



# Board of Trustees

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY—OF THE COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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## PUBLIC SESSION

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Sullivan Hall Room 200 / Video Conferencing

## MINUTES

**Presiding Officer: Mitchell L. Morgan, Chair of the Board**

*Secretary's Note: The trustees met first in Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.*

### PARTICIPANTS

#### Trustees:

Barry C. Arkles	Solomon C. Luo
Christopher Barnett	Joseph W. Marshall, III
Stephen G. Charles	Anthony J. McIntyre
Alan M. Cohen	Mitchell L. Morgan, Chair
Ellen Cooper	Bret S. Perkins
Nelson A. Diaz	Pedro Ramos
Fay Dunbar	Michael H. Reed
Patrick J. Eiding	Philip C. Richards, Vice Chair
Judith A. Felgoise	Charles Ryan
Lon Greenberg	Jane Scaccetti
Kellyn Hodges	James D. Schultz
Marina Kats	Kenneth Scott
Drew A. Katz	Laura Sparks
Susanna Lachs	Christine Tartaglione
Amy Larovere	Tiffany A. Wilson

**President:** John Fry

**University Secretary:** Michael B. Gebhardt

**University Counsel:** Cameron J. Etezady

#### Non-Voting Representatives:

Shohreh Amini, Faculty Senate President

Lourdes Cardamone, Student Government President

#### Designees:

Stewart L. Cohen Esq. (Governor)

Ali Caccavella (PA Secretary of Education)

Mr. Morgan, Chair of the Board, called the Public Session to order.

## Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the minutes of its meeting on January 28, 2026.

### *President's Remarks*

President Fry delivered remarks regarding recent events and progress on the strategic plan, Forward with Purpose, and its key priorities of student success, research in action and place-based impact.

During President Fry's remarks, two individuals present in Feinstone Lounge created a disturbance through amplified sound and shouting. President Fry continued his remarks and ultimately the individuals were removed.

## **Academic Affairs, Student Success, and Diversity Committee**

*Jane Scaccetti, Chair*

### 1. Creation of Honors College

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs, Student Success, and Diversity Committee (4/15/2026), authorized the officers to create an Honors College, as set forth in Agenda Reference 1.

## **Development Committee**

*Bret S. Perkins, Chair*

### 2. Naming Gift for Honors College

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Development Committee (4/14/2026), approved the naming gift for the Honors College.

## **Academic Affairs, Student Success, and Diversity Committee**

*Jane Scaccetti, Chair*

### 3. Consideration of Tenure

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendations of the Academic Affairs, Student Success, and Diversity Committee (4/15/2026) and the President, pursuant to the procedures outlined in the *Temple University Faculty Handbook* and the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Temple University – Of The Commonwealth System of granting of faculty tenure, recommend that the Board of Trustees grant tenure to the faculty on the list on file in the Office of the Provost. [The tenure dossiers are available for review in the Office of the Provost.]

4. Academic Program Actions

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs, Student Success, and Diversity Committee (4/15/2026), authorized the officers to implement the academic program actions, as described in Agenda Reference 4.

**Finance and Investment Committee**

*Alan M. Cohen, Chair*

5. Room & Board Rates for Academic Year 2026-2027

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee (4/15/2026), approved Room & Board Rates for academic year 2026-2027, as described in Agenda Reference 5.

6. Amendments to Investment Policy Statement

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee (4/15/2026), approved the amendments to the Investment Policy statement, as described in Agenda Reference 6.

*Facilities and Real Estate Matters:*

7. 1500 N. Broad Street Improvements (Burk Mansion) Phase 1

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee (4/15/2026), authorized the officers to proceed with the 1500 N. Broad Street Improvements (Burk Mansion) Phase 1 project at a cost not to exceed \$30,000,000, inclusive of \$2,500,000 previously approved, with the funding and financing sources being the DGS Fund (810065-80980-7730-07; \$15,000,000); Plant Development Fund FY26 (100000-80220-7385-07; \$12,500,000); Private Giving (100000-66009-7730-06: \$5,000,000), as described in Agenda Reference 7.

8. West Campus Chiller Plant Phase 2 of 2

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee (4/15/2026), authorized the officers to proceed with the West Campus Chiller Plant Phase 2 of 2 project at a cost not to exceed \$14,000,000, inclusive of \$10,000,000 previously approved, with the funding and financing sources being the DGS Fund (810065-80980-7730-07; \$1,800,000), University Reserves Fund (100000-66009-7730-06; \$2,700,000), as described in Agenda Reference 8.

*Reports of the Standing Committees*

9. The reports of the standing committees that met during this period, and TUHS, report were received as presented as found at Tabs 9-14.

## **Treasurer's Report**

*David Marino, Interim COO and Treasurer*

15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Investment Reports for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2025, were received, said Reports being included and identified in Agenda Reference 15.

## **Secretary's Report**

*Michael Gebhardt, Vice President and University Secretary*

16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the degrees-in course approved by the appropriate academic committees of the faculty.
  - a) that degrees for School of Pharmacy students who regularly complete their studies in June shall be dated June 24, 2026, and in August shall be August 8, 2026;
  - b) that degrees for Lewis Katz School of Medicine students who regularly complete their studies in June shall be dated June 15, 2026, and in August shall be August 8, 2026;
  - c) that degrees for Beasley School of Law students who regularly complete their studies in July shall be dated July 15, 2026, and in August shall be August 15, 2026;
  - d) that degrees for Kornberg School of Dentistry students who regularly complete their studies in June shall be dated June 30, 2026, and in August shall be August 31, 2026;
  - e) that the respective deans of the Lewis Katz School of Medicine, Beasley School of Law, Kornberg School of Dentistry, and School of Pharmacy shall provide a certificate verifying said receipt;
  - f) that degrees for candidates approved by the appropriate academic committees of the faculty shall be dated June 24, 2026, August 08, 2026, or August 31, 2026, as applicable;
  - g) and otherwise, such dates as appropriate to the completion of all degree requirements for the applicable academic program.

*Guest Speakers:*

### **President, Faculty Senate**

*Professor Shohreh Amini  
College of Science & Technology*

### **President, Temple Student Government**

*Lourdes Cardamone  
College of Liberal Arts*

Old Business

New Business

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