

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Kirksville 63501

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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OPEN SESSION
OF MEETING ON
FEBRUARY 7, 2026

The Board of Governors for Truman State University met on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the University campus in Kirksville, Missouri. William B. Lovegreen, 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.

Five voting members participated in the meeting. Sarah Burkemper, Taylor W. Burks, Jennifer Kopp Dameron, Nancy Gingrich, and William B. Lovegreen were in attendance. Philip J. Christofferson, the sixth voting member, was absent. Governor Lovegreen recorded his 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, Chair Report, and Public Comment

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 December 6, 2025, be approved.

Governor Gingrich seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Governor Lovegreen 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, President Thomas introduced Dr. Jackie Jackson, Vice President for University Advancement, who joined the University on January 26. She provided updates on the searches for Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (EVPAAP), Assistant/Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management (AVPEM), Dean of the School of Business and Professional Studies, and Chief Operating Officer (COO). The EVPAAP Search Committee is reviewing applicants, with a goal of identifying candidates for Zoom interviews by March 6th, followed by on-campus interviews from March 30 to April 7. The AVPEM position description was posted last week; the Dean of the School of Business and Professional Studies will be posted this week; and the COO position will be posted after spring break. In addition to legislative updates from Washington, D.C. and Jefferson City, she highlighted Truman's recent inclusion in *The Missouri Times*' "This Week in Missouri Politics College Tour," hosted by Scott Faughn. She, along with a panel consisting of Senate President Pro Tem Cindy O'Laughlin; Associate Vice President for University Advancement Charles Hunsaker; and Student Government President Alex Peterson, participated in an episode that aired on February 1, focusing on the value of a liberal arts education and the impact of Truman and the University's alumni on the state and region.

Annual Academic Affairs Report

Dr. Tim Walston, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, provided the annual Academic Affairs Report.

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Annual Student Government Report

Alexis Peterson and Ben Croat, President and Vice President of Student Government, provided the annual Student Government Report.

Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee Report

Governor Dameron, Chair of the Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee, reported on the February 6 meeting.

Finance and Auditing Committee Report

Governor Burkemper, Chair of the Finance and Auditing Committee, reported on the meeting held on February 6.

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 December 31, 2025, compared to December 31, 2024.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Governor Burkemper conducted the annual review of the Board of Governors' Conflict of Interest Policy.

Budget and Capital Projects Committee Report

Governor Burks, Chair of the Budget and Capital Projects Committee, reported on the meeting held on February 6.

Construction Projects Report

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

Contracts for Construction Projects and Equipment Purchases

Governor Burks noted that no construction projects or individual equipment items costing between \$25,000 and \$100,000 had been undertaken or purchased since the last board meeting.

Summer 2026 Roofing and Masonry Ryle Hall Project

Governor Burks moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

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

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>
Summer 2026 Roofing and Masonry Ryle Hall Project	\$548,430

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.

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Governor Gingrich seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Governor Lovegreen declared the motion duly adopted, and the Secretary designated a copy of the item as Exhibit A.

Campus Boiler Plant Deaerator Tank Replacement Project

Governor Burks moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

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

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Budget</u>
Campus Boiler Plant Deaerator Tank Replacement Project	\$425,000

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.

Governor Burkemper seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Governor Lovegreen declared the motion duly adopted, and the Secretary designated a copy of the item as Exhibit B.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

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

Dates for Future Meetings

Governor Damcron 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, April 11, 2026, 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, June 13, 2026;
Saturday, August 1, 2026;
Friday, October 23, 2026;
Saturday, December 5, 2026; and
Saturday, February 6, 2027.

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Governor Burks seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Governor Lovegreen declared the motion duly adopted.

Agenda Items for Closed Session

Governor Burkemper 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.

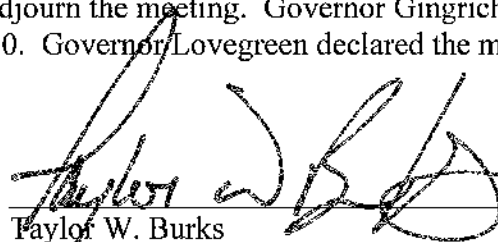
Governor Dameron seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0, with Governors Burkemper, Burks, Dameron, Gingrich, and Lovegreen voting Aye. Governor Lovegreen declared the motion duly adopted.

The closed session of the meeting began shortly after 2:00 p.m.

The open session of the meeting resumed shortly after 3:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

With no further business, Governor Burkemper moved to adjourn the meeting. Governor Gingrich seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Governor Lovegreen declared the motion duly adopted, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Taylor W. Burks
Secretary of the Board of Governors

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Governors on the 11th day of April 2026.



William B. Lovegreen
Chair of the Board of Governors

**ITEM H.3
Summer 2026 Roofing and Masonry Ryle Hall Project**

DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

One roofing and masonry project is proposed for summer 2026. The Ryle Hall roofing (the flat roof at the east entrance) and sections of masonry on Ryle need replacement. The schedule is designed to allow completion of the work in summer 2026.

Bid specifications were developed by Building Resource Studio, LLP, of St. Louis, and the project was advertised in several general-circulation newspapers and communicated via email to reach interested contractors.

Multiple contractors attended a pre-bid conference on January 6. Bids for the project opened on January 15. One general contractor, James G. Staat Tuckpointing, Inc. (STAATS Inc.) of St. Louis, MO, submitted a proposal for work at Ryle Hall. 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>
Summer 2026 Roofing and Masonry Ryle Hall Project	\$548,430

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	_____	_____

**ITEM H.4
Campus Boiler Plant Deaerator Tank Replacement Project**

DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

Truman's power plant houses three redundant boilers that supply hot water and steam to a large portion of the interior campus. While this system has served the University well, portions of it require repair.

In 2025, the University contracted with Daikin TMI, LLC of Chesterfield, Missouri, to conduct an engineering study to identify issues with the aging system. As a result of the study, the system's deaerator tank was found to be malfunctioning and required timely replacement. A deaerator tank is a pressurized vessel that removes corrosive dissolved gases from boiler feedwater, protecting the boilers and improving overall efficiency.

As part of its engineered solution, Daikin TMI presented the University with a deaerator replacement quote, pre-bid with vetted contractors. The University 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, reduces time and costs, and ensures compliance with public purchasing laws. Daikin TMI's quote included comprehensive engineering plans from the selected Missouri-based tank manufacturer. The manufacturer's lead time for the replacement deaerator tank is 24 weeks.

The University recommends that this replacement project be funded with accumulated local capital resources and completed during the summer of 2026, when the campus will be least affected by the temporary loss of hot water.

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>
Campus Boiler Plant Deaerator Tank Replacement Project	\$425,000

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 _____