

**Eastern Kentucky University
Board of Regents
Executive Committee Meeting**

July 16, 2025

11:00 a.m.

**Powell 229
Eastern Kentucky University**

I. Call to Order

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents, convened on July 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in Powell 229, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky. Chair Mike Eaves called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Present

Mike Eaves, Chair
Regent Laura Babbage
Regent Alan Long, Vice Chair
Regent Ashley Ward
Regent Teresa Hail

II. Information Items

A. FY25 Financial Closing

Brian Mullins, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Finance Officer (CFO), presented a FY25 Financial Closing overview. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

B. Construction Updates

Dr. Bryan Makinen, Chief Campus Operations Officer, reported the completion of several capital construction projects. Major ongoing efforts include the Model Laboratory School project moving into construction documentation, the Alumni Coliseum seating overbuild scheduled for year-end, the Kit Carson steam line nearing completion, and the Ramsey smokestack demolition ahead of schedule, along with HVAC, mechanical, communication, and building upgrades. President McFaddin added that Hummel Planetarium restoration is estimated at \$1.922 million, with demolition costs pending, and a future plan will be presented to the Board as part of space utilization planning, as requested by Regents Long and Babbage.

[The Committee Chair adjourned for a recess at 9:51 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:01 a.m.]

C. Athletics Conference Realignment

Kyle Moats, Vice President and Director of Athletics, provided an overview of the university's transition to the United Athletic Conference, with the full presentation incorporated into the record. President McFaddin added historical context on conference alignments and emphasized the strategic vision to control costs and enhance the overall student-athlete experience. Moats reported the transition would be cost-neutral.

D. Annual Report and Update on Strategic Plan and Institutional Goal Setting 2025-2026

President Dr. David McFaddin previewed the Excellence Scorecard, a long-range performance planning tool that tracks key indicators to show where the university has been and where it is heading. Dr. Bethany Miller emphasized its relevance, noting it will be reported regularly, with FY23–24 data presented as actuals, FY25 as primarily estimates, and FY26–31 as goals, with each year adding actuals for comparison. The Scorecard provides context for metrics such as student success, anticipated ROI, expectations and goals, and comparisons with other public comprehensive institutions. These key indicators will shape the annual report and serve as a resource for tracking progress. The Scorecard also informs long-term budget planning and serves as a roadmap for budgeting and forecasting across major classifications.

Discussion on Review of Bylaws

The Board reviewed draft Board Bylaws, which included a number of updates based upon statutory changes, as well as other proposed edits. Chair Eaves noted the statutory inconsistency in a 4-year versus an annual review and noted the bylaws should not require both. A revision was also proposed to strike “and shall not be” from Paragraph 3(B)(1).

Dana Fohl, Vice President for Compliance and University Counsel, noted that the Board would shortly receive annual acknowledgement forms, which include a conflict-of-interest disclosure.

III. Executive Session

The Board entered executive session by way of Motion made by Regent Long and second by Regent Babbage at 12:09 p.m. for the purpose of “deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency” as discussion in the public could impact the value, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b), and for the purpose of holding a board hearing “which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual...student,” under the Academic Regulation 4.1.3, Academic Integrity, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f).

The Board returned to regular, open session of the Board at 1:02 p.m. upon Motion by Regent Long and a second by Regent Babbage.

IV. Action Items

A. Appeal of Unidentified Student's Academic Integrity Case

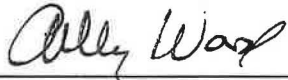
A motion was made by Regent Ward to rule that the sanction issued was inconsistent with the nature and severity of the case. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The following members voted "aye": Laura Babbage, Teresa Hail, Alan Long, Ashley Ward. The following members voted "nay": Mike Eaves. The motion passed.

B. Real Property Transactions

A motion was made by Regent Long to approve the real property transaction for the Tudor House at Taylor's Fork. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Eaves called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Regent Babbage. The motion was seconded by Regent Hail. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.



Mr. Ashley Ward, Board Secretary



Date