



**MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Office of the President**

**SUBJECT:** Quarterly and Committee Meetings of the Murray State University Board of Regents on Friday, February 27, 2026

**DATE:** February 25, 2026

**TO:** Members of the News Media

**FROM:** Jill Hunt   
Secretary to the Board

The Murray State University Board of Regents will convene in Quarterly and Committee Session on Friday, February 27, 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.

The agenda for the Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting and Committee Meetings is attached.

Members of the general public are welcome to attend the Board of Regents Quarterly and Committee meetings in-person or they can view the meetings via the Livestream link provided: [murraystate.edu/streaming](http://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 Robbie Fitch



**AGENDA**  
**Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting and Committee Meetings**  
**Pogue Library – Jesse Stuart Room**  
**Friday, February 27, 2026**  
**8:30 a.m.**

1. **Call to Order** **Chair Fitch**
2. **Roll Call** **Secretary Hunt**
3. **Public Participation** **Chair Fitch**
4. **Consent Agenda** **Chair Fitch /President Patterson**
  - A. **Minutes**
    - 1) **Minutes of the Annual Board of Regents Retreat on August 28 2025\***
    - 2) **Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Regents on December 12, 2025\***
    - 3) **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents on January 23, 2026\***
  - B. **Report of the Registrar (Winter 2025 Conferral of Degrees)\***
  - C. **Audit and Compliance Committee (For Information Only)**
    - 1) **Office of Internal Audit – Summary of Presidential Travel Report for the Year-to-Date Ended December 31, 2025 (For Information Only)**
  - D. **Finance Committee**
    - 1) **Personal Services Contracts – Schedule of Expenditures (For Information Only)**
5. **Report of the Chair** **Chair Fitch**
6. **Report of the President** **President Patterson**
7. **Report of the Treasurer\*** **Vice President Foltz**  
**(Quarterly Financial and Investment Reports)**
8. **Committee Reports/Recommendations**
  - A. **Academic Excellence and Scholarly Activities** **Regent ZeRuth**
    - 1) **Board of Regents Self-Evaluation Survey Results (For Information Only)**
    - 2) **Academic Administrative Appointments Update (For Information Only)**
    - 3) **Academic Affairs Initiatives Update (For Information Only)**
    - 4) **Creation of a College of Veterinary Medicine\***
    - 5) **New Degree Program – Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Artificial Intelligence\***
    - 6) **Speech and Debate Union Update (For Information Only)**

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- B. Athletics** **Chair Fitch**  
 1) **Racer Athletics Update with MRJ Advisors (For Information Only)**
- C. Audit and Compliance** **Regent Waldrop**  
 1) **Office of Internal Audit – Amendment to Annual Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2026\***  
 2) **Audited Financial Statement – Federal Funds\***  
     a. **Single Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2025**  
 3) **Audited Financial Statement – WKMS-FM\***  
     a. **Required Auditor Communications**  
     b. **Audited Financial Statement for the Year Ended June 30, 2025**  
 4) **Audit Engagement Letter\***
- D. Buildings and Grounds** **Regent Wilson**
- E. Enrollment Management and Student Success** **Regent Roark**  
 1) **Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Update (For Information Only)**

12 noon (Approx.)                      **Lunch (Pogue Library Wells T. Lovett Grand Reading Room)**

1 p.m. (Approx.)                      **Reconvene**

- F. Finance** **Vice Chair Meinschein**  
 1) **Increase in Institutional Support – Department of Athletics’ Budget\***  
 2) **Approval of 2026-27 Tuition and Mandatory Fee Rates\***  
 3) **Approval of 2026-27 Dining Rates\***  
 4) **Annual Lease Report\***  
 5) **Personal Services Contracts\***  
 6) **Projects\***  
 7) **Capital Equipment Purchase Authorization – Department of Biological Sciences\***
- G. Legislative and Economic Development** **Regent Price**  
 1) **Legislative Update (For Information Only)**

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- H. Marketing and Community Engagement** **Regent Ovey**  
 1) **University Advancement Update (For Information Only)**  
 2) **Gift-in-Kind:**  
     a. **Dr. Kenneth Tucker Estate – Antique Book Collection – University Libraries\***  
 3) **Naming Opportunities:**  
     a. ***Bruce Brockenborough Performance Studio* – WKMS-FM\***  
     b. ***James T. Jennings Assistant Coach Office* – Department of Athletics\***

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9. **Personnel Changes** **President Patterson**  
A. **Contract of Employment Amendment – Department of Athletics Director Nico Yantko\***  
B. **2026-27 Faculty Sabbatical Leaves\***  
C. **Salary Roster\***
10. **Closed Session** **Chair Fitch/President Patterson**  
A. **Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 61.810(c) – Discussion of pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency**
11. **Supplemental Materials (For Information Only)** **President Patterson**  
A. **“Good News” Report (Winter 2026)**  
B. **Quarterly Branding, Marketing and Communication Report (October - December 2025)**  
C. **Sponsored Programs – Grants and Contracts Report**  
- **Awards by College/Department**  
- **Awards by Funding Source**  
- **Submissions by Funding Source**
12. **Other Business** **Chair Fitch**
13. **Adjournment** **Chair Fitch**

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