

**Minutes**  
**The University of Toledo**  
**182nd Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**  
**WebEx/CADE**  
**8:00 a.m.**

The one-hundred eighty-second meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, in the Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement Fredrick Wolfe Board Room and virtually, via WebEx. Chair Patrick Kenney called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.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, Vice Chair (in-person)  
Alfred A. Baker (virtual)  
Stephen P. Ciucci (in-person)  
Lidia Ebersole, (in-person)  
Zac Isaac (in-person)  
Adam Levine (in-person)  
Michael Miller (in-person)  
Patrick Kenney, Chair (in-person)  
Nate Boley, Student Trustee (in-person)  
Kevin Bishop, Student Trustee (in-person)  
Thomas Wakefield, National Trustee (in-person)

**ATTENDANCE**

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Floyd Akins, VP for Advancement  
Anne Balazs, Dean, Neff College of Business  
Bryan Blair, VP and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics  
Frank Calzonetti, VP for Innovation  
Meghan Cunningham, Director University Communications  
Katie DeBenedictis, Chief of Staff and AVP for University Board Affairs  
Mohammad Elahinia, Interim Dean, College of Engineering  
Anne Fulkerson, AVP Institutional Research  
Brenda Grant, Associate Vice President for Academic Finance and Planning  
John Huber, Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, UTP  
Charles Jake, VP for Legal Affairs and General Counsel  
Brenda Lee, President UToledo Foundation  
Tyrel Linkhorn, Media Relations Specialist  
William McCreary, VP for Information Technology and CIO

Nancy Miller, UToledo Foundation Board, Vice Chair  
Scott Molitor, Interim EVP for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Megan Newcomer, Executive Assistant  
Angela Paprocki, COA/AVP of Institutional Effectiveness  
Terence Romer, AVP of Business Insights  
Danelle Rondinelli, Executive Assistant  
Randy Rothenbuhler, VP of Finance and Administration, UTF  
Connie Schall, Interim VP for Research  
Stephanie Schoviak, Corporate Counsel, UTP  
Jason Schroeder, Interim CPE  
Matthew Schroeder, Interim President  
Breanne Simkin, Huron Consulting  
Sammy Spann, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Sabrina Taylor, Assoc. VP of Budget and Planning  
Jason Toth, Sr. AVP for Administration  
Rod Theis, Director of UTPD  
UTAAUP

Mr. Bryan Blair presented and athletics update. The presentation included information on the value proposition of athletics at UToledo and highlighted many of the accomplishments over the last academic year and new initiatives for this year.

#### **ATHLETICS UPDATE**

Chair Kenney requested a motion to enter executive session to discuss trade secrets under Ohio Uniform Trade Secret Act. Trustee Ebersole made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Baker. Ms. DeBenedictis conducted a roll call vote: Kenney, yes; Awadalla, yes; Baker, yes; Ciucci, yes; Ebersole, yes; Isaac, yes; Levine, yes; and Miller, yes.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Following discussion, the board exited executive session with no action taken.

Board Chair Kenney requested a motion to waive the reading of the June and September Board and Committee meeting minutes and approve them as written. A motion was received from Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Miller and approved by the board.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Board Chair Lucas asked each committee chair to share their committee report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Ciucci shared the UToledo Health report. As chair of the UToledo Health board he reported on the last meeting which was held on August 7, 2024. He stated that the other members of the UToledo board also on the UToledo Health board, Zac Isaac and Eleanore Awadalla, were in attendance. He also stated that the August meeting was the first for the 5 new community board members. In addition to the UToledo Health board meeting, the physician compensation committee, privileging/credentialing and safety/quality committee, finance/audit and compliance committee, and the executive and nominating committee also met. The

meeting topics included contract modernization for physicians, approval of the chief of staff report, a review of the CMS star rating, financial update, FY25 budget update, UTP improvement initiatives and an introduction of Dr. Ryan Sadeghian, CMIO. Additionally, the annual meeting of the member for UTPCF took place.

Trustee Ebersole did not have a report for the academic and student affairs committee.

Trustee Isaac did not have a report for the finance and audit committee.

Trustee Kenney did not have a report for the trusteeship and governance committee.

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

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Schroeder shared brief remarks for his report. He commented about the buzz being back on campus and the excitement students are feeling for a new semester. He also mentioned several faculty research highlights including Dr. Steven Haller and Dr. David Kennedy examining the health effects of airborne algal toxins in individuals who spend significant time near Lake Erie; Dr. Randy Ellingson who received \$15 million from the Air Force research lab to advance his research into ways to harvest solar energy in outer space; Dr. Blair Grubb who was quoted in a Fox News article on POTS; and Dr. Bina Joe who was awarded the Hypertension Research Award by the American Heart Association. Mr. Schroeder highlighted student Nabba Ali who was one of 10 undergraduate students in the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's Molecular Imaging Summer Program in Manhattan. He ended his report encouraging all to attend the Homecoming activities schedule for the weekend of October 6<sup>th</sup> and the State of the University address on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Chair Kenney shared his excitement to have all the students back on campus. He officially welcomed new student trustee, Nate Boley, to the board. He also welcomed Adam Levine, Edward Drummond and Florence Scott Libbey director of the Toledo Museum of Art to the board. He also encouraged all to attend the homecoming game on Saturday, October 5.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Kenney mentioned two informational items: Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest documents. Both documents are annually reviewed and signed by the board of trustees.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Chair Kenney stated that there was a need to enter executive session. He requested a motion to enter executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee. A motion was provided by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Miller. Ms. DeBenedictis took a roll call vote: Kenney, yes; Awadalla, yes; Baker, yes; Ciucci, yes; Ebersole, yes; Isaac, yes; Levine, yes; and Miller, yes.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Following the discussion, the board exited executive session with no action taken.

With no further business to discuss, Chair Kenney adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**