Board of Trustees Committee Meetings - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026 Minutes

Youngstown State University - Board of Trustees

6/17/2026 10:00 AM EDT

Board Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Tod Hall

Attendance

Present:

Members: Charles T. George, Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D., Joseph J. Kerola, Sergul Erzurum, Richard Fryda, Jocelyne Linsalata, Laura Lyden, Michael A. Peterson, Allen L. Ryan, Jr., J.D., Eric Spiegel (remote), Sterling Williams, Nadia Zarbaugh, Jeffery Kollar, Bill Johnson

Guests: Jennifer Adams, Michelle DiLullo, Neal McNally, Jim Yukech, Joy Polkabla Byers, Michelle DiLullo, Dr. Francine Packard, Director, Student Counseling Services, John Hyden, Justin Bettura, Ron Strollo, Tyler Mettille, Brian Welch, John Colla, David Graham, Timothy Harrington, Holly Jacobs, Sarah Keeler, Dana Lantz, Jennifer Lewis-Aey, Paul McFadden, Dr. Martha Pallante

A. Meeting Schedule and Committee Listing

- June 2026 Board Meeting Schedule 6-17-26 ADA.pdf
- Board Committee Listing 2025 2026 FINAL ADA.pdf

B. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Laura A. Lyden, Chair
Sterling A. Williams, Vice Chair
All Trustees are Members

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

   Trustee Lyden called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Committee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

   The Committee did not consider any old business.

3. Investment Committee Items

   The Committee considered one discussion item.

   a. Investment Committee Discussion Item

      The discussion item included a June 17, 2026, Quarterly Portfolio Asset Allocation and Investment Performance Review.

i. June 17, 2026, Quarterly Portfolio Asset Allocation and Investment Performance Review (Presenters: John Colla, Clearstead Advisors, Olivia Hanulak, Clearstead Advisors)

John Colla from Clearstead Advisors presented to the Committee the June 17, 2026, Quarterly Performance Report.

Clearstead Performance Report - June 17, 2026.pdf

4. New Business

The Committee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.

C. AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE

Allen L. Ryan, Jr., Chair
Sterling A. Williams, Vice Chair
Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D.
Joseph J. Kerola
Sterling A. Williams

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

Trustee Ryan, Jr. called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Subcommittee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

The Subcommittee did not consider any old business.

3. Subcommittee Items

The Subcommittee considered one action item and four discussion items.

a. Audit Subcommittee Action Item

i. Resolution to Approve the FY27 Annual Internal Audit Plan (Presenters: Michelle DiLullo, Staff Auditor)

Michelle DiLullo presented the Subcommittee with a Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Internal Audit Plan.

Resolution to Approve FY27 Internal Audit Plan.pdf

Audit Plan FY27.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D. and motion seconded by Joseph J. Kerola.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

b. Audit Subcommittee Discussion Items

Discussion items included an Anonymous Reporting Hotline Stats Update, a Fiscal Year 2026 Third Quarter Internal Audit Plan Update, an Audit Matrix Open Audit Recommendations Update, and a Conflict of Interest Audit Report.

i. Anonymous Reporting Hotline Stats Update (Presenters: Michelle DiLullo, Staff Auditor)

Michelle DiLullo discussed the Anonymous Reporting Hotline. Three hotline reports were received during the Third Quarter of Fiscal year 2026, all submitted anonymously through the website. Each was routed to the appropriate department for review, and all reports were closed during the quarter.

Hotline Stats Report FY26 Q3.pdf

ii. FY26 Third Quarter Internal Audit Plan Update (Presenters: Michelle DiLullo, Staff Auditor)

Michelle DiLullo presented the Subcommittee with an update regarding the progress of the quarterly Internal Audit Plan for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.

Quarterly Audit Plan Update FY26 Q3.pdf

iii. Audit Matrix Open Audit Recommendations Update (Presenters: Michelle DiLullo, Staff Auditor)

Michelle DiLullo presented an updated Audit Matrix for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2026, which included a status overview of both internal and external audit recommendations.

Audit Recommendation Status FY26 Q3.pdf

iv. Conflict of Interest Audit Report (Presenters: Michelle DiLullo, Staff Auditor)

Michelle DiLullo presented a Conflict of Interest Audit Report. Internal Audit completed an internal control assessment of processes in Procurement Services. The audit provided one recommendation. Updated procedures have been finalized and communicated to all applicable staff to reinforce compliance expectations and ensure consistent application moving forward.

Conflict of Interest Audit Report - June 2026.pdf

4. New Business

The Subcommittee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.

D. FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Allen L. Ryan, Jr., Chair

Sergul A. Erzurum, Vice Chair
All Trustees are Members

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

   Trustee Ryan, Jr. called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Committee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

   The Committee did not consider any old business.

3. Committee Items

   The Committee considered three action items and four discussion items.

   a. Finance and Facilities Committee Action Items

      i. Resolution to Approve Purchase of Misbranded and Cultivated-Protein Food Products Policy, 3356-3-17 (Presenters: Joy Polkabla Byers, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students)

         Joy Polkabla Byers presented the Committee with a Resolution to Approve Purchase of Misbranded and Cultivated-Protein Food Products Policy, 3356-3-17.

         Exp. to Approve - Purchase of misbranded and cultivated-protein food products.pdf

         Resolution to Approve - Purchase of Misbranded and Cultivated-Protein Food Products.pdf

         NEW_3356-3-17 Purchase of Misbranded and Cultivated-Protein Food Products.pdf

         Motion:
         Motion moved by Richard Fryda and motion seconded by Charles T. George.

         The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

      ii. Resolution to Modify Sensitive Information/Information Security Policy, 3356-4-13 (Presenters: Jim Yukech, Associate Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Justin Bettura, Director and Chief Information Security Officer)

         Jim Yukech presented the Committee with a Resolution to Modify Sensitive Information/Information Security Policy, 3356-4-13.

         Exp. to Modify - Sensitive Information-Information Security.pdf

Resolution to Modify - Sensitive Information-Information Security.pdf

CLEAN_3356-4-13 Sensitive Information-Information Security.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D. and motion seconded by Michael A. Peterson.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

iii. Resolution to Approve the FY 2027 Operating Budget (Presenters: Neal McNally, Vice President for Finance and Business Operations)

Neal McNally presented the Committee with a Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.

Resolution to Approve - the Annual Operating Budget for FY27.pdf

Budget_FY27.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Sterling Williams, and motion seconded by Joseph J. Kerola.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

b. Finance and Facilities Committee Discussion Items

Discussion items included a Quarterly Update on the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget, Update on Ohio Senate Bill 6 Administrative Rule Changes, Updates on Campus Construction and the Fiscal Year 2027-Fiscal Year 2028 State Capital Budget, and an Information Security Services Update.

i. Quarterly Update on the FY2026 Operating Budget (Presenters: Neal McNally, Vice President for Finance and Business Operations)

Neal McNally presented a Quarterly Update on the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget. The report indicates a balanced budget. The Trustees discussed quarter-over-quarter comparisons, expected changes in international student enrollment resulting from federal policy and visa processing decisions, and the effects of students and families exploring tuition-saving alternatives such as associate degrees.

Quarterly Updated for FY26 - Budget to Actual Summary 3.31.26.pdf

ii. Update on Ohio Senate Bill 6 Administrative Rule Changes (Presenters: Neal McNally, Vice President for Finance and Business Operations)

Neal McNally presented an update on Ohio Senate Bill 6 Administrative Rule Changes. The most notable change is the new designation of "fiscal caution." Whereas placement on "fiscal watch" is based upon audited financial statements, placement on "fiscal caution" is more subjective and affords the Chancellor and ODHE staff discretion in interpreting the quarterly financial reports institutions submit.

[Reference material - SB6 Rule Change Update.pdf]

iii. Updates on Campus Construction and the FY27-FY28 State Capital Budget (Presenters: John Hyden, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Support Services, Bill Spencer, Director of Planning and Construction)

John Hyden provided updates on Campus Construction and the Fiscal Year 2027-Fiscal Year 2028 State Capital Budget. The Kilcawley Center renovation remains on schedule and within budget for August 2027 completion. The University secured $14.2 million in state capital funding and is advancing plans to address utility tunnel issues before the demolition of the Garfield building.

[Planning and Construction Projects Update - June 2026.pdf]

[Capital Budget Update - June 2026.pdf]

iv. Information Security Services Update (Presenters: Justin Bettura, Director and Chief Information Security Officer)

Justin Bettura presented an Information and Security Services update. Staff reviewed major cybersecurity threats impacting higher education, including recent zero-day breaches. The University is deploying AI tools, strengthening network security, and enhancing compliance monitoring. Priorities include improved email security, expanded AI governance, universal MFA adoption, ransomware recovery planning, and security operations evaluation.

[Information Security Services Update - June 2026.pdf]

4. New Business

The Committee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

E. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Richard C. Fryda, Chair
Joseph J. Kerola, Vice Chair
All Trustees are Members

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

   Trustee Fryda called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Committee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

   The Committee did not consider any old business.

3. Committee Items

   The Committee considered three discussion items.

   a. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Discussion Items

      Discussion items included an Overview of Athletics Personnel Actions, an Annual Compliance Update, and Student-Athlete Development and Engagement Initiatives Highlights.

      i. Overview of Athletics Personnel Actions (Presenters: Ron Strollo, Vice President and Director of Athletics)

         Ron Strollo presented an Overview of Personnel Actions taken for the period beginning January 16, 2026, through April 15, 2026.

         Athletics - Personnel Actions Summary 4.15.2026.pdf

         Athletics - Personnel Actions 4.15.26.pdf

      ii. Annual Compliance Update (Presenters: Tyler Mettille, Senior Associate Athletic Director, Compliance & Integrated Healthcare)

         Tyler Mettille presented the annual NCAA Compliance Update, discussing athletic compliance department oversight and pending legislation before Congress. Mr. Mettille also noted that the five-year NCAA probationary period for Youngstown State University Athletics ended on April 19, 2026.

         Annual Compliance Update - June 2026.pdf

      iii. Student-Athlete Development and Engagement Initiatives Highlights (Presenters: Brian Welch, Assistant Athletic Director, Academic Services & Student-Athlete Engagement)

         Brian Welch presented highlights of Student-Athlete Development and Engagement Initiatives, including completions of goals regarding life skills and career growth, personal development, and community engagement.

         Student-Athlete Development Engagement - Highlights.pdf

4. New Business

   The Committee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

   The meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.

F. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Sergul A. Erzurum, Chair
Laura A. Lyden, Vice Chair
All Trustees are Members

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

Trustee Erzurum called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Committee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

The Committee did not consider any old business.

3. Committee Items

The Committee considered thirteen action items and eight discussion items.

a. Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee Action Items

i. Resolution to Modify The Authority to Establish a Student Code of Conduct Policy, 3356-8-01 (Presenters: Joy Polkabla Byers, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students)

Joy Polkabla Byers presented for Board approval a Resolution to Modify the Authority to Establish a Student Code of Conduct Policy, 3356-8-01.

Explanation Sheet 3356-8-01 Authority to Establish and Enforce a Student Code of Conduct.pdf

CLEAN 3356-8-01 Authority to Establish and Enforce a Student Code of Conduct.pdf

Resolution to Modify The Authority to Establish a Student Code of Conduct Policy, 3356-8-01.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Charles T. George and motion seconded by Laura Lyden.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

ii. Resolution to Modify The Student Code of Conduct Policy, 3356-8-01.1 (Presenters: Joy Polkabla Byers, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students)

Joy Polkabla Byers presented for Board approval a Resolution to Modify The Student Code of Conduct Policy, 3356-8-01.1.

Explanation Sheet - 3356-8-01.1 The Student Code of Conduct.pdf

CLEAN 3356-8-01.1 The Student Code of Conduct.pdf

Resolution to Modify The Student Code of Conduct Policy, 3356-8-01.01.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Sergul Erzurum and motion seconded by Charles T. George.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

iii. Resolution to Modify Recognition, Publication, and Support of Employee Degrees Policy, 3356-7-24 (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Modify Recognition, Publication, and Support of Employee Degrees Policy, 3356-7-24.

Explanation Sheet - 3356-7-24 Recognition, Publication, and Support of Employee Degrees.pdf

CLEAN 3356-7-24 Recognition, Publication, and Support of Employee Degrees.pdf

Resolution to Modify Recognition, Publication, and Support of Employee Degrees Policy, 3356-7-24.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Richard Fryda and motion seconded by Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

iv. Resolution to Approve Accreditation Status Report (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve Accreditation Status Report.

HLC Institutional Status and Requirements Report - June 2026.pdf

Appendix A1: Accreditation Status Report - June 2026.pdf

Resolution to Approve Accreditation Status Report.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Joseph J. Kerola and motion seconded by Laura Lyden.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

v. Resolution to Approve External Degree Program Evaluations Report (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve External Degree Program Evaluations Report.

Appendix C: External Degree Program Evaluations Report - June 2026.pdf

Resolution to Approve External Degree Program Evaluations Report.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Michael A. Peterson and motion seconded by Charles T. George.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

vi. Resolution to Approve HB 96 Student Records Preservation Plan (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve HB 96 Student Records Preservation Plan.

YSU Student Records Preservation Plan and Custodian of Student Records Designation Agreement.pdf

KSU Student Records Preservation Plan and Custodian of Student Records Designation Agreement.pdf

Resolution to Approve HB 96 Student Records Preservation Plan.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Sergul Erzurum and motion seconded by Charles T. George.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

vii. Resolution to Approve HB 96 Online Program Manager Contract (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve HB 96 Online Program Manager Contract.

Appendix E: Online Program Manger (OPM) Report - June 2026.pdf

Resolution to Approve HB 96 Online Program Manager Contract.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Sergul Erzurum and motion seconded by Joseph J. Kerola.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

viii. Resolution to Approve Annual Program Elimination Review with Update on Waivers (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve Annual Program Elimination Review with Update on Waivers.

Annual Program Elimination - June 2026.pdf

Resolution to Approve Annual Program Elimination Review with Update on Waivers.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Sergul Erzurum and motion seconded by Sterling Williams.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

ix. Resolution to Approve HB 96 Annual Report (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve HB 96 Annual Report.

ODHE Annual Report - June 2026.pdf

Resolution to Approve HB 96 Annual Report.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Michael A. Peterson and motion seconded by Laura Lyden.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

x. Resolution to Approve Program Changes (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve Program Changes.

Program Changes - June 2026.pdf

Resolution to Approve Program Changes.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D. and motion seconded by Joseph J. Kerola.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

xi. Resolution to Approve Courses/Curricular Changes (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve Courses/Curricular Changes.

Courses-Curricular Changes - June 2026.pdf

Resolution to Approve Courses/Curricular Changes.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Joseph J. Kerola and motion seconded by Sterling Williams.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

xii. Resolution to Approve SB 1 Syllabi Compliance Report (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve SB 1 Syllabi Compliance Report.

ODHE Syllabi Compliance Report - June 2026.pdf

Resolution to Approve SB 1 Syllabi Compliance Report.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Sergul Erzurum and motion seconded by Michael A. Peterson.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

xiii. Resolution to Approve ODHE Completion Plan (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. David Graham, Associate Provost for Student Success)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve ODHE Completion Plan.

ODHE Completion Plan - June 2026.pdf

Resolution to Approve ODHE Completion Plan.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Sergul Erzurum and motion seconded by Sterling Williams.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

b. Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee Discussion Items

Discussion items included a General Education Board Review of Artificial Intelligence and Computational Thinking, OAA Tenure Requirements, Centralized Advising, the Academic Master Plan, Enrollment Projections, an Aviation Program Update, a Student Affairs Report, and a Academic Senate Update.

i. General Education Board Review (Part 2 of 4): Artificial Intelligence and Computational Thinking (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented the Committee with updates concerning the State of Ohio's new general education requirement concerning artificial intelligence and computational thinking. Provost Adams noted that the University already has courses satisfying the State's definition.

HB 96 Gen Ed Requirements - Artificial Intelligence, STEM, and Computational Thinking.pdf

AI Integration Categories for University Courses.pdf

ii. OAA Tenure Requirements (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams provided an update on new tenure requirements, outlining the shared-governance process used to develop tenure rubrics. In response to SB 1, annual evaluations and post-tenure reviews are now required. New integrated rubrics align evaluation, promotion, and tenure processes. Future Board tenure requests will include candidate review summaries.

OAA Tenure Requirements - June 2026.pdf

iii. Centralized Advising (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. David Graham, Associate Provost for Student Success)

Dr. Jennifer Adams provided an update on centralized academic advising. Associate Provost David Graham reported that the first eight months focused on infrastructure, staffing, and leadership development. Student Trustees cited generally positive experiences but noted inconsistencies and communication challenges. Centralized training, standard policies, and assessment measures are being implemented to improve advising quality.

[Centralized Advising - June 2026.pdf]

iv. Academic Master Plan (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams updated the Committee on the Academic Master Plan, shaped by legislation, Board KPIs, the strategic plan, faculty-developed program goals, and OAA priorities. Metrics focus on student success, programming, and community engagement. The academic program review process is being renamed APEX, with progress and performance metrics reported to the Board.

[Academic Master Plan - June 2026.pdf]

v. Enrollment Projections (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams reported that enrollment projections are affected by lower international applications due to federal policy changes. Despite this, 2026 registrations exceed last year's pace with stronger applicant yield. YSU Steubenville enrollment continues to grow, and staff are expanding outreach to improve awareness of four-year admission processes.

[Enrollment Projection - June 2026.pdf]

vi. Aviation Program Update (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Ross Morrone, Academic Marketing and Enrollment Strategy Officer)

Dr. Jennifer Adams provided an update on the Aviation Program, which has shifted from an associate to a bachelor's degree model to support R-ATP certification opportunities. The University recently submitted its FAA Part 141 application, is exploring a 90-credit-hour option, and cited growing statewide demand, with aviation program completions increasing 67% since 2020.

[Aviation Program Update - June 2026.pdf]

vii. Student Affairs Report (Presenters: Joy Polkabla Byers, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Guests: Dr. Francine Packard, Director, Student Counseling Services)

Joy Polkabla Byers presented the Student Affairs Report, highlighting Pete the Penguin's 40th anniversary, housing updates, and new revenue initiatives.

Upcoming efforts include community engagement events, enhanced student programming, a new campus engagement platform, improved conduct board training, staff development, and expanded support for student mental health services.

[Student Affairs Report - June 2026.pptx]

viii. Academic Senate Update (Presenters: Dr. Martha Pallante, Chairperson, Academic Senate)

Dr. Martha Pallante provided an Academic Senate update, highlighting work on SB 1 compliance, support for Eastern Gateway student integration, and two AI-focused committees examining teaching, student use, and academic integrity. Additional recommendations are expected by December, and collaboration with Student Government and Trustees will continue.

4. New Business

The Committee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM.

G. WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND INNOVATION

Laura A. Lyden, Chair
Michael A. Peterson, Vice Chair
All Trustees are Members

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

Trustee Lyden called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Committee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

The Committee did not consider any old business.

3. Committee Items

The Committee considered one discussion item.

a. Workforce and Innovation Committee Discussion Item

The discussion item included a Workforce Education and Innovation Update.

i. Workforce Education and Innovation Update (Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Adams, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs)

Dr. Jennifer Adams presented the Committee with updates concerning Workforce Education and Innovation.

4. New Business

The Committee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM.

H. Break for Lunch

I. INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D., Chair
Sterling A. Williams, Vice Chair
All Trustees are Members

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

Secretary Hackstedde called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Committee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

The Committee did not consider any old business.

3. Committee Items

The Committee considered one consent item and three discussion items.

a. Institutional Engagement Committee Consent Item

Items listed under the Consent Agenda require Board approval; however, they may be presented without discussion as the items include only non-substantive changes.

i. Resolution to Modify Affiliated Organizations Policy, 3356-5-03

The Committee approved a Resolution to Modify Affiliated Organizations Policy, 3356-5-03.

3356-5-03 Affiliated Organizations Resolution.pdf

3356-5-03_CLEAN Affiliated Organizations.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Charles T. George and motion seconded by Laura Lyden.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

b. Institutional Engagement Committee Discussion Items

Discussion items included a YSU Foundation Quarterly Gift Report, a Government Affairs update, and a University Relations & Strategic Communications update.

i. YSU Foundation Quarterly Gift Report (Presenters: Paul McFadden, President YSU Foundation)

Paul McFadden reported that the Youngstown State University Foundation raised $3.1 million during the quarter, bringing the fiscal-year total to $13.7 million. He highlighted the success of the Foundation-University development services agreement since 2014, noting record fundraising results, doubled donor scholarships, and the Foundation's continued commitment to its mission.

[January, 2026 - March, 2026 YSUF Quarterly Summary Gift Processsing.pdf]

ii. Government Affairs (Presenters: Sarah Keeler, Vice President Government Affairs)

Sarah Keeler provided updates on state and federal funding efforts. YSU secured an additional $3.5 million for the Steubenville campus through the state capital bill. Federal requests exceed $5 million for workforce, engineering, and research initiatives. The University also received a $250,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant supporting Steubenville equipment upgrades.

[Government Affairs BOT Report for OnBoard 6-17-2026.pdf]

iii. University Relations & Strategic Communications (Presenters: Timothy Harrington, Vice President Strategic Communications and Chief of Staff)

Timothy Harrington updated the Committee on strategic communications efforts, highlighting targeted marketing campaigns in the Youngstown and Steubenville markets. Communications initiatives focus on reaching traditional students, non-traditional students, and parents through a disciplined, high-visibility approach to strengthen awareness and enrollment.

[Strategic Communications - University Relations Update - June 2026.pdf]

4. New Business

The Committee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.

J. UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D., Chair
Richard C. Fryda, Vice Chair
All Trustees are Members

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

Secretary Hackstedde called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Committee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

The Committee did not consider any old business.

3. Committee Items

The Committee considered one consent item, six action items, and recessed into executive session to discuss litigation, personnel, and collective bargain updates.

a. University Affairs Committee Consent Item

Items listed under the Consent Agenda require Board approval; however, they may be presented without discussion as the items include only non-substantive changes.

i. Resolution to Modify Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy, 3356-2-05

The Committee approved a Resolution to Modify Title IX Harassment Policy, 3356-2-05.

Resolution to Modify - Title IX Sexual Harassment.pdf

CLEAN 3356-2-05 Title IX sexual harassment.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Joseph J. Kerola and motion seconded by Charles T. George.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

b. University Affairs Committee Action Items

i. Resolution to Modify Fringe Benefits and Fee Remission, for Excluded Professional/Administrative Employees Policy, 3356-7-30 (Presenters: Jennifer Lewis-Aey, Executive Director and Chief Human Resources Officer)

Jennifer Lewis-Aey presented for Board approval a Resolution to Modify Fringe Benefits and Fee Remission, for Excluded Professional/Administrative Employees Policy, 3356-7-30.

Exp. to Modify - Fringe Benefits & Fee Remission, for Excluded PA Employees.pdf

Resolution to Modify - Fringe benefits and fee remission, excluded professional-administrative employees.pdf

CLEAN 3356-7-30 Fringe benefits and fee remission, excluded professional-administrative employees.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Charles T. George and motion seconded by Richard Fryda.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

ii. Resolution to Modify Supplemental Pay from Externally Funded Grants, Sponsored Agreements and Contracts for Faculty and Professional/Administrative Staff Policy, 3356-7-48 (Presenters: Jennifer Lewis-Aey, Executive Director and Chief Human Resources Officer)

Jennifer Lewis-Aey presented for Board approval a Resolution to Modify Supplemental Pay from Externally Funded Grants, Sponsored Agreements and Contracts for Faculty and Professional/Administrative Staff Policy, 3356-7-48.

Exp. to Modify - Supplemental pay from externally funded grants, sponsored agreements & contracts for Fac. & PA.pdf

Resolution to Modify - Supp. Pay Ext. Funded Grants, Sponsored Agreements & Contracts Faculty & PA Staff.pdf

CLEAN 3356-7-48 Supplemental pay from externally funded grants, sponsored agreements & contracts for Fac. & PA.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Charles T. George and motion seconded by Michael A. Peterson.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

iii. Resolution to Authorize Conferral of Emeritus Status for Faculty and Administrators (Presenters: Dana Lantz, Executive Director, Equal Opportunity and Human Resources)

Dana Lantz presented for Board approval a Resolution to Authorize Conferral of Emeritus Status for Faculty and Administrators. The Resolution nominates three (3) recently retired faculty members for Faculty Emeritus Status, and nominates zero (0) recently retired administrators for Administrator Emeritus Status in accordance with the University policy for Retiree Privileges and Emeritus Status, Policy Number 3356-7-17.

Resolution to Authorize - Conferral of Emeritus Status for Faculty & Administrators.pdf

Conferral of Emeritus - Faculty 2026.pdf

Conferral of Emeritus - Administrators 2026.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Charles T. George and motion seconded by Michael A. Peterson.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

iv. Resolution to Ratify Personnel Actions (Presenters: Jennifer Lewis-Aey, Executive Director and Chief Human Resources Officer)

University policies require that the Chief Human Resources Officer provide a summary of appointments, promotions, and other personnel actions for faculty and professional/administrative staff, including intercollegiate athletics coaching positions for January 16, 2026, through April 15, 2026. Personnel actions for faculty and professional/administrative staff are contingent upon approval of the Board of Trustees.

Resolution to Ratify - Personnel Actions.pdf

Faculty - Personnel Actions Summary 4.15.2026.pdf

Faculty - Personnel Actions 4.15.2026.pdf

Professional Administrative - Personnel Actions Summary 4.15.26.pdf

Professional Administrative - Personnel Actions 4.15.26.pdf

Athletics - Personnel Actions Summary 4.15.2026.pdf

Athletics - Personnel Actions 4.15.26.pdf

Supplemental Pay & Secondary Appts. - Personnel Actions Summary 4.15.26.pdf

Supplemental Pay & Secondary Appts. - Personnel Actions 4.15.26.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Joseph J. Kerola and motion seconded by Sterling Williams.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

v. Resolution to Approve the Interim Appointment of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel (Presenters: Bill Johnson, President)

President Bill Johnson presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve the Interim Appointment of Greg Morgione to Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Resolution to Approve - the Interim Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.pdf

Position Description - G. Morgione, Interim Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.pdf

Resume - G. Morgione.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Sterling Williams and motion seconded by Laura Lyden.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

vi. Resolution to Approve the Appointment of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students/Ombudsperson (Presenters: Bill Johnson, President)

President Bill Johnson presented for Board approval a Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Joy Polkabla Byers to Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students/Ombudsperson.

Resolution to Approve - the Appointment of the VP Student Affairs-Dean of Students-Ombudsperson.pdf

Position Description - J. Polkabla Byers, VP for Student Affairs-Dean of Students-Ombudsperson.pdf

Resume - J. Polkabla Byers.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Michael A. Peterson and motion seconded by Sergul Erzurum.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

c. University Affairs Committee Discussion Item

The Committee recessed into Executive Session for Litigation and Collective Bargaining Updates.

i. Executive Session for Litigation and Collective Bargaining Update

Secretary Hackstedde moved, as seconded by Trustee Kerola, that the Committee recess into executive session to discuss the following: to confirm with legal counsel concerning one or more disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent litigation under R.C. 121.22(G)(3); and to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations and bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation and other terms and conditions of their employment under R.C. 121.22 (G)(4). Secretary Hackstedde conducted a roll call vote of the trustees. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion upon roll call vote. The Committee entered executive session at 2:10 PM and adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Motion:
Motion moved by Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D. and motion seconded by Joseph J. Kerola.

The motion to recess into executive session passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. New Business

The Committee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.

K. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Charles T. George, Chair
Joseph J. Kerola, Vice Chair
All Trustees Are Members

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

Chair George called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Committee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

The Committee did not consider old business.

3. Committee Items

The Committee considered two discussion items.

a. Governance Committee Discussion Items

Discussion items included the First Reading of a Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University, Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article III (C)(3) to Make Consistent with Article IV (D)(6)(i)(i)(f), and the Ohio Trustees Conference scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2026, in Columbus, Ohio.

i. Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University: First Reading for Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article III (C)(3) to Make Consistent with Article IV (D)(6)(i)(i)(f) (Presenters: Holly Jacobs, VP and General Counsel will report.)

Holly Jacobs presented the Committee with a Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University: First Reading for Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article III (C)(3) to Make Consistent with Article IV (D)(6)(i)(i)(f).

RESOLUTION Amend Bylaws- Officer election-FINAL.pdf

Governance Agenda ATTACHMENT A FINAL.pdf

Governance Agenda ATTACHMENT B FINAL.pdf

ii. Ohio Trustees Conference - Thursday, September 10, 2026, in Columbus, Ohio (Presenters: Holly Jacobs, VP and General Counsel will report.)

Holly Jacobs presented the Committee with updates concerning the upcoming Trustees Conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

Trustees Conference 2026 Save the Date.pdf

[Ohio Trustee Training Guidance.pdf]

4. New Business

The Committee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.

L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charles T. George, Chair
Joseph J. Kerola, Vice Chair
Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D.
Allen L. Ryan, Jr.
Laura A. Lyden

1. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

Chair George called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, which, upon motion, the Committee approved unanimously without additions or corrections.

2. Old Business

The Committee did not consider any old business.

3. Committee Items

The Committee considered two action items and one discussion item, recessing into executive session to discuss personnel updates.

a. Executive Committee Action Items

i. Resolution to Authorize the Conferral of Honorary Degree - Laura A. Lyden (Presenters: Chuck George, Chairman, will report.)

Chair George presented the Committee with a Resolution to Authorize the Conferral of an Honorary Degree be awarded to Laura A. Lyden for her exceptional service to Youngtown State University.

Resolution to Authorize the Conferral of an Honorary Degree - Laura Lyden FINAL.pdf

3356-10-05 Honorary degrees and commencement speakers.pdf

Motion:
Motion moved by Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D. and motion seconded by Michael A. Peterson.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

ii. Resolution to Approve the Date, Time and Place for the Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (Presenters: Chuck George, Chairman, will report.)

Chair George presented the Committee with a Resolution to Approve the Date, Time and Place for the Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Resolution provides that the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held at Youngstown State University on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

Resolution DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 9-17-26 FINAL.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D. and motion seconded by Michael A. Peterson.

The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

b. Executive Committee Discussion Item

The Committee recessed into Executive Session for a Personnel Matters Update.

i. Executive Session for Personnel Matters Update

Secretary Hackstedde moved, as seconded by Chair George, that the Committee recess into executive session to discuss the employment or compensation of one or more public employees or officials under R.C. 121.22(G)(1). Secretary Hackstedde conducted a roll call vote of the trustees. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion upon roll call vote. The Committee entered executive session at 3:02 PM and adjourned at 4:04 PM.

Motion:

Motion moved by Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D. and motion seconded by Charles T. George.

The motion to recess into executive session passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. New Business

The Committee did not consider any new business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM.