



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 9, 2026

Via TEAMS

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Meeting streamed live via link found on this web page:

<https://www.tntech.edu/board/board-and-board-committee-meetings.php>

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees met on Friday, January 9, 2026. Chair Rhedona Rose called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Chair Rose asked Mr. Lee Wray, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members were present:

- Michael Allen
- Teresa Chasteen-Dunn
- Trudy Harper
- Tom Jones
- Fred Lowery
- Garry McNabb
- Camron Rudd
- Braxton Westbrook
- Barry Wilmore
- Rhedona Rose

A quorum was in attendance but not physically present.

All participating Trustees confirmed that they could simultaneously hear and speak to the Board members, that they were by themselves, and that they received the Board materials in advance of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM II – DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY

Chair Rose stated that a determination of necessity was required pursuant to TCA § 8-44-108(b)(3), as a quorum was not physically present, and due to Tennessee Tech Policy No. 003, which states the Board of Trustees is required to approve real property which includes

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construction of real property including all buildings and infrastructure. The reason for meeting was to meet ahead of the deadline of January 16, 2026, for the state building commission.

Trustee Jones moved that a determination of necessity existed to allow Board of Trustees members to participate based on the facts presented. Trustee Lowery seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM III – DISCLOSED PROJECT

Dr. Stinson stated there was one disclosed project which was the construction of the university tower. The estimated cost was \$2.7 million and would be funded by gift funds.

Trustee McNabb asked where the funding was coming from and Dr. Stinson replied that a donor had provided gift funds. Trustee Jones asked what would be on the inside of the tower. Dr. Stinson replied that there would be some internal workings but there was not a full design for the inside yet.

Trustee Jones asked how tall the tower would be and President Oldham replied that it would be around seventy feet tall, but the design was not completed at the time. It needed to be approved by the Board of Trustees so it could go before the state building commission for approval and then an architect could be hired for the full design. Mr. Wray stated that all or most of the cost would be covered by the gift funds, and the donor wished to remain anonymous.

Trustee Chasteen-Dunn asked if the funds were designated for the construction of the tower and President Oldham replied yes. Trustee Lowery asked if the trustees would get a chance to review the actual design. President Oldham replied that it would go through a full design process and Trustees would have a chance to see this.

Trustee Harper moved to approve the disclosed project for the university tower. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

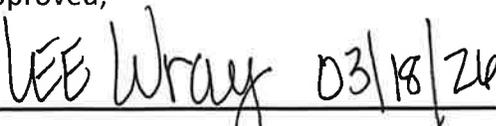
AGENDA ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM V – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Approved,



Lee Wray, Secretary