

**Meeting of the Tennessee State University Board of Trustees
Governance and Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting
June 30, 2026
Tennessee State University – Virtual**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Trustees Terica Smith, Leticia Towns, and Dakasha Winton.

University Staff Present: President Dwayne Tucker; Ginette Garza Brown, Interim General Counsel and Board Secretary; Dr. Erik Schmeller, Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Leah Louallen, Strategic Advisor to the President; Sterlin Sanders, Interim Chief Information Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Committee Chair Smith requested that Secretary Brown conduct the roll call. The following committee members were present: Trustees Terica Smith, Leticia Towns, and Dakasha Winton. The committee members participating electronically confirmed that they could hear and speak with the Board and that they were alone in the room. Following the roll call, Secretary Brown determined that a quorum was present.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Winton moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Towns. A roll call vote was taken, with all present Committee members voting in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY BYLAWS

Committee Chair Smith introduced the agenda item concerning the review and approval of the Board bylaws and policy revisions. Committee Chair Smith explained that, due to the Board's need to address multiple sensitive matters, the Board had not been able to devote the necessary attention to the proposed revisions. She called for a motion to postpone consideration of the matter until the next regular meeting of the committee.

Trustee Towns moved to postpone the action until the Committee's next meeting. Chair Winton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present Committee members voting in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Smith stated that she would consider a motion to adjourn. Chair Winton moved to adjourn, and Trustee Towns seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all present Committee members voting in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.