

**Minutes**  
**The University of Toledo**  
**159th Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, September 28, 2022**  
**WebEx/CADE**  
**2:00 p.m.**

The one-hundred fifty ninth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, in the Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement Fredrick Wolfe Board Room and virtually, via WebEx. Chair Stephen P. Ciucci called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and read the mission statement of The University of Toledo. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Eleanore Awadalla (in-person)  
Alfred A. Baker (in-person)  
G. Brent Bishop (in-person)  
Stephen P. Ciucci, Chair (in-person)  
Patrick Kenney (in-person)  
Zac Isaac (in-person)  
Will Lucas, Vice-Chair (in-person)  
Michael R. Miller (in-person)  
Anjali Phadke, Student Trustee (in-person)  
Madeline Vining, Student Trustee (in-person)

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Mary Ellen Pisanelli

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Danielle Bailey, Huron Consulting  
Karen Bjorkman, Distinguished University Professor  
Tim Boosinger, Huron Consulting  
Tim Brakel, Professor  
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications  
Dave Cutri, Executive Director of Internal Audit  
Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees  
Mike Dennis, Senior Associate Vice President for Finance  
Risa Dickson, Interim Provost  
Brenda Grant, Associate Vice President for Academic Finance  
Doug Huffner, AVP of Risk Management  
Mary Humphrys, Professor  
Charles Jake, VP for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

Adrienne King, VP for Marketing and Communication  
Brenda Lee, President of The University of Toledo Foundation  
Linda Lewandowski, Dean, College of Nursing  
Mark Merrick, Dean, College of Health and Human Services  
Dave Meredith, Vice President for Enrollment Management  
Diane Miller, VP for Gov't Relations and Chief of Staff to the President  
Scott Molitor, Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies  
Angela Paprocki, Chief of Staff for Academic Operations  
Greg Postel, President  
Terry Romer, AVP of Business Insights  
Linda Rouillard, Professor of French  
Jeff Schmucker, Toledo Blade  
Rebecca Schneider, Professor  
Matthew Schroeder, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO  
La Fleur Small, Vice Provost for Academic Administration and Faculty Affairs  
Rachel Stanford, Executive Assistant to the CFO  
Rick Swaine, CEO of UTMC  
Sabrina Taylor, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Planning  
Tim Walsh, Huron Consulting  
Don Wedding, UT-AAUP

Board Chair Ciucci requested a motion to waive the reading of the June, July and August Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Bishop, seconded by Trustee Miller and approved by the committee.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Board Chair Ciucci requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda for this meeting. A motion was received from Trustee Isaac, seconded by Trustee Bishop and approved by the committee.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Postel shared a brief report. He started by announcing Interim Provost Dickson has agreed to stay with UToledo for an additional year. Her term will end in June 2024. Dr. Postel also mentioned the improvement in the UToledo US News and World Report rankings and congratulated all for their hard work. He stated that communication is on-going with ProMedica related to an update to the Academic Affiliation Agreement. Dr. Postel thanked the board for their cooperation to get the new Faculty Senate Constitution approved and welcomed Gary Insch and Linda Rouillard as the new president and president-elect. Finally, he discussed UToledo enrollment and invited Dave Meredith to share an enrollment update. Dr. Meredith provided an overview of the regional and national landscape of students in higher education. He shared a recap of UToledo fall 2022 enrollment including market share numbers and, finally, listed strategies for moving forward. Following questions by trustees, Dr. Meredith thanked the board and Dr. Postel for the opportunity to present at the day's meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Trustee Ciucci began his report with remarks about the sesquicentennial. He reminded the board that Founder’s Day is October 12 and UToledo will be celebrating with a full day of food, fireworks, and a concert by Grammy-winning rapper T-Pain. This is a community event, and all are welcome. Trustee Ciucci congratulated Dr. Frank Calzonetti on his leadership with the hydrogen hub proposal. The US Department of Energy announced more than \$7B in funding for a national network of regional hydrogen hubs. UToledo, along with partners have formed the Great Lakes Clean Hydrogen Coalition to compete for federal funding. Trustee Ciucci also mentioned the UToledo US News and World Report Best College rankings. He said rankings matter to students, families, faculty and staff and appreciates all the work as this improves the brand of the university. He also said he remains optimistic about discussions with ProMedica and also wants to set the expectation that both partners are committed to delivering on their obligations with fair and honest dealing. Finally, Trustee Ciucci thanked Dr. Meredith for his presentation on enrollment. He said he realizes it takes time to see improvement, but he encouraged everyone to do more, do their part, and stay focused. Trustees were reminded that there is a points of pride document in their board packet for review.

Academic and Student Affairs Chair Isaac did not have a report

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Kenney did not have a report.

Finance and Audit Chair Miller did not have a report.

Trusteeship and Governance Chair Awadalla did not have a report.

Trustee Ciucci requested a motion to enter executive session to discuss trade secret under Ohio Uniform Trade Secret Act, O.R.C., Section 133.61, et. Seq. A motion was received by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Baker. Ms. DeBenedictis took a roll call vote of the voting members of the Board: Mr. Baker, yes; Mr. Ciucci, yes; Ms. Awadalla, yes; Mr. Isaac, yes; Mr. Kenney, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Bishop, yes; and Mr. Lucas, yes; Following the discussion, the board exited executive session with no action taken.

## **CHAIR’S REPORT**

### **ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **CLINICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### **TRUSTEESHIP & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no further business to discuss and no informational items to mention, Chair Ciucci adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**