

**UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Friday, January 30, 2026

Zions Bank Room, Holland Centennial Commons 537

8:00 a.m. – General Session

8:01 a.m. – Executive Session, Trustees

9:00 a.m. – General Session, All Meeting Attendees

11:30 a.m. – Luncheon, All Meeting Attendees

A G E N D A

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- I. **GENERAL SESSION WELCOME**, presented by Vice-Chair Patricia Jones Horton (5 min.)
- II. **MISSION, VISION & VALUES**
- III. **INTRODUCTION AND SWEARING-IN OF NEW TRUSTEE** (5 min.)
 - UTSA President, Trustee Shellsea Ramirez
- IV. **ACTION ITEMS** (1.5 hrs.)
 - **Approval of Minutes**, presented by Vice-Chair Patricia Jones Horton
 - *November 21, 2025
 - **Approval of Policies**, presented by Chair Shawn Guzman and Policy Owner(s)
 - *109: Institutional Neutrality (New) – General Counsel Natalie Nelson
 - *136: Private Use of University Property (Revision) – General Counsel Natalie Nelson
 - *223: Travel (Revision) – Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris
 - *502: Registration (Revision) – Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon
 - *505: Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Waivers (Revision) – Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing Brian Sandusky
 - ***Early Retirement Requests**, presented by Chief Human Resources Officer Suzette Yaezenko
 - Dr. Karen L. Bauer, D.A. – Professor of Biology, Biological Science Faculty
 - Dennis J. Martinez – Professor of Creative Arts
 - Diana Maughan – Interfolio Faculty Liaison & Faculty Professional Learning Designer / Technologist
 - Dr. Tiffany L. Petersen – Professor of Nursing, College of Health Sciences
 - **Academic Affairs**, presented by Chair Lincoln Nadauld and Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon
 - *Sabbatical – Dr. Adriana Brandt, Interim Dean for College of Education
 - *Approval of Intermediate Review/Continued Probationary Status; Rank Advancement; Tenure; and Post-Probation Review
 - New Program
 - *MS in Genomics
 - New Certificates
 - *Undergraduate Certificate in AI and Machine Learning
 - *Laboratory Quality Assurance and Quality Control Certificate

- New Minor
 - *Nutrition
- New Emphasis
 - *Integrated Studies – Nutrition
- New Non-Credit Bearing Certificate
 - *Variant Science
- Credit Change
 - *Biology Minor
- Program Suspension
 - *Applied and Computational Math – Scientific Computing (Emphasis only)
 - *Mediation Certificate
- Program Termination
 - *Cryptography I Certificate
 - *Cryptography II Certificate
 - *Modeling and Simulation Certificate
- *Course Fees
- *Title III Strengthening Institutions Program Grant (Informational Item)

BREAK

(10 min.)

- **Administrative Affairs**, presented by Chair Rick Atkin, Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris
 - *Investment Report
- **University Advancement**, presented by Chief Advancement Officer Lance Brown
 - *Donation Report
- **Consent Calendar**, presented by Vice-Chair Patricia Jones Horton
 - *President's Report
 - UT Student Association Report
 - *Faculty Senate Report
 - *Staff Association Report

V. REPORT FROM USHE COMMISSIONER GEOFFREY T. LANDWARD (10 min.)

- *Report on Program Approvals and Discontinuances at Utah Tech, presented by Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs Dr. TJ Bliss

VI. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 min.)

- Executive Committee, presented by Vice-Chair Patricia Jones Horton
- Academic Committee, presented by Chair Lincoln Nadauld
- Audit Committee, presented by Chair Richard Holmes
- Dixie Technical College, presented by Chair Dan Nielson
- Heritage Committee, presented by Chair Natalie Ashby
- Honoree Selection Committee, presented by Chair Kristan Norton-Ipson
- Investment Committee, presented by Chair Rick Atkin
- Policy Committee, presented by Chair Shawn Guzman

VII. CONCLUDING REMARKS, presented by Vice-Chair Patricia Jones Horton (5 min.)

VIII. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Board of Trustees Meeting – Thursday, March 5, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Zions Bank Room

- Fire and Ice Gala – Friday, March 20, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Burns Arena
- Trailblazer Awards – Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Eccles Mainstage
- President’s Awards Dinner – Thursday, April 23, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Gardner Ballroom
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Friday, April 24, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Zions Bank Room
- 2026 Commencement – Burns Arena
 - Associate Degree Ceremony – Wednesday, May 6, 9:00 a.m.
 - College of Humanities & Social Sciences and College of the Arts – Wednesday, May 6, 2:00 p.m.
 - College of Health Sciences and College of Education – Thursday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.
 - College of Science, Engineering & Technology and College of Business – Thursday, May 7, 2:00 p.m.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED