

BOARD OF REGENTS
for
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY



Meeting of the Board of Regents
Friday, August 7, 2026
10 a.m. EST

Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building, 2nd Floor
400 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Provide transformative educational experiences to prepare graduates for making meaningful contributions to society.

Kentucky State University is a public, research-comprehensive, historically black, 1890 land grant institution.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY VISION STATEMENT

Foster Innovation and Inspire Leaders to Advance the Commonwealth and the World.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY CORE VALUES

- Compassion, Communication, Commitment, and Collaboration
- Ethical and Moral Responsibility
- Intentional Actions
- Excellence and Innovation
- Impactful Community Engagement
- Holistic Professional Development

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Tammi Dukes (2027)
Mr. Matthew Grimshaw (2030)
Mr. Edward Fields (2026), Staff Regent
Mr. Edward Hatchett, Esq. (2031)
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Dr. Charles Moyer (2027)
Mr. Jonathan Rabinowitz, Esq. (2030)
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Ms. Joan "Toni" Stringer, Esq. (2028)
Dr. James Obielodan (2028)

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY ELECTED BOARD OFFICERS

Ms. Tammi Dukes, *Chairperson*
Mr. Edward Hatchett, Esq., *Vice Chairperson*

Ms. Nicole Sergent, Esq., *Secretary*
Dr. Heather Bigard, *Treasurer*

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

INSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo

Nineteenth President

Dr. Michael D. Dailey

Provost and Vice President of Division of Academic Affairs

Dr. Heather Bigard

Vice President of Finance and Administration / CFO

Mr. Michael R. DeCourcy

Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations

Dr. Wendy D. Dixie

Vice President of Information Technology and Chief of Staff

Mr. Adam Smith

Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Success

Ms. Nicole Sergent

General Counsel



KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING

*** Meeting Will be Conducted in Person and Videoconference ***

Friday, August 7, 2026

10:00 am EST

Board of Regents Room
Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building
2nd Floor, 400 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(Primary Physical Location)

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| 1. Call to Order | Regent Tammi Dukes
Board Chair |
| 2. Roll Call | Ms. Nicole Sergent
General Counsel |
| 3. Consent Agenda | Attorney Sergent |
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| A. Minutes from Previous Board and Committee Meetings | |
| i. | May 28, 2026 Special Board Meeting |
| ii. | June 30, 2026 Special Board Meeting |
| iii. | June 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting |
| iv. | June 11, 2026 Committee Meetings (Academic Affairs,
Finance and Institutional Advancement, Student Affairs
and Athletics) |
| v. | Southern Foods Request for Approval |
| vi. | Stratagon Request for Approval |
| vii. | Memorandum of Agreement between Kentucky State
University and Kentucky Office of Vocational
Rehabilitation |

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| 4. CPE and KSU Collaboration | Dr. Aaron Thompson
CPE President |
| 5. Approval of President's Employment Contract (Action Item) | Chair Dukes |
| 6. Informational and Action Items | |
| A. SGA Report
(Information Item) | SGA President |
| B. Institutional Advancement and External Relations
Updates | Mr. Michael DeCourcy
VP of Institutional
Advancement and
External Relations |
| i. Investment Manager (Information Item) | Mr. David King
Mariner |
| C. Finance & Administration Updates | Dr. Heather Bigard
VP of Finance and
Administration/CFO |
| i. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Update | |
| ii. Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Update | |
| iii. Capital Projects and Asset Preservation Pool
(Action Item) | |
| iv. Approve CNC Machine Purchase
(Action Item) | |
| D. Academic Affairs Updates | Dr. Michael Dailey
Provost and VP of
Academic Affairs |
| E. Student Affairs Updates | Mr. Adam Smith
VP of Enrollment
Management &
Student Success |
| 7. Closed session | Chair Dukes |
| A. Closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), (f) and (m) to discuss pending and possible
litigation, personnel matters and to discuss records exempted from disclosure under KRS
61.878(1)(m). | |
| 8. Reconvene in open session | Chair Dukes |
| 9. Possible action from closed session | Chair Dukes |
| 10. Closing remarks | Chair Dukes |
| 11. Adjournment | Chair Dukes |



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ACTION ITEM XX

ACTION ITEM:

Approval Tenure and Promotion Candidates

FACTS:

The Tenure and Promotion process was implemented during the 2025-2026 academic year. Currently, there are eight faculty members employed at Kentucky State University that have completed the tenure and promotion process. Their portfolio packages have been reviewed by the unit Tenure and Promotion Committee, the Chair, Dean, the University Tenure and Promotion Committee, the Provost, and then final recommendation to the President.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

The approval of the eight candidates will receive tenure status and or promotion. The change in rank is accompanied by an increment in salary.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Koffi Akakpo and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Michael D. Dailey recommend the approval of a change in rank for successfully completing the tenure and promotion process.

1. Dr. Dharma Khatiwada – tenure and promotion – change in rank to Associate Professor
2. Dr. Whitney Lawrence – tenure and promotion – change in rank to Associate Professor
3. Dr. Gussie Ann Lyttle-Burns – tenure and promotion – change in rank to Associate Professor
4. Dr. Richard Maiti – tenure and promotion – change in rank to Associate Professor
5. Dr. Patrese Nesbit – tenure and promotion – change in rank to Associate Professor
6. Dr. Eslam Omar – tenure and promotion – change in rank to Associate Professor
7. Dr. Frederick Williams – tenure and promotion – change in rank to Associate Professor
8. Dr. Clifton Wise – tenure and promotion – change in rank to Associate Professor

MOTION:

As President, I recommend the for consideration and approval, the presented candidates for tenure and promotion.



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Approval Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

FACTS:

The faculty senate approved the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences in 2025. The Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education Academic Affairs leadership has approved the Notice of Intent for the program. The program is less than 25% new content and will not require SACSCOC substantive change approval. This program is in alignment with the program area of study Health Sciences per SB 185. Current faculty possess the needed qualifications for the curriculum oversight and continuous improvement review. This degree is a Commonwealth workforce need as requested by our community partners and supported by the state administration.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate FTE budgetary implications in the fiscal year as enrollment growth is expected in Fall 2027.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Koffi Akakpo and Vice President of Academic Affairs Michael D. Dailey recommend the approval of the program.

MOTION:

As President, I recommend the for consideration and approval, the presented program.