

**UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Friday, April 24, 2026
Zions Bank Room, Holland Centennial Commons 537

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TRUSTEES PRESENT

Deven Macdonald, Chair
Patricia Jones Horton, Vice Chair
Natalie Ashby
Rick Atkin
Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes
Richard Holmes
Dan Nielson
Kristan Norton-Ipson
Shawn Guzman

TRUSTEES NOT PRESENT

Lincoln Nadauld

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Shane B. Smeed, President
Kiran Andrews, Executive Assistant for Academic Affairs
Christine Arlotti, Assistant to the VP for Administration and Policy
Del Beatty, Vice President of Student Affairs
Ken Beazer, Director of Athletics
Lance Brown, Chief Advancement Officer
Dottie Catlin, Executive Director of Career Services
Jennifer Ciaccio, Faculty Senate President
Laralee Davenport, Staff Association President Elect
Jake Dockery, Guest Services
Isaac Esplin, Media Systems Coordinator
Bryant Flake, Executive Director of Planning and Budget
Mandy Gulbrandsen, Assistant to the President
Chris Guymon, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Jyl Hall, Director of Public Relations
Tiffany Harding, Instructor of the Practice in American Sign Language
Scott Jensen, Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary and Business Services
Beau Kendrick, Incoming UTSA Student Body President
Luke Kerouac, Executive Director of Student Engagement/Leadership
Tamron Lee, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students
Diana Maughan, Interim Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
Greg Melton, Assistant Professor of Geology
Paul Morris, Vice President of Administrative Affairs
Natalie Nelson, General Counsel

Valerie O'Rourke, Parking Manager
Westley Petty, Executive Director of Event Services
Brian Sandusky, Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing
Helen Tate, Associate Provost for Academic Success and Dean of University College
Henrie Walton, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Mark Walton, Chief Information Officer
Suzette Yaezenko, Chief Human Resources Officer
Linda Yu, Dean for College of Business

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

At 8:00 a.m., Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of the discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct, and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Motion to move to Executive Session made by Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton. Trustee Shawn Guzman seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.

GENERAL SESSION

WELCOME

Presented by Chair Deven Macdonald.

At 9:04 a.m., Chair Deven Macdonald called the General Session to order and welcomed attendees. General Session attendees were invited to introduce themselves to the Board of Trustees. During the introductions, Chair Deven Macdonald noted that Trustee Richard Holmes had attended the Executive Session but departed before the General Session due to a prior engagement.

- **Mission, Vision, and Values:** Chair Deven Macdonald invited the Board of Trustees to provide comments on the "2030 Strategic Plan – Uniting Trailblazers." Trustee Rick Atkin commented on "People and Culture." Trustee Natalie Ashby commented on "Active Learning.Active Life." Trustee Dan Nielson commented on "Student Experience and Success," and Trustee Shawn Guzman commented on "Community Engagement and Philanthropy."
- **Introduction and Swearing-In, Utah Tech Student Association (UTSA):** UTSA Student Body President and Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes introduced the 2026-2027 UTSA Executive Council to the Board of Trustees. After the introductions, UTSA Student Body President and Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes administered the UTSA Oath of Office to the 2026-2027 UTSA Executive Council.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Presented by Chair Deven Macdonald.

Approval of Minutes for March 5, 2026: Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a Motion to approve the March 5, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the Minutes made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Dan Nielson seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Board of Trustees Meeting Dates for 2026-2027: Chair Deven Macdonald presented the 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald stated that the Friday, March 5, 2027, meeting date as presented in the Board of Trustees Agenda Workbook would be changed to Thursday, March 4, 2027, due to Spring Break. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates. Motion to approve made by Trustee Shawn Guzman. Trustee Natalie Ashby seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approved Board of Trustees Meeting Dates for 2026-2027:

- Friday, September 18, 2026
- Friday, November 20, 2026
- Friday, January 22, 2027
- Thursday, March 4, 2027
- Friday, April 23, 2027

Approval of Policies: Chair of the Policy Steering Committee Shawn Guzman said that due to prior engagements, he had been unable to attend the Policy Steering Committee meeting. However, Chair Shawn Guzman invited Trustee Dan Nielson and policy owners to introduce the policies to the Board of Trustees for approval.

- **111: Staff Association (Revision):** Chief of Staff Henrie Walton presented Policy 111: Staff Association (Revision) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve Policy 111: Staff Association (Revision). Motion to approve made by Trustee Kristan Norton-Ipson. Trustee Patricia Jones Horton seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **153: ADA and Section 504 to 307: ADA and Reasonable Accommodations (Revised, Renumbered, and Retitled):** Chief Human Resources Officer Suzette Yaezenko presented Policy 153: ADA and Section 504 to 307: ADA and Reasonable Accommodations (Revised, Renumbered, and Retitled) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve Policy 153: ADA and Section 504 to Policy 307: ADA and Reasonable Accommodations (Revised, Renumbered, and Retitled). Motion to approve made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Shellsea

Ramirez Fuentes seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.

After approval of Policy 153: ADA and Section 504 to 307: ADA and Reasonable Accommodations, Chair Deven Macdonald asked Chief Human Resources Officer Suzette Yaezenko to present the Phased and Early Retirement Requests.

Approval of Phased and Early Retirement: Chief Human Resources Officer Suzette Yaezenko presented the following Phased and Early Retirement Requests to the Board of Trustees for approval:

- Scott Allen, Phased Retirement – Senior Learning Management Systems Administrator
- Shannon Broad, Early Retirement – Registration Coordinator – Articulation

Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Phased and Early Retirement Requests. Motion to approve made by Trustee Shawn Guzman. Trustee Patricia Jones Horton seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Policies Continued

- **120: Institutional Data Governance (Revision):** Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris presented Policy 120: Institutional Data Governance (Revision) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve Policy 120: Institutional Data Governance (Revision). Motion to approve made by Trustee Dan Nielson. Trustee Kristan Norton-Ipson seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **121: Institutional Data (Revision):** Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris presented Policy 121: Institutional Data (Revision) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve Policy 121: Institutional Data (Revision). Motion to approve made by Trustee Patricia Jones Horton. Trustee Shawn Guzman seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **421: University Premises and Transportation (Revision):** Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris presented Policy 421: University Premises and Transportation (Revision) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve Policy 421: University

Premises and Transportation (Revision). Motion to approve made by Trustee Dan Nielson. Trustee Natalie Ashby seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.

- **443: Event Management and Facility Use (New):** Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris presented Policy 443: Event Management and Facility Use (New) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve Policy 443: Event Management and Facility Use (New). Motion to approve made by Trustee Patricia Jones Horton. Trustee Kristan Norton-Ipson seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **443A: Event Classification, Risk, and Operational Standards (New):** Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris presented Policy 443A: Event Classification, Risk, and Operational Standards (New) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve Policy 443A: Event Classification, Risk, and Operational Standards (New). Motion to approve made by Trustee Shawn Guzman. Trustee Rick Atkin seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **526: Academic Transfer (Revision):** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented Policy 526: Academic Transfer (Revision) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve Policy 526: Academic Transfer (Revision). Motion to approve made by Trustee Shawn Guzman. Trustee Kristan Norton-Ipson seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **533: Accommodation and Excused Absences (Revision):** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented Policy 533: Accommodation and Excused Absences (Revision) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve Policy 533: Accommodation and Excused Absences (Revision). Motion to approve made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS – ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon.

Approval of New Programs

- **Master of Artificial Intelligence (MAI):** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the new Master of Artificial Intelligence (MAI) for approval to the Board of Trustees. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the new Master of Artificial Intelligence (MAI). Motion to approve made by Trustee Patricia Jones Horton. Trustee Dan Nielson seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **BAP in Individualized Studies:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the new BAP in Individualized Studies for approval to the Board of Trustees. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the new BAP in Individualized Studies. Motion to approve made by Trustee Kristan Norton-Ipson. Trustee Rick Atkin seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **BAP in Accounting and Master of Accounting Dual Track:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the new BAP in Accounting and Master of Accounting Dual Track for approval to the Board of Trustees. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the new BAP in Accounting and Master of Accounting Dual Track. Motion to approve made by Trustee Kristan Norton-Ipson. Trustee Rick Atkin seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of New Certificates

- **Music Composition Certificate:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the Music Composition Certificate (New) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Music Composition Certificate (New). Motion to approve made by Trustee Patricia Jones Horton. Trustee Natalie Ashby seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **Digital Marketing Certificate:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the Digital Marketing Certificate (New) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Digital Marketing Certificate (New). Motion to

approve made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.

- **Small Business Marketing Communication Certificate:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the Small Business Marketing Communication Certificate (New) to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Small Business Marketing Communication Certificate (New). Motion to approve made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Patricia Jones Horton seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Credit Changes

- **Bachelor of Music Education (BME):** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the Credit Change for the Bachelor of Music Education (BME), to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Credit Change for the Bachelor of Music Education (BME). Motion to approve made by Trustee Patricia Jones Horton. Trustee Dan Nielson seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **BA of Elementary Education:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the Credit Change for the BA of Elementary Education to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Credit Change for the BA of Elementary Education. Motion to approve made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Patricia Jones Horton seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **BA of Integrated Studies – Economics Emphasis:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the Credit Change for the BA of Integrated Studies – Economics Emphasis to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Credit Change for the BA of Integrated Studies – Economics Emphasis. Motion to approve made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Patricia Jones Horton seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, "Aye," and those not in favor to say, "No." Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Program Suspension

- **BS in Special Education:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the Program Suspension for BS in Special Education to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Program Suspension. Motion to approve made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Natalie Ashby seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Program Discontinuation

- **Medical Laboratory Assistant Technology Certificate:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the Program Discontinuation for the Medical Laboratory Assistant Technology Certificate to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Program Discontinuation. Motion to approve made by Trustee Kristan Norton-Ipson. Trustee Patricia Jones Horton seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Name Change

- **Certificate in Programming for VR/XR to Certificate in Game Development:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the Program Name Change for Certificate in Programming for VR/XR to Certificate in Game Development to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the Program Name Change. Motion to approve made by Trustee Patricia Jones Horton. Trustee Dan Nielson seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of USHE Year-Three Reports

- **American Sign Language/English Interpreting, BA:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the USHE Year-Three Report for the American Sign Language/English Interpreting, BA, to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the USHE Year-Three Report. Motion to approve made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

- **American Sign Language/English Interpreting, AA:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the USHE Year-Three Report for the American Sign Language/English Interpreting, AA, to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the USHE Year-Three Report. Motion to approve made by Trustee Kristan Norton-Ipson. Trustee Dan Nielson seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **Biotechnology, AS:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the USHE Year-Three Report for the Biotechnology, AS, to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the USHE Year-Three Report. Motion to approve made by Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes. Trustee Natalie Ashby seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **Biotechnology, AAS:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the USHE Year-Three Report for the Biotechnology, AAS, to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the USHE Year-Three Report. Motion to approve made by Trustee Patricia Jones Horton. Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.
- **Geological Sciences, BS:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the USHE Year-Three Report for the Geological Sciences, BS, to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the USHE Year-Three Report. Motion to approve made by Trustee Shawn Guzman. Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of 2026 Graduates and Valedictorian Speakers

- **2026 Utah Tech University Graduates:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the 2026 Utah Tech University Graduates to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the 2026 Utah Tech University Graduates. Motion to approve made by Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes. Trustee Dan Nielson seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of

the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

- **2026 Valedictorian Speakers for Commencement:** Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Chris Guymon presented the 2026 Valedictorian Speakers for Commencement to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chair Deven Macdonald called for a Motion to approve the 2026 Valedictorian Speakers for Commencement. Motion to approve made by Trustee Patricia Jones Horton. Trustee Shawn Guzman seconded the Motion. Chair Deven Macdonald asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Chair Deven Macdonald asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

BREAK – 11:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

After the break, Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton facilitated the meeting in place of Chair Deven Macdonald.

ACTION ITEMS – ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

Presented by Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee Rick Atkin, Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris, Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary and Business Services Scott Jensen, and Executive Director of Planning and Budget Bryant Flake.

Approval of the Investment Report: Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris and Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary and Business Services Scott Jensen presented the Investment Report to the Board of Trustees for approval. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton called for a Motion to approve the Investment Report. Motion to approve made by Trustee Dan Nielson. Trustee Natalie Ashby seconded the Motion. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of the Budget Report: Vice President of Administrative Affairs Paul Morris and Executive Director of Planning and Budget Bryant Flake presented the Budget Report to the Board of Trustees for approval. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton called for a Motion to approve the Budget Report. Motion to approve made by Trustee Dan Nielson. Trustee Shawn Guzman seconded the Motion. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS– UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Presented by Chief Advancement Officer Lance Brown.

Approval of the Donation Report: Chief Advancement Officer Lance Brown presented the Donation Report to the Board of Trustees for approval. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton called for a Motion to approve the Donation Report. Motion to approve made by Trustee Rick Atkin. Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes seconded

the Motion. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Presented by Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton and University Representatives.

Approval of the Consent Calendar: Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton invited President Shane B. Smeed, Faculty Senate President Jennifer Ciaccio, Staff Association President Elect Laralee Davenport, and UTSA Student Body President Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes to provide brief remarks on their Consent Calendar Reports. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton called for a Motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion to approve made by Trustee Natalie Ashby. Trustee Shawn Guzman seconded the Motion. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presented by Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton and Trustee Committee Chairs.

Honoree Selection Committee – Presented by Chair of the Honoree Selection Committee Kristan Norton-Ipson. Chair Kristan Norton-Ipson provided a detailed overview on the Honoree Selection Committee’s membership, meeting schedule, and institutional purpose. Chair Kristan Norton-Ipson said the Committee’s purpose was to honor both community members and members of the university community, including faculty and staff. The annual Presidential Awards Dinner to recognize selected honorees was held on April 23, 2026.

Finance and Investment Committee – Presented by Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee Rick Atkin. Chair Rick Atkin provided a detailed overview of the Investment Committee’s organizational structure and upcoming goals. Chair Rick Atkin identified current Committee members and advisors and discussed how often the Committee meets throughout the year. In addition, Chair Rick Atkin explained that the Committee’s purpose was to provide guidance on financial resources and to ensure student fees comply with Utah System of Higher Education Policy R516.

Executive Committee – Presented by Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton provided a summary of the Executive Committee’s last meeting, on behalf of Chair Deven Macdonald.

Academic Committee – Chair of the Academic Committee Lincoln Nadauld not present.

Audit Committee – Presented by Trustee Natalie Ashby on behalf of Chair of the Audit Committee Richard Holmes, who was not in attendance. Trustee Natalie Ashby said that the Audit Committee was doing a great job. Trustee Natalie Ashby also reported that students had recently participated in an internal audit of university systems and had presented their findings to the Audit Committee.

Dixie Technical College – Presented by Trustee Dan Nielson. Trustee Dan Nielson reported that Utah Tech has a great relationship with Dixie Technical College. Utah Tech admissions and advising staff will be onsite at Dixie Tech to assist students with program transfers.

Heritage Committee – Presented by Chair of the Heritage Committee Natalie Ashby. Chair Natalie Ashby provided an update on retiring and incoming Heritage Committee members. Chair Natalie Ashby reported on Heritage Committee subcommittees, which focus on community outreach and marketing.

Policy Committee – Presented by Chair of the Policy Committee Shawn Guzman. Chair Guzman thanked Trustee Rick Atkin and Trustee Dan Nielson for leading the Policy Steering Committee during his absence, and he provided a brief summary of new legislative changes that may impact Utah Tech policy.

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND MEETING ADJOURNED

Presented by Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton.

Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton thanked everyone for attending the April 24, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting.

At 12:49 p.m., Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Dan Nielson. Trustee Shellsea Ramirez Fuentes seconded the Motion. Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked for a discussion on the Motion. Hearing none, Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton asked those in favor of the Motion to say, “Aye,” and those not in favor to say, “No.” Action: Motion approved unanimously.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Presented by Vice Chair Patricia Jones Horton

- 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.
- 4th of July Celebration 2026 – Saturday, July 4, Russell Dickerson, Greater Zion Stadium. Gates open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 8:00 p.m. with Fireworks at 10:00 p.m.
- President’s Welcome Back Picnic – Wednesday, August 12, 5:00 p.m., Human Performance Center
- America First Performing Arts Center Ribbon Cutting – Friday, August 28, Time TBD