

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Bowling Green State University
June 25, 2026

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the McMaster Room 308, Bowen-Thompson Student Union at the Bowling Green campus on June 25, 2026: Amy Shore, Chair; Judy Budi, Phil Greenberg (virtual), Paul Hooker, Lia McMillan, Paula O'Reilly, Mark Remeis, Dr. Tom Shehab, Mizell Stewart III, Howard Traul II, and Luke Woolard.

Also present: Dr. Rodney Rogers, President; Dr. Patrick Pauken, Secretary to the Board of Trustees; members of the President's Cabinet, constituent representatives, members of the media, and a number of observers.

Ms. Shore called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (six trustees).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rodney Rogers updated the Board on several areas, including summer orientation sessions, planning for Weeks of Welcome, partnerships, and 2026 Homecoming.

MINUTES

No. 42-2026 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. Budi seconded that the minutes of April 30 and May 1, 2026 be approved as written.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Budgets – Bowling Green and Firelands Campuses

No. 43-2026 Ms. Budi moved and Ms. O'Reilly seconded that:

WHEREAS, an annual budget is prepared to provide a financial plan to guide the University for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the combined, total revenues for Bowling Green State University of \$535 million as fully described in the detailed budget provided in the **BGSU FY 2027 Proposed Budgets Book** have been proposed;

WHEREAS, both campus budgets include faculty merit compensation pools, promotion/tenure pools, staff compensation pools and associated benefit adjustments, as described more fully in the background to the resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Fiscal Year 2027 Educational and General Budgets, the General Fee and Related Auxiliary Budgets, the Miscellaneous Auxiliary Budgets, the Office of Housing and the Office of Residence Life Budgets, and the Dining Hall Budget as fully described in the detailed budgets provided in the proposed **BGSU FY 2027 Proposed Budgets Book** for the Bowling Green and Firelands Campuses.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Ms. Budi, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. O'Reilly, Mr. Remeis, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

Approval of Emeriti Faculty

No. 44-2026 Ms. Budi moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

approval be given to the emeritus status of the following faculty members who have retired or will be retiring by the end of the summer term, as recommended by the appropriate department, the college dean, the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Commemoratives, the Senior Vice President and Provost, and the University President.

Professor Emeriti

James Foust, School of Media and Communication
Cynthia Miglietti, Applied Science

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. O’Reilly, Mr. Remeis, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

Approval of Program Change: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

No. 45-2026 Mr. Budi moved and Ms. O’Reilly seconded that:

WHEREAS, the Psychology Department continues to attract strong student interest as one of the university’s most popular majors;

WHEREAS, proposed revisions to the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree represent a strategic curricular transformation that strengthens the scientific foundation of the program while enhancing student success and career readiness;

WHEREAS, the revised program better communicates the value of psychological science, supports students pursuing diverse career paths in mental health, research, education, and human services, and aligns with growing demand for evidence-based understanding of human behavior-positioning the program for continued enrollment strength;

WHEREAS, the revised major introduces a more rigorous scientific foundation, an integrated research methods and statistics sequence, expanded advanced coursework opportunities, and enhanced breadth requirements that include Multicultural Psychology as a category option;

WHEREAS, these changes respond to student feedback, reflect faculty capacity, and align with disciplinary best practices in psychological science;

WHEREAS, these revisions eliminate bottlenecks in student progress, strengthen retention of research skills, and provide opportunities for students to pursue specialized interests through advanced courses;

WHEREAS, the program advances BGSU’s Forward strategic priorities by supporting relevant and sustainable 21st-century programs through enhanced recruitment and retention, advancing intensive focus on career and student success outcomes by integrating Life Design from the first semester and strengthening research skills development, and differentiating the BGSU experience by aligning with APA undergraduate guidelines and providing rigorous scientific training combined with diverse advanced coursework;

WHEREAS, this proposal strengthens student outcomes, improves program efficiency, and reinforces the university’s mission to provide transformative educational experiences that prepare students for meaningful careers; and

WHEREAS, the program has successfully passed all required stages of review and does not require new funds for implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Program Change: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. O’Reilly, Mr. Remeis, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

Approval of the Naming of the Mary Ellen Mazey Quadrangle

No. 46-2026 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. O’Reilly seconded that:

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Mazey became the 11th president of Bowling Green State University on July 1, 2011, ushering in a transformative era for the University;

WHEREAS, under her leadership, BGSU experienced a renaissance marked by academic growth, campus revitalization and an enhanced national profile;

WHEREAS, enrollment increased as the University welcomed some of the most academically accomplished classes in its history at that time;

WHEREAS, across campus, classrooms and facilities were renovated, expanded and modernized to create a premier learning environment for students, faculty and staff;

WHEREAS, Dr. Mazey championed major capital projects that continue to shape the future of BGSU, including the Michael & Sara Kuhlman Center and significant renovations to University Hall and Moseley Hall;

WHEREAS, she also led the University's second comprehensive fundraising campaign, focused on advancing student scholarships, endowed professorships and leadership positions, academic programs, and facility enhancements;

WHEREAS, during her tenure, BGSU strengthened its reputation both nationally and globally through strategic public and private partnerships;

WHEREAS, collaborations with the Ohio Attorney General brought the Bureau of Criminal Investigation crime laboratory to campus, while partnerships with Wood County Hospital led to the establishment of the Falcon Health Center;

WHEREAS, she also worked closely with regional leaders to support economic development initiatives and expanded educational access by creating new pathways for prospective students and launching innovative academic programs designed to meet regional needs;

WHEREAS, a steadfast advocate for student success, Dr. Mazey was deeply committed to cultivating a distinctive BG experience;

WHEREAS, her leadership emphasized preparing students to excel in the workforce and make meaningful contributions to their communities;

WHEREAS, under her guidance, BGSU expanded opportunities for undergraduate and graduate research and reinforced its commitment to experiential learning as a cornerstone of leadership development;

WHEREAS, a first-generation college graduate, Dr. Mazey earned bachelor's and master's degrees from West Virginia University and a Ph.D. in geography from the University of Cincinnati;

WHEREAS, in recognition of her visionary leadership, innovation and enduring contributions to Bowling Green State University, the BGSU Board of Trustees awarded her the title of President Emerita in December 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore especially fitting that the Mary Ellen Mazey Quadrangle, adjacent to Carillon Bell Tower, be named in her honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the remarkable legacy of President Emerita Mary Ellen Mazey, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of the Mary Ellen Mazey Quadrangle.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Ms. Budi, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. O'Reilly, Mr. Remeis, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

Approval of the Naming of the Mosser Student Collaboration Space

No. 47-2026 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, Mosser Construction is a well-established Ohio-based general contractor and construction management firm headquartered in Fremont, Ohio, with additional operations in Maumee, Ohio;

WHEREAS, founded in 1948, the company has grown into one of northwest Ohio's leading regional contractors and operates as a 100% employee-owned ESOP company, emphasizing long-term stability, safety, and employee investment in project quality;

WHEREAS, the company provides services including general contracting, construction management, design-build delivery, and self-performed trades such as concrete, excavation, masonry, carpentry, and demolition;

WHEREAS, Mosser has completed a wide range of projects throughout Ohio and the Midwest, including university facilities, water treatment plants, manufacturing sites, and highway infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, the firm is especially recognized for its work with public-sector and institutional clients, including numerous projects for Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, Mosser is regarded as a reputable and experienced regional contractor with strong expertise in public infrastructure and institutional construction;

WHEREAS, its long history, employee-owned structure, and extensive portfolio have made it a significant presence in Ohio's construction industry for more than 75 years;

WHEREAS, the company has made a generous gift to support the renovation of the Engineering and Innovation Center; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mosser's philanthropic support, it is most fitting that the Mosser Student Collaboration Space be named in its honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of Mosser Construction's philanthropic support of Bowling Green State University, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of the Mosser Student Collaboration Space.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Ms. Budi, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. O'Reilly, Mr. Remeis, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

Approval to Initiate Comprehensive Multi-Year Fundraising Campaign

No. 48-2026 Mr. Remeis moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University has demonstrated continued progress in advancing student success, academic innovation, access and opportunity, and partnerships that support the public good; and

WHEREAS, the successful completion of the Changing Lives for the World campaign, which raised more than \$255 million, affirmed the important role of private support in advancing the University mission; and

WHEREAS, the University is prepared to pursue a new comprehensive fundraising campaign to support strategic priorities, strengthen donor engagement and expand philanthropic impact; and

WHEREAS, the proposed campaign will begin July 1, 2026 and continue for a duration of seven years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the initiation of a seven-year comprehensive fundraising campaign beginning July 1, 2026.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Ms. Budi, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. O'Reilly, Mr. Remeis, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

Approval of 2027-2028 Board of Trustees Schedule of Meetings

No. 49-2026 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. O'Reilly seconded that:

Approval be given for the Proposed Board of Trustees Schedule of Meetings for 2027-2028, as listed below.

September 23-24, 2027
December 2-3, 2027
February 17-18, 2028
May 4-5, 2028
June 22-23, 2028

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. O’Reilly, Mr. Remeis, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

Election of Officers

No. 50-2026 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

Approval be given to the election of the following persons as officers of the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees for 2026-2027, effective Monday, June 29, 2026:

Chair, Amy Shore
Vice-Chair, Russ Martin
Secretary, Liz Turi

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. O’Reilly, Mr. Remeis, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Patrick Pauken in Recognition of 18 Years of Dedicated Service as Secretary to the Board of Trustees

No. 51-2026 Ms. Budi moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick Pauken has served as Secretary to the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University from August 28, 2008 through June 30, 2026, totaling eighteen (18) years of continuous service as Board Secretary; and

WHEREAS, throughout those years, Dr. Pauken demonstrated unwavering commitment to the University’s mission, exercised exceptional attention to detail, and conducted himself with the highest standards of professionalism and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pauken brought a deep knowledge of and passion for parliamentary procedure that strengthened the Board’s deliberations and governance practices; and

WHEREAS, through countless hours of meticulous preparation and thoughtful counsel, Dr. Pauken exercised the utmost patience and flexibility while ensuring that Board meetings ran smoothly, that members were well-informed, and that the Board discharged its duties effectively and transparently; and

WHEREAS, in addition to fulfilling the duties of Secretary, Dr. Pauken has also concurrently served as Professor and Director of the School of Counseling, Higher Education, Leadership, and Foundations, where he has been an exceedingly impactful educator mentoring students, advancing academic programs, and strengthening the University’s teaching mission since joining the University in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to formally recognize and express its gratitude for Dr. Pauken’s distinguished service on behalf of the University and its students, faculty, staff, and broader community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Patrick Pauken for eighteen years of exemplary service as Secretary to the Board of Trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board commends Dr. Pauken for his dedication to institutional governance, the professionalism he modeled, and the lasting contributions he made to the Board and the University; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board directs that this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Board, that a copy be presented to Dr. Patrick Pauken, and that the Chair, on behalf of the Board, convey the Board's thanks and best wishes as he continues to share his talents as an educator and mentor as a Professor in the School of Counseling, Higher Education, Leadership, and Foundations.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Ms. Budi, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. O'Reilly, Mr. Remeis, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Shore provided a few brief announcements and noted that the next meeting will be held on September 25, 2026, on the Bowling Green campus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:22 a.m., Mr. Traul moved and Ms. O'Reilly seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.