

**WSU Tech Board of Trustees
Board Minutes
June 18, 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 Kahlilah Iratheta – No 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	Ten WSU Tech students competed on the national stage at the 2026 SkillsUSA Championships, and every single competitor finished in the top 10 of their event, a first for the college. Held June 1-5 in Atlanta, Georgia, the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference brought together some of the best students in the country to compete in skilled trades, leadership, and service occupations. WSU Tech students earned multiple national medals and demonstrated the technical excellence, professionalism, and hands-on talent that set them apart. Each year, WSU Tech students have the opportunity to showcase their knowledge, technical abilities, and career readiness through SkillsUSA, a national partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to strengthen America’s skilled workforce. Cael Miller, who won the gold medal in Aviation Maintenance Technology in the high school division. Riley Schhoen, a high school student, won the Gold in criminal justice. Chris Shields and Caleb Davis, won the gold medal in the post-secondary division of commercial UAS drones. Jason Warden won the bronze medal in post-secondary architectural drafting Ryan Golden won the silver medal in post-secondary criminal justice.
Consent agenda	a. BOT Meeting Minutes Recommendation action: Approval of the WSU Tech Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2026. These documents were provided to the Board electronically in advance of the meeting. b. <u>Board review & ratification of employment offers December – January Sarah Moser, 12 Month Faculty, Practical Nursing Education/Credentials:</u> Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Washburn University

	Associate Degree in Nursing, Hutchinson Community College Registered Adult Care Home Operator RN License-Kansas BLS Certification <u>Guy Sanford, Maintenance Technician</u> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> High School Diploma- Douglass High School United State Navy 10+ years of experience in the Construction Industry MS Word 2019 Certificate- Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas <u>Kai Smith, Receptionist, South Campus</u> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Associate of Science in Health and Wellness, Wright Career College 4+ years of experience in administrative roles <u>John Ruder, 12 Month Faculty, Nursing ADN</u> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Master of Science in Nursing, Norwich University Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Newman University Associates of Arts in General Studies, Newman University Kansas State Board of Nursing license CATN ATLS, BLS, ACLS, PALS Certifications TCAR FEMA IS-00100, ICS200, IS-00700, G-300 and G-400 Advanced Incident Command System National Institute of Health “Protecting Human Research Participants” certification Certified CMA instructor EMT-B Class The consent agenda was reviewed and discussed. Upon a motion by Board Member Richard Dinkel seconded by Derrick Nielsen, the Board approved the consent agenda. Motion carried: 10-0 Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derrick Nielsen, Jeff Morris and Greg Stroud
WSU	WSU update – Dr. Rick Muma Dr. Muma provided an update on the Board of Regents meeting, including tuition rate improvements and the approval of a reduced credit bachelor's degree. Dr. Muma discussed the potential for new degree programs and the importance of legislative priorities, including the WSU Tech operating grant and CTE funding. It was mentioned the need for discussions on an outcomes-based funding model. Dr. Muma provided an update on the biomedical campus, including its progress and the importance of visiting the site. Discussed the need for a state-wide job creation act to support workforce development. It was mentioned the importance of the state's investment in military sustainment and the potential for growth in this area.

	Dr. Utash and Dr. Muma discussed the importance of maintaining the state's investment in higher education and workforce development.
Reports of Officers	Vice President of Finance & Administration – Marlo Dolezal The fiscal year 2026 budget saw a 3.1 million surplus, with total revenue of \$73.6 million and expenses of \$62 million. Marlo provides an overview of the year-to-date financials, highlighting consistent revenue and a forecasted net income of \$11.5 million. The importance of state funding and the impact of legislative developments on the budget was discussed. FY 2027 Budget – Teresa Seymour Reviewed the Budget Development Cycle Discussed the FY 27 Budget Proposal overview Discussed the impact of Excel and CTE funding cuts and the importance of post-secondary aid and other state appropriations. The fiscal year 2027 budget projects \$74 million in revenue and \$70.4 million in expenses, aiming for a \$3.6 million net income Teresa presented the fiscal year 2027 budget which projects \$74 million in revenue and \$70.4 million in expenses, aiming for a \$3.6 million net income The FY2027 Budget was reviewed and discussed. Upon a motion by Board Member Richard Dinkel seconded by Doug Stark, the Board approved the FY2027 Budget. Motion carried: 10–0 Members noted absent: Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Derrick Nielsen, Jeff Morris and Greg Stroud Enrollment update – Dr. Justin Pfeifer Provided an update on the academic year, highlighting the growth in credit hours, FTE, and head count. Academic Year 2026 Credit Hours up 7.3% Academic Year 20267 Headcount is up 5.2% Reviewed Fall 2026 Comparison chart Discusses the challenges of Excel and CTE funding cuts and the impact on future growth projections. Mentioned the importance of new programs and the potential for growth in the adult education sector. Provided a historical perspective on the college's growth and the impact of legislative developments on enrollment.
President's Report	Same Team Presentation – Same Team Members The Alumni Association and its goals Identify 60 Alumni by the 60th graduation

	Spoke at several events including Textron HR and the IAM Local 839 Machinist Union Meeting. Identified 218 Alumni. Reviewed the 3 year goals: 1. Identify 500 Alumni by June 30th, 2029 2. Engage 25% of WSUTech Alumni Association members with WSU Tech Accelerate Transfer Services a year. 3. Raise 30K to support student success by June 30th, 2029 Impact Exchange – Same Team Members Introduced the job shadow program, designed to increase interdepartmental awareness and professional growth. Discussed the different tiers of the program, including Campus Exchange, Connect, and Immerse, and their goals. Open participation. No formal request form required. It will require supervisor approval. NCAT Expansion update – Johnna Hart Johnna Hart provided an update on the NCAT expansion project, including the budget, timeline, and progress to date. Discussion on the importance of the project and the impact on the college's growth and development. Campaign update – Courtney Sendall Provides an update on the capital campaign, highlighting the achievement of the \$6 million goal and the ongoing efforts to reach \$8 million. Courtney discusses the importance of the campaign in supporting the college's growth and the potential for additional resources. Board member updates and recognitions Dr. Utash announced the changes in board membership, including the departure of Alicia Thompson, Bryan Frye, Andrew Nichols, Matt Hesse and Kahlilah Iratheta. The following new board members will begin in August are: Jack Frederick - Foley Equipment Greg Fahrenbruch - Yingling David Stucky - Ascension Mitch Binns - McCown Gordon Commencement video Dr. Utash spoke about the commencement ceremony, highlighting the largest graduating class in the college's history. We played a video clip of the commencement. Dr. Utash thanks the board for their support and contributions to the college's success.
Adjournment	Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Approved:

Signature

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