

**Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents  
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting**

**May 6, 2026**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Powell 229  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**I. Call to Order**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee of the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents, convened on May 6, 2026, at 9:02 a.m. in Powell 229, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky. Committee Chair Alan Long called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

**Present**

Regent Alan Long, Committee Chair  
Regent Lynnette Noblitt  
Regent Garth Bustle  
Regent Caelin Scott  
Regent Lori Cooksey  
Regent Aaron Barker

Also in attendance were President David McFaddin and Chair Mike Eaves.

**II. Information Items**

**A. Discussion of EKU FY 2026–27 Budget Proposal**

Jackie Dudley, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Finance Officer (CFO), presented an overview of the FY 2026-27 budget proposal. The presentation included, among other topics, the FY27 funding priorities, FY27 state appropriations, FY27 resident undergraduate tuition rate proposal, FY27 housing rate proposal, FY27 dining rate proposal, and FY27 budget summary by program. The Board engaged in general discussion of these topics during the presentation. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Regent Noblitt distributed printed presentation materials and raised faculty concerns regarding certain proposed reductions within Academic Affairs, including reductions connected to a stated goal of approximately \$3 million in budget cuts. The discussion included, among other topics, proposed changes related to facilitator funding, program coordinator compensation, course development funding, the Honors Program, GSD

course sections, graduate program delivery, and summer teaching compensation. The presentation is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

Regent Noblitt also raised questions regarding institutional support for other areas on campus, specifically Athletics, in comparison to Academic Affairs in light of these reductions.

President McFaddin and University administrators, including Dean Ryan Baggett, Senior Vice President Dr. Tanlee Wasson, and Chief Data Reporting Officer Dr. Bethany Miller, responded to the concerns and provided additional context regarding the proposed Academic Affairs budget adjustments. The discussion included the methodology used to review facilitator and program coordinator funding, the University's comparison of certain practices with peer and market practices, enrollment trends, and the administration's stated goal of improving efficiency and consistency across University operations.

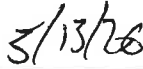
Committee members discussed the University's broader fiduciary responsibilities, comparative investments across University units, and the importance of continuing dialogue regarding the proposed budget and the potential impact on academic programs and faculty.

Committee Chair Long called for a motion to approve the FY 2026–27 budget. A motion was made by Regent Bustle. The motion was seconded by Regent Barker. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Committee Chair Long called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Regent Bustle. The motion was seconded by Regent Barker. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

  
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Mr. Ashley Ward, Board Secretary

  
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