



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

SUBJECT: Annual Board of Regents Retreat on Thursday, August 27, 2026, and Quarterly and Committee Meetings of the Murray State University Board of Regents on Friday, August 28, 2026

DATE: August 25, 2026

TO: Members of the News Media

FROM: Jill Hunt 
Secretary to the Board

The Murray State University Board of Regents will convene for the Annual Retreat on Thursday, August 27, 2026, beginning at 8 a.m. (Central Time) in the Hall of Benefactors in Heritage Hall on the main campus of Murray State University.

The Murray State University Board of Regents will convene in Quarterly and Committee Session on Friday, August 28, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (Central Time) in the Jesse Stuart Room in Pogue Library on the main campus of Murray State University. The Board of Regents Committee Meetings will be convened as part of the Quarterly Meeting.

Agendas for the Annual Board of Regents Retreat and the Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting and Committee Meetings are attached.

Members of the general public are welcome to attend the Retreat and Quarterly and Committee meetings in-person or they can view the meetings via the Livestream link provided: murraystate.edu/streaming. This link is also available on the Murray State University website newsfeed and through the Board of Regents website.

Attachments

cc: President Ron K. Patterson
Board of Regents Chair David Meinschein



AGENDA
BOARD OF REGENTS ANNUAL RETREAT
Heritage Hall – Hall of Benefactors
Thursday, August 27, 2026
8 a.m.

1. **Call to Order** **Dr. David Meinschein**
2. **Welcome and Agenda Review** **Dr. Ron K. Patterson**
 - 2026 – 27 Board of Regents Meeting Dates
 - 2026 – 27 Organizational Charts
3. **President’s Office Overview** **Dr. Ron K. Patterson**
 - General Counsel Overview **Rob Miller**
 - Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Acts: A guide for the public and public agencies (September 2023) and “Managing Government Records – A Cooperative Undertaking” (June 2021)
 - Undue Influence
 - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
 - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
 - Conflict of Interest Statement
 - o Murray State University Conflict of Interest Statement – Academic Year 2026 – 27
 - o Kentucky Revised Statute – Conflict of Interest
 - o Association of Governing Boards Conflict of Interest with Guidelines and Compelling Benefits (April 2013)
 - Office of Equal Opportunity/Title IX Overview **Cami Duffy**
 - Office of Branding, Marketing and Communication Overview **Shawn Touney**
4. **Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Overview** **Dr. Paul Twigg**
 - Center for Adult and Regional Education
 - *Paducah Regional Campus*
 - *Hopkinsville Regional Campus*
 - *Madisonville Regional Campus*
 - *Henderson Regional Campus*
 - Ft. Campbell
 - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and Quality Enhancement Plan
 - Academic Programs
 - Performance Funding

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| 5. | <u>Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services Overview</u> | Wendy Cain |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) Compliance Report | Brian Purcell/Duane Dycus |
| 6. | <u>Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Success Overview</u> | Dr. Don Robertson/Roslyn White |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veteran and Military Student Success | |
| 7. | <u>Vice President for University Advancement and External Relations Overview</u> | Dr. Tina Bernot |
| 8. | <u>Vice President and Director of Athletics Overview</u> | Nico Yantko |
| 9. | <u>Strategic Plan Orientation</u> | Dr. Ben Littlepage/Dr. Elise Kieffer and Chris Wooldridge |
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Break for Lunch (approximately 12 noon – 12:30 p.m.) – COEHS Student Picnic, Alexander Hall Lawn | | |
| Campus Tour (approximately 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.) | | |
| Reconvene (approximately 1:30 p.m.) | | |
| 10. | <u>American Association of State Colleges and Universities Overview</u> | Dr. Charles L. “Chuck” Welch |
| 11. | <u>Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Overview</u> | Dr. Aaron Thompson/Travis Powell |
| 12. | <u>Legislative Affairs Overview</u> | Bryanna Carroll/Ronny Pryor |
| 13. | <u>Other Business</u> | Dr. David Meinschein |
| 14. | <u>Adjournment</u> | Dr. David Meinschein |



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Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting and Committee Meetings
Pogue Library – Jesse Stuart Room
Friday, August 28, 2026
8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order** Chair Meinschein
2. **Roll Call** Secretary Hunt
3. **Public Participation** Chair Meinschein
4. **Consent Agenda** Chair Meinschein/President Patterson
 - A. **Minutes:**
 - 1) **Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting and Committee Meetings on June 12, 2026***
 - 2) **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents on August 11, 2026***
 - B. **Audit and Compliance Committee – Office of Internal Audit – Summary of Presidential Travel Report for the Year-to-Date Ended June 30, 2026 (For Information Only)**
 - C. **Finance Committee – Personal Services Contracts – Schedule of Expenditures (For Information Only)**
5. **Report of the Chair** Chair Meinschein
6. **Report of the President** President Patterson
7. **2025-26 Staff Perspective Survey Update (For Information Only)** Regent Wilson/President McKeel, Vice President Lofton and Treasurer Ross
8. **Report of the Treasurer*** Assist. VP, Finance Cain
(Quarterly Financial and Investment Reports)
9. **Committee Reports/Recommendations**
 - A. **Academic Excellence and Scholarly Activities** Regent ZeRuth
 - 1) **Academic Affairs Update (For Information Only)**
 - 2) ***Professor Emeritus* Designation***
 - 3) **Faculty Senate Update (For Information Only)**
 - B. **Athletics** Vice Chair Price
 - 1) **Personnel Changes:**
 - a. **Contract of Employment – Assistant Vice President/Deputy Athletics Director/Chief Operating Officer – Derek Doolittle***

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- b. **Contract of Employment Amendment – Head Softball Coach – Kara Amundson***
 - c. **Contract of Employment Amendment – Director of Track and Field/Cross Country Coach – Adam Kiesler***
 - 2) **Governing Board Certifications**
 - a. **Missouri Valley Conference – Academic Year 2026-27***
 - b. **Missouri Valley Football Conference – Academic Year 2026-27***
 - c. **Ohio Valley Conference – Academic Year 2026-27***
- C. **Audit and Compliance** **Regent Waldrop**
 - 1) **Office of Internal Audit – Internal Audit Charter Reaffirmation***
 - 2) **Office of Internal Audit – Annual Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2027***
- D. **Buildings and Grounds** **Regent Wilson**
 - 1) **Facilities Management and Campus Improvement Projects Update (For Information Only)**
 - 2) **Program Statements**
 - a. **Baseball Clubhouse at Johnny Reagan Field and Expanded Baseball Complex***
 - b. **Draffen Family Founders Club***
 - c. **Softball Complex – Press Box, Clubhouse, Seating, Concessions and Restrooms***
 - d. **Faculty Hall Renovations***
 - 3) **Disposition of Structures – College Courts Buildings 500 (#0011), 600 (#0012), 700 (#0013), 800 (#0014), 1100 (#0017), and 1200 (#0018)***
- 10:30 a.m. (approx.) **Break for Board of Regents Group Photo – Front Steps Pogue Library**
- 11 a.m. (approx.) ***Taylor Family Park* Groundbreaking – Racer Entertainment Village**
- 12 noon (approx.) **Lunch – Pogue Library Grand Reading Room**
- 1 p.m. (approx.) **Reconvene**
- E. **Enrollment Management and Student Success** **Regent Roark**
 - 1) **Student Government Association Update (For Information Only)**
 - 2) **Student Affairs and Student Success Update (For Information Only)**
- F. **Finance** **Chair Meinschein**
 - 1) **Projects***
 - 2) **Personal Services Contracts***
 - 3) **Surplus Property Disposition***
 - 4) **Authorization for Issuance of General Receipts Bonds, 2026, Series B***
- G. **Legislative and Economic Development** **Regent Belcher**
 - 1) **Legislative Update (For Information Only)**

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- H. **Marketing and Community Engagement** **Regent Ovey**
1) **Naming Opportunities:**
a. *Owens Family Field – Softball**
b. *Jerry and Judy Rhoads Plaza in Woods Park**
c. *Dr. Elizabeth Johnson Simulation Studios – Jackson Hall**
d. *The Herman Eddie Roberts, Jr. Post 6291 Veteran and Military Student Success Lounge**

NOTE: Full Board action will follow Committee action.

10. **Personnel Changes** **President Patterson**
A. **Salary Roster***
B. **Faculty Sabbatical Leave Postponements**
1) **Dr. Marc Polizzi – Department of Political Science and Sociology***
2) **Dr. Robert Fritz – Department of Global Languages and Theatre Arts***
11. **Policy Changes** **President Patterson**
A. *Board of Regents Policy Manual Revisions – Section 1.1.D – Bylaws of Board of Regents, Section 2.1 – Executive Responsibilities of the President, Section 4.6 – Academic Promotion and Appointment and New Section 1.9 – Specific Authority Reserved to the Board (first reading)**
B. *Board of Regents Policy Manual – Section 2.3 – Capitalization (second reading)**
C. *Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual – Policy V H – Tax-Sheltered Annuities (second reading)**
D. *Faculty Handbook Revisions (includes Dismissal for Bona Fide Financial Reasons Policy – Section 2.8.5) (final reading)**
12. **Resolutions of Appreciation**
A. **Dr. Robert (Bob) Pervine – Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs***
B. **Dr. David Whaley – College of Education and Human Services***
13. **Closed Session** **Chair Meinschein**
A. **Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 61.810 (1)(c) – Pending Litigation**
14. **Supplemental Materials (For Information Only)** **President Patterson**
A. **“Good News” Report (Summer 2026)**
B. **Quarterly Branding, Marketing and Communication Report (April – June 2026)**
C. **Sponsored Programs – Grants and Contracts Report**
- **Awards by College/Department**
- **Awards by Funding Type**
- **Proposals Submitted by College or Department**
15. **Other Business** **Chair Meinschein**
16. **Adjournment** **Chair Meinschein**

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