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Kirksville 63501

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OPEN SESSION  
OF MEETING ON  
AUGUST 2, 2025

The Board of Governors for Truman State University met on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the University campus in Kirksville, Missouri. Philip J. Christofferson, Chair of the Board of Governors, called the open session to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (3000) of the Student Union Building.

Six voting members participated in the meeting. Sarah Burkemper, Philip J. Christofferson, Nancy Gingrich, and William B. Lovegreen were in attendance, and Taylor W. Burks and Jennifer Kopp Dameron joined virtually. The seventh voting member position is vacant.

Two non-voting members were in attendance: Mike McClaskey, an out-of-state member, and Adli Jacobs, student representative. The second out-of-state member position is vacant.

Call to Order and Chair Report

Governor Christofferson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Minutes for Open Session of Previous Meeting

Governor Burkemper moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the open session of the previous meeting on June 14, 2025, be approved.

Governor Lovegreen seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted.

President's Report

Susan L. Thomas, University President, shared a featured engagement report and provided an update on current items of interest. During her report, she shared efforts underway to address and potentially alter the U.S. Army Cadet Command's decision to close Truman's ROTC program at the end of the 2025-26 Academic Year. President Thomas provided updates related to the work of the Council of Public Higher Education in Missouri (COPHE). She introduced Drs. Tim Walston and Steve Hudman, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and Interim Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics, and shared updates related to the search for the Vice President for University Advancement and the search for an Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, which will begin during the fall semester. Finally, she highlighted the 2025 Bulldog Nation Road Show, which took place in Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Kirksville. The events were energizing, well-attended, and provided wonderful venues to share updates about Truman and Bulldog Athletics with alumni and friends of the University.

Athletics Report

Signe Coombs, Director of Athletics, provided the annual Athletics Report.

Staff Council Report

Kerrion Dean, Chair of Staff Council and Program Coordinator for the Bulldog Office of Community Enrichment, provided the annual Staff Council Report.

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Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee Report

Governor Lovegreen, Chair of the Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee, reported on the meeting held on August 1.

Finance and Auditing Committee Report

Governor Burkemper, Chair of the Finance and Auditing Committee, reported on the meeting held on August 1.

Financial Report

Governor Burkemper presented the Financial Report, which included a review of education and general revenues and expenditures, auxiliary system revenues and expenditures, and Truman State University Foundation revenues and expenditures as of June 30, 2025, compared to June 30, 2024.

Budget and Capital Projects Committee Report

Governor Dameron, Chair of the Budget and Capital Projects Committee, reported on the meeting held on August 1.

Construction Projects Report

Governor Dameron provided an update on construction projects approved by the Board at previous meetings.

Contracts for Construction Projects and Equipment Purchases

Governor Dameron noted that no construction projects or single items of equipment, totaling \$25,000 to \$100,000, had been undertaken or purchased since the last board meeting.

Campus Steam Loop Repairs Project

Governor Dameron moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the description and budgeted amount for the following project be approved:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>
Campus Steam Loop Repairs Project	\$585,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University, or her designee, be authorized to execute a contract with the firm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the project description, as reviewed at the meeting, be attached to the minutes as an exhibit.

Governor Burkemper seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted, and the Secretary designated a copy of the document as Exhibit A.

Consent Agenda

Governor Lovegreen moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the following consent agenda items be approved and attached to the minutes as an exhibit:

State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Year 2027  
Local Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026

Governor Gingrich seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted, and the Secretary designated copies of the items as Exhibits B and C.

Contracted Service – AI Recruiter

Governor Dameron moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of the one-year subscription from CollegeVine, which will enable Truman to implement AI Recruiter (AI) for targeted recruiting campaigns and application completion activities support, at a cost of \$100,000 be approved.

Governor Burkemper seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Governor Christofferson reviewed a list of projected agenda items for the regular meetings during the following year.

Dates for Future Meetings

Governor Burkemper moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors be scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2025, on the University campus in Kirksville, Missouri, beginning at 1:00 p.m., with the understanding that the Chair may alter the starting time and/or place for the meeting by giving due notice of such change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that other regular meetings of the Board during the next year be tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

Saturday, December 6, 2025;  
Saturday, February 7, 2026;  
Saturday, April 11, 2026;  
Saturday, June 13, 2026; and  
Saturday, August 1, 2026.

Governor Gingrich seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted.

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Agenda Items for Closed Session

Governor Lovegreen moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting be continued in closed session, with closed records and closed votes as permitted by law, for consideration of the following items as authorized by Section 610.021, Revised Statutes of Missouri:

1. Approval of minutes for the closed session of the last meeting under Subsection 14 of the statute for "Records which are protected from disclosure by law;"
2. Individual personnel actions under Subsection 3 of the statute for "Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded;" and
3. Confidential communications with the General Counsel, as defined in Subsection 1 of the statute.

Governor Taylor seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0, with Governors Burkemper, Burks, Christofferson, Dameron, Gingrich, and Lovegreen voting Aye. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted.

The closed session of the meeting began shortly after 2:30 p.m.

The open session of the meeting resumed shortly after 3:40 p.m.

With no further business, Governor Gingrich moved that the meeting be adjourned. Governor Lovegreen seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted, and the meeting was adjourned shortly after 3:50 p.m.



Jennifer Kopp Dameron  
Secretary of the Board of Governors

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were  
approved by the Board of Governors on the  
17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.



Philip J. Christofferson  
Chair of the Board of Governors

**ITEM H.3**  
**Campus Steam Loop Repairs Project****DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND**

The boiler plant and steam tunnels provide hot water to a large portion of the interior campus. Three redundant hot water boilers fired by either natural gas or heating oil produce steam that is transported to campus facilities through a series of underground tunnels and associated piping. While this system has served the University well, it has become inefficient, and portions of it require repair.

In June, the Board authorized the University to contract with Daikin TMI, LLC of Chesterfield, Missouri, to provide a comprehensive engineering recommendation along with an energy savings calculation. Truman has historically contracted with Daikin TMI through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS). TIPS is a national cooperative purchasing program that allows public and private entities to purchase goods and services at pre-negotiated rates from a variety of vendors. TIPS offers a streamlined purchasing process that saves time and costs, while ensuring compliance with public purchasing laws.

During the engineering study, Daikin TMI identified some deficiencies with the north and south loops used to circulate hot water between the boiler plant and the rest of campus. Due to the serious nature of these issues, Daikin TMI is recommending completing these repairs before addressing any other items outlined in the overall engineering study. Funding for the project will come from local capital funds.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the description and budgeted amount for the following project be approved:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>
Campus Steam Loop Repairs Project	\$585,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University, or her designee, be authorized to execute a contract with the firm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the project description, as reviewed at the meeting, be attached to the minutes as an exhibit.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**Aye** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nay** \_\_\_\_\_

Vote:	Burkemper	_____	_____
	Burks	_____	_____
	Christofferson	_____	_____
	Dameron	_____	_____
	Gingrich	_____	_____
	Lovegreen	_____	_____

# EXHIBIT B

## ITEM I.1

### State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Year 2027



## DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

The University's Fiscal Year 2027 State Appropriation request is submitted to the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) as well as the State Office of Administration. This request is for funding to support the Education and General Budget.

For FY2027, the request is based upon the higher education appropriation for FY2026, which was approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor. Truman's FY2027 request includes a funding increase linked to inflationary factors, maintenance and repair funds, and what are known as New Decision Items, which would target new academic initiatives.

Table 1 provides a summary of the request, and Table 2 provides more detailed information. This request will be prepared in a more specific format as required by state budget submission guidelines.

This is the first step in the FY2027 budget process. The MDHEWD staff will review Truman's request in August and September, and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) will make official budget recommendations for each institution in October. The next significant step in the process occurs in January when the Governor presents budget recommendations to the General Assembly. Committee hearings will follow with appropriations finalized by the legislature in May 2026.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Year 2027, totaling \$58,624,888, be approved and ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Year 2027, be attached to the minutes as an exhibit and that the President of the University is authorized to modify this request based upon input from the staff of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, Office of Administration, and the Legislature as appropriate.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Aye Nay

Vote:	Burkemper	_____	_____
	Burks	_____	_____
	Christofferson	_____	_____
	Dameron	_____	_____
	Gingrich	_____	_____
	Lovegreen	_____	_____

## ATTACHMENT

State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Year 2027

August 2, 2025

**TABLE 1**

Fiscal Year 2027 State Appropriation Request for Operating Funds

Appropriation Base for FY2026	\$50,936,492
New Requests for FY2027	
A. Core Inflation (+4.1%)	\$ 2,088,396
B. Additional Maintenance and Repair Funds	\$ 4,280,000
C. Greenwood Interprofessional Autism Center	\$ 575,000
D. Internship Pipeline Program	\$ 545,000
E. Rural Telehealth Counseling Center	\$ 200,000
Total New Requests	\$ 7,688,396
TOTAL FY2027 FUNDING REQUEST (FY2026 appropriation + new)	\$58,624,888

**TABLE 2**

The state appropriations request for FY2027 includes two components: the Core Operating request based on FY2026 actual appropriations and the new requests for FY2027. Requests beyond the core are typically referred to as New Decision Items or New Investments.

1. Funding for Core Operations: State Request	\$50,936,492
The funding priority is to maintain the existing base. These funds provide 55.6% of the Education and General budget for FY2026, and they are crucial to meeting the institution's mission.	
2. New Requests for FY2027	\$ 7,688,396
 A. Core Inflation	
Based on the July budget instructions from the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) and updated state revenue forecasts, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) plans to consider an additional increase for institutions to cover inflation. For this request, the inflationary rate is estimated at 4.1% based on the most recent rate for 2025 and inflationary factors impacting Missouri higher education institutions, such as the MOSERS contribution rate.	
B. Additional Maintenance and Repair Funds	\$ 4,280,000
Truman has over 1 million square feet of state-funded buildings, and additional funds are needed to maintain campus facilities. The second priority is additional ongoing funding to support the highest maintenance and repair needs. This request is an estimate based on projected projects, including roof replacements, masonry repairs, and infrastructure needs.	
C. Greenwood Interprofessional Autism Center	\$ 575,000
This would provide operational funds for the new center, including staff, as well as supplies and consumables.	
D. Internship Pipeline Program	\$ 545,000
Internships play a crucial role in providing real-world experiences for college students. These internships would allow students to develop problem-solving skills, apply academic training in the workplace, and ultimately lead to better prepared college graduates. This proposal would support on-campus staff in organizing and identifying internships across a wide variety of majors. Additionally, support staff in key metropolitan areas, including St. Louis and Kansas City, would assist with the supervision of interns in both corporate and non-profit settings.	
E. Rural Telehealth Counseling Center	\$ 200,000
This project would provide much-needed mental health counseling services in northeast Missouri and other rural areas of the state. Funds would be utilized for staff, equipment, and related overhead for the center.	

**ITEM I.2**  
**Local Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026****DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND**

The local capital improvement budgets are reviewed and approved annually to provide funding for major building and renovation projects for the campus. These budgets are divided into two categories based on the primary function of the facility. The local state funds capital budget is utilized for projects related to facilities that are eligible for capital appropriations from the State of Missouri. This includes the academic buildings and the infrastructure that supports these facilities.

The auxiliary funds capital budget is utilized to address needs related to facilities that are not funded by state appropriations. This includes auxiliary enterprises such as residence halls, the Student Union, the Student Recreation Center, and related site work surrounding these buildings.

The following budgets will support institutional priorities identified in Truman's Strategic Plan and the Campus Master Plan and provide general budget parameters. As capital projects are designed and bid, approval by the Board of Governors will be obtained for each project following established procedures.

The total recommended for fiscal year 2026 for the Local State Funds Capital Budget is \$1,500,000. The total recommended for fiscal year 2026 for the Auxiliary Funds Capital Budget is \$1,130,000.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the "Local State Funds Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026" of \$1,500,000 and the proposed "Auxiliary Funds Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026" of \$1,130,000 be approved and that a copy of the budgets be attached to the minutes as an exhibit.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

		Aye	Nay
Vote:	Burkemper	_____	_____
	Burks	_____	_____
	Christofferson	_____	_____
	Dameron	_____	_____
	Gingrich	_____	_____
	Lovegreen	_____	_____

**ATTACHMENTS**

Local Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026

## LOCAL CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

### Local State Funds Capital Budget – Fiscal Year 2026

The estimated fiscal year 2025 carryover funds from Education and General totaled \$1,500,000. These funds will be used for university needs and priorities that cannot be funded by normally budgeted maintenance and repair funds. Included among these are utility and infrastructure improvements such as masonry and roofing repairs, storm drainage improvements, utility, and infrastructure improvements, as well as HVAC system replacements.

### Auxiliary Funds Capital Budget – Fiscal Year 2026

For fiscal year 2026, the primary funding source for the Auxiliary Funds Capital Budget is the fiscal year 2025 operating carryover from auxiliary enterprises. The operating carryover was \$1,130,000. Funds from the Housing System (\$1,000,000) and the Student Union Building (\$130,000) will be set aside for use in these facilities. Funds received through Sodexo for reinvestment (\$233,645) will be set aside for future capital projects.

All proposed project expenditures will come before the Board of Governors following the usual procedures and will be subject to individual Board approval.