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- The Board of Regent’s Chair, Regent Tammi Dukes, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. Roll Call

The Board’s Secretary, Nicole Sergent, called the roll:

Regent Tammi Dukes	Present
Regent Cheyenne Rushing	Present
Regent Edward Fields	Present
Regent Matthew Grimshaw	Present
Regent Edward Hatchett	Present
Regent Jason Moseley	Not Present
Regent Charles Moyer	Present
Regent Jonathan Rabinowitz	Present
Regent Robert Ramsey	Present
Regent James Obielodan	Present
Regent Joan “Toni” Stringer	Not Present

Nine (9) Regents were in attendance and present at roll call. A quorum was therefore established.

3. Approval of the Agenda.

- Regent Dukes questioned if the Board must approve the agenda since it's a special called meeting.
- Secretary Sergent said they do not have to approve the agenda, but that the agenda serves as a notice of the purpose of the special meeting so the Regents must adhere to the agenda.

4. Approval of Revised Schedule for June 19, 2026 regular meeting.

- Regent Dukes proposed that the meeting date for the regular scheduled board meeting be changed to June 12 with the committee meetings taking place on June 11.
- Regent Fields made a motion to change the regular scheduled June meeting to June 12 and committee meeting to June 11. Regent Moyer seconded the motion. The regular June meeting was changed from June 19 to June 12 and committee meetings to June 11. Motion Passed.

5. Revised Student Government Association Constitution (Information Item).

- Regent Cheyenne Rushing said that the SGA executive committee has revised the Student Government Association Constitution.
- She said a lot of the verbiage was not as clear as it should have been in the constitution.
- Among the proposed changes are:
 - 1) Executive board office hours.
 - 2) Changing GPA from 2.5 to 2.75.
 - 3) Full coverage of room and board expenses for the executive board and not just the SGA president.
 - 4) A \$3,000 stipend dispersed in two installments of \$1,500 per semester.
 - 5) Obtain benefits for professional attire for professional appearances and university functions.
 - 6) Fund attendance at key conferences and professional development opportunities for the positions of each board – for class boards and executive boards.
 - 7) To make the positions easier to understand for the students.
 - 8) For the Royal Court to get a stipend.
 - 9) For Mr. and Miss to have full room and board.
 - 10) To build the relationship between Mr. and Miss and the executive board.
 - 11) For a special election to select a full-time student member to serve on the Board of Regents.
 - 12) In the event that a president was to step down that the vice president would move

up and that the current president would appoint the first vice position.

- 13) For the advisors for SGA and Royal Court be appointed by the SGA Executive Board and that it be a current faculty or staff member.
- 14) For town halls to occur a minimum of once every two months during the academic school year.
- 15) That if there is a vote that it be two-thirds of the Senate.
- 16) That the SGA has the authority to submit formal recommendations about issues that affect the student body.
- 17) Changes including better descriptions of the committees; beginning election procedures earlier and making sure the election dates are fine.

- Dr. Akakpo said because he has not had time to review this yet, he would like to pull it back and have a meeting with Regent Rushing to have a better understanding before they bring it to the Board.
- Secretary Sergent said that it was only informational.
- Dr. Akakpo said it should have come to his attention.
- Regent Rushing said she talked to Secretary Sergent about it.
- Regent Dukes said it probably needed to have some updates. However, because there are some budget implications in this proposal that will have some effect on the budget, she wants to make sure that they are properly vetted before any sort of action or finalization is made to the revisions.
- Secretary Sergent said there will be a draft and then a period of time for the board to comment, review and make changes and revisions. She said it also next goes in front of the students and they have a chance to revise, comment and then vote to approve it as well.
- Dr. Akakpo said he understands but it should have come to him first before they made it public because it has budgetary implications. He asked can they afford it or not, but those are things that should have been vetted by him before they bring it to the board.
- Regent Hatchett said he has a suggested addition to the constitution and he wondered how to communicate that in what way and at what juncture in this procedure.
- Secretary Sergent told him to send those to her as she is the attorney for the government association and she is supposed to assist them in preparing their bylaws.
- Regent Fields said it says that the positions of chief of staff, Miss Kentucky and Mr. Kentucky are appointed by the president and student regent and he thought they were elected and they had to run for that.
- Regent Rushing said the chief of staff has always been appointed by the SGA president because that person would be working with them. She said Mr. and Miss Kentucky State must have been changed because they are not supposed to be appointed and you do have to run for those positions.
- She said for treasurer, the past few years you did not have to be on SGA prior to being in that position. For chief justice, that changed as well as you did have to be on SGA prior to being on the executive board.
- Dr. Obielodan asked if the changes have the buy in of other student government

executives or the student body. Secretary Sergent said it has to be voted on by student senate and this is very early in the process.

- Secretary Sergent asked Regent Rushing who she met with and was it the executive committee. She responded yes. Secretary Sergent said she went through the draft Constitution and made some changes consistent with law and legal compliance.
- Secretary Sergent said the senate has to approve the Constitution with two-thirds of the vote and that's after the board votes to approve it.

6. Closed Session

A. Pending and Possible Litigation (KRS 61.810(1)(c), (m) and (f)).

- Regent Dukes asked for a motion to enter closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (1)(m) to discuss proposed and pending litigation. Also, to discuss records exempted from disclosure per KRS 61.878(1)(m) and KRS 61.810(1)(f) and to discuss specific appointments, dismissals and disciplines of individual employees, members and students.
- Motion made by Regent Fields and seconded by Regent Obielodan to go into closed session . Motion Passed.
- Dr. Akakpo asked for approval for Dr. Dixie and Dr. Bigard to stay with them in closed session. Regent Dukes said yes, that will be fine.

B. Reconvene Open Session.

- Regent Dukes asked for a motion to reconvene into open session. Regent Hatchett made the motion and Regent Fields seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

C. Possible Action from Closed Session.

- Regent Dukes stated there were no actions taken in the closed session.

7. Closing Remarks.

- Regent Dukes made closing remarks and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Regent Fields made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Regent Ramsey. Motion Passed.

8. Adjournment.

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. EDT.

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