

Minutes
The University of Toledo
166th Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, June 22, 2023
WebEx/CADE
2:00 p.m.

The one-hundred sixty-sixth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2023, 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 6:00 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)
Zac Isaac (in-person)
Will Lucas, Vice-Chair (in-person)
Patrick Kenney (in-person)
Michael Miller (in-person)
Mary Ellen Pisanelli, (in-person)
Madeline Vining, Student Trustee (in-person)

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Anjali Phadke, Student Trustee

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Bryan Blair, VP and Director of Athletics
Lena Carroll, Director of Financial Planning, Analysis and Budget
Gordie Chauvin, Controller
Emily Cohoe, Marketing Manager
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications
David Cutri, Exe. Dir. Of Internal Audit and Chief Compliance Officer
Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Mike Dennis, Sr. Assoc. VP for Finance & Auxiliaries and Treasurer
Risa Dickson, Interim Provost
Julie Fischer Kinney, Asst. Provost for Student Success and Retention
Teri Garcia, Secretary
Brenda Grant, Associate Vice President for Academic Finance and Planning

Troy Holmes, CFO, UTMC
John Huber, Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, UTP
Doug Huffner, AVP of Risk Management
Charles Jake, VP for Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Brenda Lee, President, UToledo Foundation
Frank Levis
Edward Langan, Professor and Associate Dean
Josh Martin, Assistant Director of Student Services
William McCreary, VP for Information Technology and CIO
Traci McDaniel, Executive Assistant
Dave Meredith, VP 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, COA/AVP of Institutional Effectiveness
Greg Postel, President
Gina Roberts, Asst VP of Enrollment Management
Jeff Schmucker, Toledo Blade
Rebecca Schneider, Assoc. Dean of Grad Studies
Matthew Schroeder, EVP Finance and Administration/CFO
Rick Swaine, UTMC CEO
Sabrina Taylor, Assoc. VP of Budget and Planning
Jason Toth, Senior AVP for Admin., Facilities, Construction & Supply Chain
Brandon Tucker
Tom Wakefield
Valerie Walston, Special Asst. to the President for Community Engagement
Don Wedding, Associate Professor and UT-AAUP VP & Grievance Officer
Raye Witte, Dean, Judith Herb College of Education
Alex Zernechel, Assoc. Dir for Student Involvement
Bethany Ziviski, Executive Director of Employment and Labor Relations

Board Chair Ciucci requested a motion to waive the reading of the April and May Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Bishop, seconded by Trustee Awadalla, and approved by the board.

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

**APPROVAL OF
MEETING
MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA**

Dr. Postel stated that he prepared slides for today’s report, but in the interest of saving time, he would share them with the board but not present them at today’s meeting.

Chair Ciucci thanked everyone for their efforts to prepare and contribute to the meetings today. He applauded the university’s efforts given the significant budget challenges and recognized that many difficult decisions have been made. He mentioned the stabilization of the clinical operations, but reinforced concern over the declining enrollment. He encouraged continued progress with enrollment, prioritization, and a new marketing effort. Additionally, Chair Ciucci recognized Student Trustee Anjali Phadke for her service to the board. He presented Proclamation No. 23-06-31 and wished Ms. Phadke well. Chair Ciucci also recognized outgoing Trustee Mary Ellen Pisanelli. He read Proclamation No. 23-06-32 in recognition of her service. Chair Ciucci thanked Trustee Pisanelli for her mentorship and strong dedication of time and service to the board. He also congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.

Chair Ciucci asked Trustee Miller for the nominating committee report. Trustee Miller said the Nominating Committee met earlier this month to discuss Board officers for 2023-2024. The Committee believes that Will Lucas, who has served on the Board of Trustees since 2016 and most recently, as Board Vice Chair the past year be nominated to serve as Chair of Board. Will’s knowledge of UToledo and thoughtful ideas on how to work through many of the University’s priorities will make him a strong Chair on the Board. In addition, Will’s professional experience will play a major role in his guidance as UToledo embarks on a new marketing and branding campaign in 2023. Will has a strong understanding of all aspects of UToledo and I look forward to watching him lead the board over the next year. The Committee also believes that Patrick Kenney, who has served on the Board of Trustees since 2017 and most recently as chair of the Clinical Affairs committee, serve as Vice Chair. Patrick’s knowledge of both the clinical and financial aspects of the University will be beneficial as the UToledo Health board is officially constituted and begins meeting next month. Patrick, along with trustees Awadalla, Bishop and Isaac, will serve on the UToledo Health board. As vice chair of the board, Patrick will be able to bridge conversations between the clinical enterprise and the UToledo Board of Trustees. Finally, the Committee would like to recommend that Katie DeBenedictis continue to serve in the role of Board Secretary for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Katie has worked with the board since 2019 and does a great job organizing meetings and materials for the trustees. Trustee Miller also thanked Steve Ciucci for his service as Chair of the Board. Under Steve’s leadership, the board was actively involved in the creation of UToledo Health, 5-year financial plan, strategic plan and continues to make significant progress with other initiatives. Steve was a strong leader and an effective communicator. We appreciate his efforts and look forward to his continued role as a trustee.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

CHAIR’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Ciucci thanked Trustee Miller for his report and service to the nominating committee. He asked if any other trustee had a nomination. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the nominating committee's recommendation for Will Lucas to serve as Board Chair, Patrick Kenney to serve as Vice Chair and Katie DeBenedictis to serve as Secretary for FY24. A motion was provided by Trustee Pisanelli, seconded by Trustee Miller and approved by the board.

Academic and Student Affairs Chair Isaac did not have a report

Finance and Audit Vice Chair Bishop did not have a report.

Clinical Affairs Committee Chair Pisanelli stated there was no report.

Trusteeship and Governance Chair Awadalla did not have a report.

With no further business to discuss, Chair Ciucci adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT