

Minutes
The University of Toledo Board of Trustees
Trusteeship and Governance Committee Meeting
June 15, 2026

The meeting was conducted virtually via WebEx. Committee members Dr. Eleanore Awadalla, Mr. Steve Ciucci, Ms. Lidia Ebersole, Mr. Patrick Kenney, and Mr. Matt Kripke were present. Student Trustee Mr. Nate Boley was present. National Trustee Mr. Thomas Wakefield was present. Trustees Zac Issac, Adam Levine, and Mike Miller, Student Trustee Ashton Widenhoefer, and National Trustee Ed Kinsey were absent.

Others in attendance were Dr. Imran Ali, Dr. Ayendy Bonifacio, Dr. Tony Bourne, Dr. Chuck Callahan, Ms. Sheri Copanic, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, Dr. James Holloway, Dr. Mitchell McKinney, Dr. Scott Molitor, General Counsel Jack Newsome, Dr. Angela Paprocki, Mr. Terence Romer, Dr. Rebecca Schneider, Mr. Matthew Schroeder, Ms. Jen Sorgenfrei, Ms. Sharon Speyer, Ms. Sabrina Taylor, Mr. Rodney Theis, UTAAUP, Ms. Lindsey Vandagriff, and Ms. Bethany Ziviski.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair Awadalla. Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board, recorded the minutes.

Chair Awadalla requested a motion to enter executive session to discuss trade secrets under the Ohio Uniform Trade Secrets Act. Trustee Ebersole made the motion, and it was seconded by Trustee Kripke. A roll call vote was performed: Awadalla, yes; Ciucci, yes; Ebersole, yes; Kenney, yes; Kripke, yes; Napoli, yes. The Committee exited executive session with no action taken.

Chair Awadalla requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 16, 2026, committee meeting and approve them as written. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Ebersole, seconded by Trustee Kripke and approved by the committee 5-0.

Chair Awadalla requested a motion for approval of **Resolution 26-06-23: Approval of Personnel Action Report** as presented in the committee materials and to forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Ciucci, seconded by Trustee Ebersole and approved by the committee 5-0.

Chair Awadalla presented **Resolution 26-06-24: Approval of UToledo Health Board Appointments** to the Committee, which appoints four Trustees to the UToledo Health Board for FY27, in keeping with the bylaws. Trustees noted for appointment are Steve Ciucci, Lidia Ebersole, Zac Isaac, and Eleanore Awadalla. Chair Awadalla asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and to forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Kripke, seconded by Trustee Ebersole and approved by the committee 5-0.

Chair Awadalla presented Resolution **26-06-25: Approval of Emeritus Trustee Designation**, which confers the title of Emeritus Trustee upon Patrick Kenney in

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

ACTION ITEMS

**RESOLUTION
26-06-23**

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recognition of his distinguished and meritorious service to The University of Toledo, including exceptional leadership, significant contributions, and enduring commitment to the institution. Chair Awadalla requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and to forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Ciucci moved for approval, Trustee Kripke seconded the motion, and the committee approved the resolution by a vote of 5-0.

Bethany Ziviski presented **Resolution 26-06-26: Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The University of Toledo and The Communication Workers of America Local 4319 (CWA)**. Chair Awadalla asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and to forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Ebersole, seconded by Trustee Kripke and approved by the committee 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.
26-06-26**

Chair Awadalla presented **Resolution 26-06-27: Amendment to Section 3364-1-04.1(C) of the Board Bylaws Regarding National Member Terms**. Chair Awadalla asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and to forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Ebersole, seconded by Trustee Ciucci and approved by the committee 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.
26-06-27**

General Council Jack Newsome presented **Resolution 26-06-28: Authorizing University Officers and Employees to Provide Oversight of and Services to Certain Affiliated Entities**. Chair Awadalla asked for a motion to approve the resolution as presented in the committee materials and to forward to the consent agenda of the next Board of Trustees meeting. A motion for approval was provided by Trustee Ciucci, seconded by Trustee Kripke and approved by the committee 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.
26-06-28**

Chair Awadalla requested an update on the University's Strategic Plan. President Holloway presented an overview of progress under the UToledo Reimagined (2023–2028) strategic plan and discussed its role in guiding the University through a period of transition, while noting that current institutional priorities have evolved since the plan's adoption.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT