

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Kirksville 63501

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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OPEN SESSION  
OF MEETING ON  
OCTOBER 22, 2021

The Board of Governors for Truman State University met on Friday, October 22, 2021, on the University campus in Kirksville, Missouri. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Student Union Building. The open session of the meeting was called to order shortly after 1:00 p.m. by the Vice Chair of the Board of Governors, Sarah Burkemper.

Participating in the meeting were five of the seven voting members: Sarah Burkemper, Philip J. Christofferson, Cheryl J. Cozette, Jennifer Kopp Dameron, and Nancy Gingrich. K. Brooks Miller, Jr. and Jim O'Donnell were unable to participate. Governor Burkemper recorded their absences as excused.

Also participating were the three non-voting members: David Lee Bonner and Mike McClaskey, the two out-of-state members, and Abigail Smeltzer, student representative.

Call to Order and Chair Report

Governor Sarah Burkemper, Vice Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Minutes for Open Session of Meetings on August 7, 2021

Governor Nancy Gingrich moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the open session of the meeting on August 7, 2021, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Governor Jennifer Kopp Dameron and carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Governor Burkemper declared the motion to be duly adopted.

Audit Report

Representatives of RubinBrown LLP accounting firm reviewed a draft of the annual audit of the University.

Advancement, Foundation Board, and Alumni Board Report

Dr. Ernie Hughes, Vice President for University Advancement, was joined by Dr. Dawn Tartaglione, President of the Foundation Board of Directors, and Jamie Matthews, President of the Alumni Board of Directors, to share updates from Advancement and the respective boards.

President's Report

University President Susan L. Thomas shared a selected engagements report and noted items of interest since the last meeting of the Board. Within her report, she highlighted, among other topics, an effort to increase vaccination rates on campus through the implementation of two incentive programs – one for student groups and another for employees. She described a Student Access and Success Project recently submitted to the Governor's Office for possible American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. And, finally, she noted that through the good work of U. S. Senator Roy Blunt, Truman is included in the proposed Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, which includes federal funding of \$3,420,000 for facilities and equipment to completely finish the Greenwood Interprofessional Autism Center and \$900,000 to launch graduate programs in music therapy and vocational rehabilitation. President Thomas

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noted that this is only the second time Truman has been included in a federal funding bill and it is the largest proposed federal appropriation ever.

Finance and Auditing Committee Report

Governor Burkemper, Chair of the Finance and Auditing Committee, provided a report on the committee meeting held on October 20.

Financial Report

Governor Burkemper presented the Financial Report which included a review as of August 31, 2021, of education and general revenues and expenditures and auxiliary system revenues and expenditures and a review as of August 31, 2021, of the Truman State University Foundation revenues and expenditures.

Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee Report

Governor Cheryl J. Cozette, Chair of the Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee, provided a report on the committee meeting held on October 19.

Budget and Capital Projects Committee Report

Governor Nancy Gingrich, Chair of the Budget and Capital Projects Committee, provided a report on the committee meeting held on October 19.

Construction Projects Report

Governor Gingrich provided an update on construction projects which had been approved by the Board at previous meetings.

Contracts for Construction Projects and Equipment Purchases

Governor Gingrich noted that no construction projects or equipment purchases totaling \$25,000 to \$100,000 had been approved since the last meeting of the Board.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Governor Burkemper reviewed a list of projected agenda items for the regular meetings during the next year.

Dates for Future Meetings

Governor Philip J. Christofferson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors be scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021, on the University campus in Kirksville, Missouri, beginning at 1:00 p.m., with the understanding that the Chair may alter the starting time and/or place for the meeting by giving due notice of such change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that other regular meetings of the Board during the next year be tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

Saturday, February 5, 2022;  
Saturday, April 9, 2022;  
Saturday, June 18, 2022;  
Saturday, August 6, 2022; and  
Friday, October 7, 2022.

The motion was seconded by Governor Gingrich and carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Governor Burkemper declared the motion to be duly adopted.

Agenda Items for Closed Session

Governor Dameron moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be continued in closed session, with closed records and closed votes as permitted by law, for consideration of the following items as authorized by Section 610.021, Revised Statutes of Missouri:

1. Approval of minutes for the closed session of the last meeting under Subsection 14 of the statute for "Records which are protected from disclosure by law";
2. Individual personnel actions under Subsection 3 of the statute for "Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded"; and
3. Confidential communications with the General Counsel.

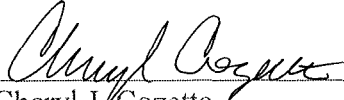
The motion was seconded by Governor Cozette and carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0, with Governors Burkemper, Christofferson, Cozette, Dameron, and Gingrich voting Aye. Governor Burkemper declared the motion to be duly adopted.

The closed session of the meeting began shortly after 2:00 p.m.

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The open session of the meeting resumed shortly after 2:45 p.m.

There being no further business, Governor Gingrich moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Governor Cozette and carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Governor Burkemper declared the motion to be duly adopted, and the meeting adjourned shortly after 2:50 p.m.

  
Cheryl J. Cozette  
Secretary of the Board of Governors


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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes  
were approved by the Board of Governors  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Brooks Miller, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

K. Brooks Miller, Jr.  
Chair of the Board of Governors