

**WSU Tech Board of Trustees
Board Minutes
June 26, 2025**

	WSU Tech Board of Trustees met face-to-face at 3:05 pm on June 26, 2025. The meeting was held at NCAT with a virtual option. Present: Maggie Topping Alicia Sanchez (Spirit AeroSystems) Derek Penn Andrew Nichols Derrick Nielsen Doug Stark Merideth Olsen Pete Meitzner Matt Hesse Virtual: Greg Stroud and Alicia Thompson Absent: Bryan Frye, Enrique Villar and Khalilah Iraheta
Public Communications	All proper notifications have been sent out and we have no speakers signed up to speak under Public Communications
Make A Difference Student Award – Justin Pfeifer	MRO Team competed at the Americas Conference and Aerospace Maintenance Competition in Atlanta. The Team competed alongside 86 others from across the country in 27 technical event and took first place in the Barfield Air Data Test Event. Congratulations to Alexandria Arthur-Pasco, Zacharay Thornhill, Jorge Miguel, Jason Antonio-Jones, Tyler Bristow and Teodoro Adame.
Consent agenda	a. BOT Meeting Minutes Recommendation action: Approval of the WSU Tech Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2025, and May 09, 2025, email vote. These documents were provided to the Board electronically in advance of the meeting. The consent agenda was considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Derrick Nielsen seconded by Andrew Nichols, the consent agenda was approved. Motion carried: 11-0 with Bryan Frye, Enrique Villar and Khalilah Iraheta b. <u>Board review & ratification of employment offers -</u> Bishop Rice, Associate, People & Culture Education/Credentials: Bachelor of Arts Minor in Business Administration, Wichita State University David Williams, Industry Embedded Technical Instructor (Pfizer) Education/Credentials: Professional Management Certification, Community College of the Air Force AAS Education & Training Education Administration Community College of the Air Force AAS Applied Science Vehicle Maintenance Management Community College of the Air Force *Michelle Ruder, Dean, Apprenticeship Programs Education/Credentials: *- Rehired to WSU Tech Kyle Nguyen, Faculty, Aviation Manufacturing Education/Credentials: Composite Fabrication, WATC Austin Smith. Faculty, Electrician (Electrical Systems) Education/Credentials:

	Masters License, Sedgwick County KS Journeyman License, Oklahoma Cassandra Gestl, Faculty, Veterinary Nursing (9mo) Education/Credentials: AAS Veterinary Technician, WSU Tech Abdominal Ultrasound Certified Animal CRP Instructor Hilary Gates, 9 mo Faculty, Biology Education/Credentials: Master of Science in Molecular Biology & Microbiology, San Jose State University Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology San Jose State University Charity Harvey, Faculty, Psychology/Sociology (9mo) Education/Credentials: Certificate - Post Baccalaureate in Clinical Psychology Fielding Graduate University MS School Guidance Counseling Nova Southeastern University BA Psychology University of North Florida Emily Lague, Faculty, PN Education/Credentials: Nursing-BSN, University of West Florida Associates Psychology, University of West Florida BSN ACLS (advanced Cardiac Life Support) BSL (Basic Life Support) RN The consent agenda was considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Derek Penn seconded by Matt Hesse, the consent agenda was approved. Motion carried: 11-0 with Bryan Frye, Enrique Villar and Khalilah Iraheta
Reports of Officers	Vice President of Finance & Administration – Marlo Dolezal • Marlo provided a financial update, noting a positive picture for fiscal 25 with a forecasted end of 66.4 million. • The most significant variance is from foundation contributions and other revenue, primarily from interest. • The budgeted net income is 2.4 million, forecasted to end at 9 million. The financials were considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Pete Meitzner seconded by Maggie Topping, the financials were approved. Motion carried: 11-0 with Bryan Frye, Enrique Villar and Khalilah Iraheta The bond for NCAT – We received 3 RFPs. We are still negotiating with local banks, with a potential need for a broader offering. Land Lease –We did get approved 2.5%. We Proposed to the finance committee not doing the lump sum payment. FY26 Budget - Teresa Seymour • Teresa outlined the budget development process, from initial ideas in November to final approval in June.

	• The fiscal year 26 budget proposal includes total revenues of 70.5 million and total expenses of 64.7 million, resulting in a net income of 5.8 million. • Tuition fees are increasing, and other state appropriations are decreasing due to legislative changes. • The foundation's contributions are now budgeted, significantly impacting the revenue projections The budget was considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Greg Stroud seconded by Pete Meitzner, the FY26 Budget was approved. Motion carried: 11-0 with Bryan Frye, Enrique Villar and Khalilah Iraheta Vice President of Student Success – Dr Justin Pfeifer • Justin presented the year-end enrollment report, highlighting record enrollments in the fall and spring. • The college passed 120,000 credit hours and 4,000 FTEs for the first time. • The momentum from fall and spring is continuing into the summer, with 75% of enrollment already secured. • The strategic plan goal of 6,500 students by fall 2027 has been surpassed, necessitating a revisit of the goal. Board asked about momentum and placement rates The continued momentum at WSU Tech was attributed to several contributing factors: • Pandemic-era shifts (Covid) provided opportunities for growth • Support from MRW and KS Promise • Launch of new programs tailored to industry needs • Impact of the FRC (Future Ready Center) • Strong reputation of WSU Tech Placement Rates: Yes, placement rates are tracked, including data on whether students are working in their field of study and their pay rates. Current placement rate is approximately 92%, with benchmarks in place for comparison. Foster Care Support: WSU Tech is exploring strategies to support approximately 100 foster care youth aging out of the system, with the goal of equipping them with job skills before high school graduation.
President's Report	NCAT Expansion – Johnna Hart • Johnna provided an update on the expansion of the new building, including the design and functionality of the spaces. • The building will feature hubs for emerging and advanced manufacturing, professional pilot and aviation, and ideation and flex labs. Capital Campaign update – Dr. Utash/Courtney Sendall • The capital campaign has commitments of 2.75 million and a total ask of 3.5 million. 7 proposals are pending • The campaign is on track, with positive meetings and announcements expected in the coming months. CTEC Update – Dr. Utash • WSU Tech is engaged in a public/private partnership with Southeast Kansans CTEC in Pittsburgh, KS.

	• Following outreach from Blake Benson, a meeting was held, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed. • WSU Tech will onboard 12 employees for the initiative. • Significant growth is expected, with large-scale signage being installed in August. The facility currently serves 100–200 students with a capacity for 500. • CTEC is ending its partnership with Fort Scott. • Open House sometime in August. Paris Airshow update – Dr. Utash • The brand of Wichita as the air capital of the world is strong, with significant interest from companies. • The economic development efforts are paying off, with companies like Textron and Tyson Foods expressing interest in expanding in Wichita. • The Wichita community's commitment to education and workforce development is a key factor in attracting new businesses. Dr. Utash recognized the Same Team, One Goal group for their work on special projects, including the Shock Tank and 60 anniversary initiatives. We brought back Shock Tank. There are four ideas that will move and be presented to the community The 60th anniversary and Commencement video debuted, and commencement saw the largest graduating class in the college's history. The meeting concludes with a thank you to the participants and a reminder of the upcoming Fourth of July holiday.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.

Approved:

Signature

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