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OPEN SESSION
OF MEETING ON
OCTOBER 17, 2025

The Board of Governors for Truman State University met on Friday, October 17, 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.

Four voting members participated in the meeting. Taylor W. Burks, Philip J. Christofferson, Nancy Gingrich, and William B. Lovegreen were in attendance. Sarah Burkemper and Jennifer Kopp Damcron, the fifth and sixth voting members, were absent. Governor Christofferson recorded their absence as excused. 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.

Resolution of Commendation – Alexis Peterson, National Championship in Impromptu Speaking

Governor Burks moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Truman State University Board of Governors desires to recognize students whenever they attain excellence in nationally competitive activities; and

WHEREAS, Alexis Peterson, a senior criminal justice studies and social issue advocacy double major and legal studies minor, and a member of the Truman State University Forensics Union, was awarded a National Championship in Impromptu Speaking at the Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament held on March 13-16, 2025, in Athens, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Alexis earned 10th place in Individual Sweepstakes out of 216 participants in the tournament; and

WHEREAS, Alexis added to her National Championship by also receiving 2nd place in Student Scholarship, 4th place in Informative Speaking, and placing among the top 24 competitors in After Dinner Speaking and Persuasive Speaking; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament hosted 51 schools from across the nation and hosted more than 1,800 entries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of Truman State University hereby expresses its great appreciation and commendation to Alexis Peterson for her extraordinary achievements and exemplary representation of the University; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Alexis as a tangible expression of appreciation and felicitation.

Governor Gingrich seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted, and a copy of the resolution was presented to Alexis Peterson.

Resolution of Appreciation – Higher Learning Commission Leadership Team

Governor Lovegreen moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) took action at its July 1, 2025, meeting to accept the recommendation of the HLC Visiting Team to reaffirm the accreditation of Truman State University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation to occur in 2034-35; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kevin Minch, Chair of Truman's Higher Learning Commission Leadership Team, admirably led a dedicated group of ten talented individuals who worked tirelessly to effectively guide campus constituents throughout the process, produce clear and compelling documents and materials, and facilitate a productive and positive site visit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the genuine appreciation of the Board of Governors of Truman State University be extended to Team Chair Kevin Minch and the members of Truman's HLC Leadership Team, comprised of Nancy Asher, Kathryn Brammall, Dean DeCock, Eric Freedman, Tyana Lange, Christopher Maglio, Steve Parsons, Alexis Peterson, Jonathan Vieker, and Tim Walston, who worked diligently to assure reaccreditation by the Higher Learning Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Minch and all team members as a tangible expression of appreciation and felicitation.

Governor Gingrich seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted, and copies of the resolution were presented to the Higher Learning Commission Leadership Team.

Minutes for Open Session of Previous Meeting

Governor Lovegreen moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the open session of the previous meeting on August 2, 2025, be approved.

Governor Burks seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted.

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Audit Preview

Representatives of the RubinBrown LLP accounting firm reviewed the draft of the University's annual audit.

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, President Thomas welcomed those returning for Homecoming back to campus and highlighted the exemplary efforts of many individuals, both on and off campus, to save the ROTC Bulldog Battalion from deactivation.

Advancement, Foundation Board, and Alumni Board Report

Charles Hunsaker, Associate Vice President for University Advancement; Calaneet Balas, President of the Foundation Board of Directors; and Dustin Carmack, President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, shared updates on Advancement and their respective boards.

Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee Report

Governor Lovegreen, Chair of the Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee, reported on the meeting held on October 14.

Finance and Auditing Committee Report

Governor Burks, a member of the Finance and Auditing Committee, reported on the meeting held on October 14.

Financial Report

Governor Burks 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 August 31, 2025, compared to August 31, 2024.

Budget and Capital Projects Committee Report

Governor Christofferson, an ex officio member of the Budget and Capital Projects Committee, reported on the meeting held on October 13.

Construction Projects Report

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

Contracts for Construction Projects and Equipment Purchases

Governor Christofferson noted that one construction project, totaling \$25,000 to \$100,000, had been undertaken or purchased since the last board meeting.

Description

Tennis Court Repair Project

Cost

\$83,465

Consent Agenda

Governor Burks requested that the Federal Governmental Relations and Policy Services item be removed from the consent agenda. Governor Burks moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

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

Ryle Hall Masonry Repairs 2025 Project

Governor Lovegreen seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted, and the Secretary designated a copy of the item as Exhibit A.

Federal Governmental Relations and Policy Services

After discussion, Governor Burks moved that the Federal Governmental Relations and Policy Services item be tabled until the December meeting. Governor Christofferson seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4 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 Gingrich moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors be scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 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, February 7, 2026;
Saturday, April 11, 2026;
Saturday, June 13, 2026;
Saturday, August 1, 2026; and
Friday, October 23, 2026.

Governor Burks seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted.

Agenda Items for Closed Session

Governor Gingrich 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:

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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 Burks seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0, with Governors Burks, Christofferson, 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 4:50 p.m.

Mark Herrmann, General Counsel, advised the Board of Governors of a resolution approved by the Board of Directors of the Truman State University Foundation regarding legal action to permit funds in the Student Loan Fund to be used either for loans to students or for scholarships and grants. Following discussion, Governor Lovegreen moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Truman State University Foundation has approved a resolution directing the General Counsel to pursue appropriate legal action to permit funds in the Student Loan Fund to be used either for loans to students or for scholarships or grants; and

WHEREAS, the Truman State University Board of Governors is supportive of this proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves of the above-described directive of the Foundation Board to the General Counsel, to the extent (if any) that such approval may be legally required or practically advantageous.

Governor Gingrich seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted.

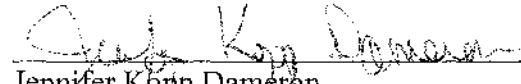
With no further business, Governor Lovegreen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Governor Gingrich seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0. Governor Christofferson declared the motion duly adopted, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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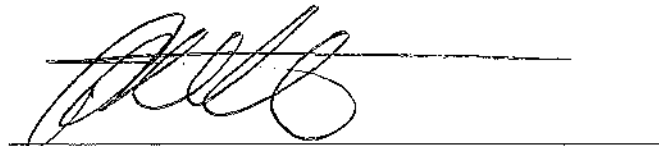
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Jennifer Kopp Dameron
Secretary of the Board of Governors

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were
approved by the Board of Governors on the
6th day of December 2025.



Philip J. Christofferson
Chair of the Board of Governors

ITEM K.1 Ryle Hall Masonry Repairs 2025 Project

DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

An inspection of masonry at Ryle Hall in mid-August identified repairs that were needed on the northwest corner of the dining and lounge portion of the structure due to shifting stonework on the portico. Due to the location near an entrance, the area was fenced off, and the decision was made to complete the repairs this fall.

Bid specifications were developed by Building Resource Studio, LLP, of St. Louis, and the project was advertised on the University's website, in several general circulation newspapers, as well as communicated via email to reach interested contractors.

Three contractors attended a pre-bid conference on September 9. Bids for the project opened on September 16. Two general contractors submitted proposals, and the low bid was from STAAT Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri. The total project budget includes architectural design fees, advertising, general contractor costs, and contingency.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>
Ryle Hall Masonry Repairs 2025 Project	\$195,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University, or her designee, be authorized to accept the lowest and best bid for the project; 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	_____	_____