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BOARD OF CURATORS  
Minutes of the Board of Curators Meeting  
Thursday, April 17, 2025

A Health Affairs Committee meeting was held April 10, 2025, in conjunction with the April 17, 2025, Board meeting.

**BOARD OF CURATORS MEETING – PUBLIC SESSION**

A meeting of the Board of Curators was convened in public session at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 17, 2025, in St. Pat's Ballroom A&B of the Havener Center on the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus, Rolla, Missouri, pursuant to public notice given of said meeting. Curator Todd P. Graves, Chair of the Board of Curators, presided over the meeting.

Present

The Honorable Robert D. Blitz  
The Honorable Robert W. Fry  
The Honorable Todd P. Graves  
The Honorable Lyda Krewson  
The Honorable Jeff L. Layman  
The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer  
The Honorable John M. Raines  
The Honorable Jeanne Cairns Sinquefield

The Honorable Michael A. Williams was absent.

Also Present

Dr. Mun Y. Choi, President, University of Missouri  
Mr. Mark A. Menghini, General Counsel  
Ms. Valerie Slayton, Secretary of the Board of Curators  
Dr. C. Mauli Agrawal, Chancellor, University of Missouri–Kansas City  
Dr. Mohammad Dehghani, Chancellor, Missouri University of Science and Technology  
Dr. Kristin Sobolik, Chancellor, University of Missouri–St. Louis  
Dr. Richard Barohn, Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs

Dr. John Denker, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer  
Ms. Marsha Fischer, Vice President for Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer  
Mr. Jim Grimes, Chief Audit and Compliance Officer  
Dr. John Middleton, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief of Staff  
Mr. Ryan D. Rapp, Executive Vice President of Finance & Operations & MU Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Kevin Hogg, Assistant Vice President and Treasurer  
Mr. Rob Kanzer, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC  
Dr. Sarah Diem, Interim Dean for the College of Education and Human Development, University of Missouri  
Dr. Brenda Lohman, Department Chair, Human Development and Family Science, University of Missouri  
Dr. Colin Potts, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Missouri University of Science and Technology  
Dr. Stephen Gao, Curators' Distinguished Teaching Professor of Geosciences and Geological and Petroleum Engineering, Missouri University of Science and Technology  
Media representatives

## **General Business**

Board Secretary Valerie Slayton administered the oath of office for Curator Blaine Luetkemeyer and Curator John M. Raines.

University of Missouri Board Chair's Report – presented by Chair Graves (slides on file)

Chair Graves presented a report regarding:

- Recognition of Missouri S&T Curators' Distinguished Professors Merilee Krueger and Ming Leu.
- Transformational Research and Development

University of Missouri System President's Report – presented by President Choi (slides on file)

President Choi presented a report that included updates for each university regarding:

- Missouri S&T and UMKC Carnegie R1 Designation
- UM Leadership Appointments
- Enrollment and Student Success
- Faculty Success

Missouri S&T Campus Highlights – presented by Chancellor Dehghani (slides on file)

Chancellor Dehghani presented a report that included updates regarding:

- Research and Major Grants
- National Recognition
- Enrollment and Student Success
- Capital Improvements

2026 Board of Curators Meeting Calendar

It was recommended by Chair Graves, endorsed by President Choi, moved by Curator Sinquefield and seconded by Curator Raines, that the proposed 2026 Board of Curators meeting calendar be approved as follows:

PROPOSED 2026 BOARD OF CURATORS MEETING CALENDAR

<u>DAY(S)</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Thursday	February 6	UM – Kansas City
Thursday	April 16	Missouri S&T
Thursday	June 25	TBD
Thursday	September 5	UM – Columbia
Thursday	November 19	UM – St. Louis

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

Approve Amended Board of Curators Executive Committee and Standing Committee Appointments, 2025

It was recommended by Chair Graves, moved by Curator Layman and seconded by Curator Luetkemeyer, that the following Board of Curators Executive Committee, Standing Committees and Mizzou Intercollegiate Athletics Special Committee appointments be approved for 2025:

**Executive Committee**

Todd P. Graves, Chair  
Michael A. Williams, Vice-Chair  
Jeff L. Layman

**Academic, Student Affairs, Research and Economic Development Committee**

Jeanne Cairns Sinquefield, Chair  
Robert D. Blitz  
Jeff L. Layman  
Michael A. Williams

**Audit, Compliance and Ethics Committee**

John M. Raines, Chair  
Lyda Krewson  
Blaine Luetkemeyer  
Jeanne Cairns Sinquefield

**Finance Committee**

Lyda Krewson, Chair  
Robert D. Blitz  
Robert W. Fry  
Blaine Luetkemeyer

**Governance and Human Resources Committee**

Robert W. Fry, Chair  
Lyda Krewson  
Jeff L. Layman

**Health Affairs Committee**

Michael A. Williams, Chair  
Ronald G. Ashworth (non-curator)  
Phillip Burger (non-curator)  
Dan P. Devers (non-curator)  
Robert W. Fry  
Jeff L. Layman  
John M. Raines  
Dr. James H. Whitaker (non-curator)

**Mizzou Intercollegiate Athletics Special Committee**

Robert D. Blitz, Chair  
Todd P. Graves  
Jeff L. Layman

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

Review Consent Agenda – No discussion.

### **Consent Agenda**

It was endorsed by President Choi, moved by Curator Fry and seconded by Curator Williams, that the following items be approved by consent agenda:

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes, February 6, 2025 Board of Curators Meeting
- B. Minutes, March 5, 2025 Mizzou Intercollegiate Athletics Special Committee Meeting
- C. Minutes, March 17, 2025 Board of Curators Special Meeting
- D. Degrees, Spring Semester 2025 for all universities
- E. Annual Approval of Committee Charters
- F. Approval of Collected Rules & Regulations 145.010, 145.015, 145.020, 145.030, Debt & Derivatives Policies, UM
- G. Project Approval - School of Engineering – Science Complex Renovation, UMSL
- H. Test Optional Admissions, MU, S&T, UMSL
- I. Amendment, Collected Rules & Regulation 200.010, Standard of Conduct, UM

- A. Minutes, February 6, 2025 Board of Curators Meeting – as provided to the Curators for review and approval.
- B. Minutes, March 5, 2025 Mizzou Intercollegiate Athletics Special Committee Meeting – as provided to the Curators for review and approval.
- C. Minutes, March 17, 2025 Board of Curators Special Meeting - as provided to the Curators for review and approval.
- D. Degrees, Spring Semester 2025 for all universities

the action of the President of the University of Missouri in awarding degrees and certificates to candidates recommended by the various faculties and committees of the four University of Missouri System campuses who fulfill the requirements for such degrees and certificates at the end of the Spring Semester 2025, shall be approved, and that the lists of said students who have been awarded degrees and certificates be included in the records of the meeting.

E. Annual Approval of Committee Charters

that the Board Standing Committee Charters, as reviewed by the Committee Chairs and Executive liaisons, be approved as attached.

F. Approval of Collected Rules & Regulations 145.010, 145.015, 145.020, 145.030, Debt & Derivatives Policies, UM

Existing debt & derivatives policies, Sections 145.010, 145.015, 145.020, 145.030, be amended, as noted in the attached documents

G. Project Approval – UMSL School of Engineering – Science Complex Renovation, UMSL

the project approval for the School of Engineering – Science Complex Renovation, UMSL

Funding of the project is from:

State	\$15,000,000
Total Funding	\$15,000,000

H. Test Optional Undergraduate Admission Pilot 1-Year Extension

that the University of Missouri – Columbia, Missouri University of Science and Technology, and University of Missouri-St. Louis extend the test optional undergraduate admissions pilot by one year to encompass the Fall 2026 admissions cycle.

I. Amendment to Collected Rules & Regulation 200.010, Standard of Conduct

that the amendment to Collected Rules and Regulations 200.010: Standard of Conduct as presented, be approved.

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

**Finance Committee**

Curator Krewson provided time for discussion of committee business.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Update – presented by Executive Vice President Ryan Rapp (slides on file for this information only item)

Debt and Credit Update, UM – presented by Assistant Vice President Kevin Hogg and Rob Kanzer of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC (slides on file for this information only item)

Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary State Operating and Capital Appropriation Request, UM - presented by Executive Vice President Ryan Rapp (slides on file for this information only item)

Approval, Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Plans for MU, MU Health Care, Missouri S&T, UMKC, and UMSL – presented by Executive Vice President Ryan Rapp (slides on file)

It was recommended by President Choi, Chancellor Agrawal, Chancellor Dehghani, and Chancellor Sobolik, recommended by the Finance Committee, moved by Curator Fry and seconded by Curator Luetkemeyer, that the:

- MU: Capital Plan included in Finance Plan:
- Energy Innovation Center
  - NextGen MURR Phase One
  - Jesse Hall Exterior Masonry/Metal Repairs & Window Replacement
  - Pickard Hall Mitigation
  - Audrey J Walton Track and Field and Soccer Field Stadium Improvements

- Strategic Projects Development Plan:
- Animal Resource Center: Vivarium Facility Expansion
  - Middlebush Farm: Swine Collaboration Research Facility
  - Greenley Farm: New Learning Center
  - Rollins Hall: Renovate Dining to Modernize Food Offerings
  - Virginia Ave Housing: Repair & Renovation
  - Chemistry Teaching Lab Renewal
  - McDavid Residence Hall: Convert to Academic Building
  - Strickland Hall: Renewal & Addition
  - Lefevre Hall: Renovation & Addition
  - Waters Hall: Renovation & Addition
  - Utility Capacity & Resiliency Improvements

- MUHC: Strategic Projects Development Plan:
- MUHC Campus Consolidation & Inpatient Services Expansion
  - Callaway County Rural Health Expansion

- UMKC: Capital Plan modifications included in Finance Plan:
- Olson Performing Arts Center Addition & Renovations Phase I

Strategic Projects Development Plan:

- School of Dentistry New Facility at St. Joseph
- New Brookside Arena
- New Science, Engineering, Education, and Research Building
- Campuswide Classroom Improvements
- Olson Performing Arts Center Addition & Renovations Phase II

Missouri S&T: Capital Plan modifications included in Finance Plan:

- Critical Minerals Scaling Facility

Strategic Projects Development Plan:

- Physics Building Renovation
- Innovation Campus Program Expansion
- Computer Science Building Renovation

UMSL: Capital Plan modifications included in Finance Plan:

- UMSL School of Engineering - Science Complex Renovation

Strategic Projects Development Plan:

- Stadler Hall Renovation

be approved for further planning and development as described in the following materials.

Roll call vote of the committee:

The motion carried unanimously (4-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

It was recommended by President Choi, Chancellor Agrawal, Chancellor Dehghani, and Chancellor Sobolik, recommended by the Finance Committee, moved by Curator Krewson and seconded by Curator Raines, that the:

MU: Capital Plan included in Finance Plan:

- Energy Innovation Center
- NextGen MURR Phase One
- Jesse Hall Exterior Masonry/Metal Repairs & Window Replacement
- Pickard Hall Mitigation
- Audrey J Walton Track and Field and Soccer Field Stadium Improvements

Strategic Projects Development Plan:



- Animal Resource Center: Vivarium Facility Expansion
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MUHC: Strategic Projects Development Plan:

- MUHC Campus Consolidation & Inpatient Services Expansion
- Callaway County Rural Health Expansion

UMKC: Capital Plan modifications included in Finance Plan:

- Olson Performing Arts Center Addition & Renovations Phase I

Strategic Projects Development Plan:

- School of Dentistry New Facility at St. Joseph
- New Brookside Arena
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Missouri S&T: Capital Plan modifications included in Finance Plan:

- Critical Minerals Scaling Facility

Strategic Projects Development Plan:

- Physics Building Renovation
- Innovation Campus Program Expansion
- Computer Science Building Renovation

UMSL: Capital Plan modifications included in Finance Plan:

- UMSL School of Engineering - Science Complex Renovation

Strategic Projects Development Plan:

- Stadler Hall Renovation

be approved for further planning and development as described in the following materials.

Roll call vote of the Board:

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

Naming of the Dr. Dan Brown Building, located at the University of Missouri-Columbia – presented by Executive Vice President Ryan Rapp

It was recommended and endorsed by President Mun Y. Choi and Provost Matthew Martens, moved by Curator Fry and seconded by Curator Luetkemeyer, that the following action be approved:

to name the building housing the new diagnostic laboratory on the MU campus the Dr. Dan Brown Building.

Roll call vote of the Committee:

The motion carried unanimously (4-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

It was recommended and endorsed by President Mun Y. Choi and Provost Matthew Martens, moved by Curator Krewson and seconded by Curator Raines, that the following action be approved:

to name the building housing the new diagnostic laboratory on the MU campus the Dr. Dan Brown Building.

Roll call vote of the Board:

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

### **Governance and Human Resources Committee**

Curator Fry provided time for discussion of committee business.

2024 Annual Benefits Report, UM – presented by Vice President Marsha Fischer (slides on file for this information only item)

Annual Retirement Plan Actuarial Report & Required Contribution - Written report only

### **Academic, Student Affairs, Research and Economic Development Committee**

Curator Sinquefield provided time for discussion of committee business.

Intercollegiate Athletics Annual Report - Missouri University of Science and Technology – presented by Athletic Director Melissa Ringhausen (slides on file for this information only item)

PhD in Human Development and Family Science, University of Missouri-Columbia – presented by Interim Dean Sarah Diem and Brenda Lohman

It was recommended and endorsed by President of the University of Missouri Mun Y. Choi, recommended by the Academic, Student Affairs and Research & Economic Development Committee, moved by Curator Layman, seconded by Curator Blitz that the following action be approved:

that the University of Missouri-Columbia be authorized to submit the attached proposal for a PhD in Human Development and Family Science to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for approval.

Roll call vote of the Committee:

The motion carried unanimously (3-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

PhD in Human Development and Family Science, University of Missouri-Columbia  
Brenda Lohman

It was recommended and endorsed by President of the University of Missouri Mun Y. Choi, recommended by the Academic, Student Affairs and Research & Economic Development Committee, moved by Curator Sinquefield, seconded by Curator Fry that the following action be approved:

that the University of Missouri-Columbia be authorized to submit the attached proposal for a PhD in Human Development and Family Science to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for approval.

Roll call vote of the Board:

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

MS in Geospatial Engineering, Missouri University of Science and Technology –  
presented by Provost Colin Potts and Stephen Gao

It was recommended and endorsed by President of the University of Missouri Mun Y. Choi, recommended by the Academic, Student Affairs and Research & Economic Development Committee, moved by Curator Layman, seconded by Curator Blitz that the following action be approved:

that the Missouri University of Science and Technology be authorized to submit the attached proposal for a MS in Geospatial Engineering to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for approval.

Roll call vote of the Committee:

The motion carried unanimously (3-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

It was recommended and endorsed by President of the University of Missouri Mun Y. Choi, recommended by the Academic, Student Affairs and Research & Economic Development Committee, moved by Curator Sinquefield, seconded by Curator Fry that the following action be approved:

that the Missouri University of Science and Technology be authorized to submit the attached proposal for a MS in Geospatial Engineering to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for approval.

Roll call vote of the Board:

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by voice vote with no abstentions.

**Health Affairs Committee Chair Report**

Curator Layman provided time for discussion of committee business.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean Report – presented by Richard Barohn, MD (slides on file for this information item)

The minutes for January 30, 2025, Health Affairs Committee meeting were approved at the April 10, 2025, committee meeting. All information reports presented at the committee meeting are on file with the minutes of this meeting.

### **Audit, Compliance and Ethics Committee**

Curator Raines provided time for discussion of committee business.

Internal Audit Compliance and Ethics Quarterly Report, UM – presented by Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Jim Grimes (slides and information on file)

### **General Business**

Good and Welfare of the Board – Draft June 26, 2025, Board of Curators meeting agenda – no discussion (on file)

### **Resolution for Executive Session of the Board of Curators Meeting, April 17, 2025**

It was moved by Curator Sinquefield and seconded by Curator Fry, that there shall be an executive session with a closed record and closed vote of the Board of Curators meeting April 17, 2025, for consideration of:

- **Section 610.021(1), RSMo**, relating to matters identified in that provision, which include legal actions, causes of action or litigation, and confidential or privileged communications with counsel; and
- **Section 610.021(2), RSMo**, relating to matters identified in that provision, which include leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate; and
- **Section 610.021(3), RSMo**, relating to matters identified in that provision, which include hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees; and
- **Section 610.021(12), RSMo**, relating to matters identified in that provision, which include sealed bids and related documents and sealed proposals and related documents or documents related to a negotiated contract; and
- **Section 610.021(13), RSMo**, relating to matters identified in that provision, which include individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings, or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment; and

- **Section 610.021(17), RSMo**, relating to matters identified in that provision, which include confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body and its auditor.

Roll call vote of the Board:

Curator Blitz voted yes.

Curator Fry voted yes.

Curator Graves voted yes.

Curator Krewson voted yes.

Curator Layman voted yes.

Curator Luetkemeyer voted yes.

Curator Raines voted yes.

Curator Sinquefield voted yes.

Curator Williams was absent.

The motion carried.

**11:30 A.M. – Luncheon for the Board of Curators, President and University of Missouri System Leaders (by invitation)**

Location: Havener Center, St. Pat's Ballroom A&B

**Board of Curators Meeting – Executive Session**

A meeting of the University of Missouri Board of Curators was convened in executive session at 11:30 A.M., on Thursday, April 17, 2025, in the Silver and Gold Room, Havener Center on the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus, pursuant to public notice given of said meeting. Curator Todd P. Graves, Chair of the Board of Curators, presided over the meeting.

Present

The Honorable Robert D. Blitz

The Honorable Robert W. Fry

The Honorable Todd P. Graves

The Honorable Lyda Krewson

The Honorable Jeff L. Layman

The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer

The Honorable John M. Raines

The Honorable Jeanne Cairns Sinquefield

The Honorable Michael A. Williams was absent.

Also Present

Dr. Mun Y. Choi, President, University of Missouri  
Mr. Mark A. Menghini, General Counsel  
Ms. Valerie Slayton, Secretary of the Board of Curators  
Mr. Ryan D. Rapp, Executive Vice President of Finance & Operations & MU Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Richard Barohn, Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs  
Mr. Ric Ransom, Chief Executive Officer, MU Health Care  
Mr. Laird Veatch, MU Athletic Director

**Consent Agenda – Executive Session**

It was endorsed by President Choi, moved by Curator Fry and seconded by Curator Luetkemeyer, that the following items be approved by consent agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action

A. Curators' Distinguished Professor Emeritus – Richard Brow, S&T

It was recommended by Chancellor Mohammad Dehghani, endorsed by President of the University of Missouri Mun Y. Choi, recommended by the Academic, Student Affairs and Research & Economic Development Committee, moved by Curator Fry, and seconded by Curator Luetkemeyer, that the following action be approved:

that upon the recommendation of President Mun Y. Choi, the Provost, and the University of Missouri System Office of Academic Affairs, it is recommended that Professor Richard Brow be named to the position of University of Missouri Curators' Distinguished Professor Emeritus, effective 03/01/2025.

Roll call vote of the Board:

Curator Blitz voted yes.  
Curator Fry voted yes.  
Curator Graves voted yes.  
Curator Krewson voted yes.  
Curator Layman voted yes.  
Curator Luetkemeyer voted yes.  
Curator Raines voted yes.

Curator Sinquefield voted yes.  
Curator Williams was absent.

The motion carried.

## **General Business**

President's Report – presented by President Choi

No action taken by the Board.

General Counsel's Report – presented by General Counsel Menghini

No action taken by the Board.

Athletic Director Laird Veatch joined the meeting.

Athletics Update – presented by Athletic Director Laird Veatch (slides on file)

No action taken by the Board.

Mr. Veatch left the meeting. Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Barohn and Chief Executive Officer Ric Ransom joined the meeting.

Anthem Update – presented by Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Barohn and Chief Executive Officer Ric Ransom

No action taken by the Board.

Executive Vice Chancellor Barohn and Chief Executive Officer Ransom left the meeting.

Budget Update – presented by Executive Vice President Ryan Rapp

No action taken by the Board.

President Choi, General Counsel Menghini, Executive Vice President Rapp, and Ms. Slayton left the meeting.



Curator's Only Report

No action taken by the Board.

Adjourn, Board of Curators Meeting and Committee Meetings, April 17, 2025

It was moved by Curator Luetkemeyer and seconded by Curator Raines that the Board of Curators meeting and committee meetings, April 17, 2025, be adjourned.

Roll call vote of the Board:

Curator Blitz voted yes.

Curator Fry voted yes.

Curator Graves voted yes.

Curator Krewson voted yes.

Curator Layman voted yes.

Curator Luetkemeyer voted yes.

Curator Raines voted yes.

Curator Sinquefield voted yes.

Curator Williams was absent.

The motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the Board of Curators, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 P.M. on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie M. Slayton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Valerie" being the most prominent part.

Valerie M. Slayton  
Secretary of the Board of Curators  
University of Missouri System

Approved by the Board of Curators on June 26, 2025.