

**WSU Tech Board of Trustees
Board Minutes
April 16, 2026**

Role Call	WSU Tech Board of Trustees met face-to-face at 3:05 pm April 16, 2026. The meeting was held at WSU Tech - NCAT Campus with a virtual option. Role Call: Alicia Thompson – No Andrew Nichols – Yes Bryan Frye – No Derek Penn - Yes Derrick Nielsen - No Doug Stark - Yes Enrique Villar – Yes Jeff Morris - No Greg Stroud – No Jeffry Black delegate for Kahlilah Iratheta – Yes (virtual) Lily Wu – Yes Maggie Topping – Yes Matt Hesse – Yes (virtual) Pete Meitzner – Yes Richard Dinkel-Yes Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derrick Nielsen, Jeff Morris and Greg Stroud
Public Communications	All proper notifications were sent. There were no speakers signed up under Public Communications
Make A Difference Student Award – Dr. Justin Pfeifer	President’s Advisory Council (PAC) – Emily Hamilton, chair Dr. Utash thanked Charlee Wilson and Zayra Camacho, highlighting their roles in coordinating student engagements and PAC meetings Emily introduces herself as the chair of the President's Council and provided an overview of the council's activities. Each member of the council introduced themselves, detailing their majors and roles within the institution. They discussed the council's role as a bridge between students and the administration, emphasizing their leadership and community involvement.
Consent agenda	a. BOT Meeting Minutes Recommendation action: Approval of the WSU Tech Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2026. These documents were provided to the Board electronically in advance of the meeting. The board minutes were considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Richard Dinkel seconded by Enrique Villar, the minutes were approved. Motion carried: 10-0 Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derrick Nielsen, Jeff Morris and Greg Stroud b. <u>Board review & ratification of employment offers December – January</u> <u>Mary Allison, Admissions Counselor</u> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (Counseling), Wichita State University Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Wichita State University <u>Honors:</u> Magna Cum Laude

Wichita State University Exchange Program-Concentration in Psychology and European History, University of Chester

***Jacob Barnes, Faculty, IT Programs**

Education/Credentials:

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Newman University
Adjunct Faculty, IT Programs (August 2024 – February 2026)

Shawn Mounce, Industry Trainer, Bombardier (FAA Part 65 A&P)

Education/Credentials:

Bachelor of Science in Aviation Maintenance Management, Liberty University

Honors: Magna Cum Laude, The National Society of Leadership and Success

Certifications:

Certified Instructor-National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)

A330 Gen Fam PW 4168 Engine

Rolls Royce Tay 651-54 Engine Pneumatic and Ice & Rain ATA Differences
FAA A&P License, Enterprise-Ozark Community College & Aviation Center

727, 757-RVSM & CAT III FAM, 767 Systems

Machinist Certificate, Wichita Area Vocational Technical School

Gaileen Nguyen, Instructional Technology Support Specialist

Education/Credentials:

Doctor of Education in Instructional Design & Performance Technology, Baker University

Master of Science in Management Information Systems, Friends University

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Newman University

Extensive experience and training with LMS Platforms

John Parker, Project Coordinator, Marketing & Public Affairs

Education/Credentials:

Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, Wichita State University

Bachelor of Arts in Percussion Instruments, Kansas State University

20+ years of experience in content creation, social media campaigns, graphic design, and strategic communication

Olivia Pearson, Financial Aid Specialist

Education/Credentials:

Bachelor of Arts in Exercise Science, Wichita State University

Honors: Cum Laude

7+ years of experience in fast paced customer-focused environment

Connie Richardson, Business Office Specialist

Education/Credentials:

Bachelor of Business Arts in Business Administration, Wichita State University

Honors: Cum Laude

Associate in Accounting, Southeast Community College

15+ years of experience in electronic data interchange technology

15+ years of experience in accounting practices

Violita Schmidt, Business Partner, Finance

Education/Credentials:

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, Central Mindanao University

25+ years of experience in finance and accounting practices

Tyler Sueper, Admissions Counselor

Education/Credentials:

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Wichita State University

Honors: Cum Laude

	12+ years of experience in fast paced customer- focused environment- including titles of Director and Coordinator The ratification of employment offers was reviewed and discussed. Upon a motion by Board Member Pete Meitzner, seconded by Richard Dinkel, the Board approved the employment offers. Motion carried: 10–0 Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derrick Nielsen, Jeff Morris and Greg Stroud
WSU	WSU update – Dr. Rick Muma There were several visitors to Wichita Senator Moran hosted the following Administrator Jared Isaacman in Kansas while Artemis II was making history RTX CEO Chris Calio in Wichita Dr. Muma discussed the significant decline in international enrollment at Wichita State, leading to a decrease in tuition revenues. The decline in international students has resulted in a 48.5% decrease in total headcount and a 72% decrease in new degree-seeking international students. The main campus faces a 7% cut this year, amounting to about \$7 million, due to reduced state general operating support and increased costs. Dr. Muma emphasizes the long-term impact of the international enrollment decline on Wichita's economy and the need for strategic planning.
Reports of Officers	Vice President of Finance & Administration – Marlo Dolezal March Financials (approval required) Marlo provides a financial update, highlighting the positive revenue performance and the forecast for the year. The finance committee reviewed detailed financials, and the institution is pacing ahead on revenue by 1.8 million. The NCAT expansion project is progressing well, with significant investments in building and infrastructure. Marlo mentions the importance of the campaign and NCAT expansion contributions in meeting budget targets. The financials were reviewed and discussed. Upon a motion by Board Member Greg Stroud, seconded by Pete Meitzner, the Board approved the financials were approved. Motion carried: 10–0 Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derrick Nielsen, Jeff Morris and Greg Stroud
President's Report	Legislative update Dr. Utash discussed the legislative update, noting the successful retention of the operating grant for technical colleges. The business and apprenticeship budget line was reinstated, which is crucial for launching apprenticeship programs. The main challenge remains the Excel and CTE funding, which has been reduced significantly, affecting high school programs and business and culinary courses.

	It was emphasized the need for strategic planning and a stronger presence in legislative advocacy to address these challenges. Summer Camp updates – Andy McFayden Andy gave an update on the summer camps at WSU Tech, highlighting the growth and impact of the K8 STEM camps. The camps focus on high-demand career fields like aviation, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and technology. We’ve built out four camps this year, each designed to meet students where they’re at: Girls Rock Science and Grit & Gears both serve students entering 3rd through 8th grade, with a strong focus on hands-on STEM exploration Game Changers eSports Camp is for middle school students, connecting gaming to real career pathways in IT and digital media TechKnow, which is our partnership with Wichita Public Schools, is a free camp for 6th–8th grade students, focused on expanding access to STEM opportunities TechKnow is exclusive to USD 259 students, while the other camps are open to the broader community. Registrations for the camps are strong, with many sessions nearing capacity. Commencement – Mandy Fouse Mandy gave an update on the upcoming commencement ceremony, noting the increased number of graduates and the importance of family and community participation. National CTE Signing Day – Mandy Fouse Highlighted the success of the National CTE Signing Day events, with over 250 students committing to WSU Tech. The event included a resource fair, providing students with information about the college's services and support. Student testimonials emphasize the excitement and opportunities provided by the signing day events. Mandy acknowledges the hard work of the team in organizing the events and the positive impact on students and families.
Executive Session	I move that this governing board recess into executive session for 20 minutes to consider personnel matters of non-elected personnel, and that the board reconvene in open session no sooner than 4:00 p.m.
Reconvened	The meeting was reconvened into an open session at approximately 4:11 p.m. It was noted there was no action taken in executive session
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15p.m.

Approved:

Signature

Dated