SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2026

Call to Order

Chair Daniels called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. noting the meeting was in compliance with RC § 121.22(F).

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Daniels, Dr. Haas, and Mr. Richey, were present in person, with Mr. Furbee and Mr. Shah in attendance remotely.

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members in Attendance: None

Approval of the June 26, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Furbee moved and Dr. Haas seconded a motion to approve the June 26, 2026 Executive Committee meeting minutes. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote of the five Executive Committee members present.

Resolution E07-26
Ratifying the Appointment of Associate Provost for Rural Health Innovation

President Braun presented this resolution ratifying the appointment of Dr. Christine Raber as Associate Provost for Rural Health Innovation, effective August 29, 2026. Dr. Haas moved and Mr. Richey seconded the motion to approve recommendation of Resolution E07-26. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote of the five Executive Committee members present.

Resolution E08-26
Ratifying the Appointment of Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services

President Braun presented this resolution ratifying the appointment of James (Tony) Ward as Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, effective August 29, 2026. Mr. Furbee moved and Mr. Shah seconded the motion to approve recommendation of Resolution E08-26. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote of the five Executive Committee members present.

Resolution E09-26
Appointment to the Position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

President Braun presented this resolution appointing Dr. Ashley Carlson as Dean of the College

of Arts and Sciences, effective October 5, 2026. Mr. Richey moved and Mr. Shah seconded the motion to approve recommendation of Resolution E09-26. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote of the five Executive Committee members present.

Appointment of Chief Enrollment Officer

President Braun informed the Committee that Dr. Jason Yeager was appointed Chief Enrollment Officer, effective August 31, 2026.

Appointment of Chief Communications Officer

President Braun informed the Committee that Ms. Cindi Remy was appointed Chief Communications Officer, effective July 20, 2026.

Appointment of Chief of Staff

President Braun informed the Committee that Ms. Kaci Foster was appointed Chief of Staff, effective July 20, 2026.

Appointment of Chief of Executive Affairs

President Braun informed the Committee that Mr. Chris Shaffer was appointed Chief of Executive Affairs, effective August 15, 2026.

Performance Audit

President Braun discussed the Ohio Auditor of State's selection of Shawnee State University for a performance audit as part of its biennial performance audit program, designed to increase customer satisfaction, reduce costs, align operations with mission and strategy, and/or improve the efficiency and effectiveness of operations at state agencies including higher education institutions.

Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule Revision

President Braun reviewed changes to the Board of Trustees meeting schedule necessitated by Senate Bill 1 curricular approval requirements.

Executive Session

None

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Mr. Richey moved and Mr. Furbee seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote and the Committee adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

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Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION E07-26

RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR RURAL HEALTH INNOVATION

WHEREAS, University Policy 5.16Rev requires approval by the Board of Trustees for appointments to designated executive positions, including the position of Associate Provost for Rural Health Innovation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christine Raber has served with distinction as Dean of the College of Health and Human Services beginning on April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends the appointment of Christine Raber to the position of Associate Provost for Rural Health Innovation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves the appointment of Dr. Christine Raber to the position of Associate Provost for Rural Health Innovation, effective August 29, 2026.

(September 25, 2026)

Certified as True and Correct
October 6, 2026

Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION E08-26

RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, University Policy 5.16Rev requires approval by the Board of Trustees for appointments to designated executive positions, including the position of Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James (Tony) Ward has served with distinction as Chair of the Allied Health Sciences Department beginning on May 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends the appointment of Dr. Ward to the position of Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves the appointment of Dr. James Ward to the position of Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, effective August 29, 2026.

(September 25, 2026)

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RESOLUTION E09-26

APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

WHEREAS, University Policy 5.16Rev requires approval by the Board of Trustees for appointments to designated executive positions, including the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the University engaged in a national search in which a comprehensive process was undertaken to select a highly qualified candidate for the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ashley Carlson competed as a candidate through this national search process and was recommended for the position by a university search committee; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends the appointment of Dr. Carlson to the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves the appointment of Dr. Ashley Carlson to the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective October 5, 2026; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves Dr. Carlson's academic appointment to Professor with tenure in the Department of English and Humanities.

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Shawnee State University

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE
ACADEMIC YEARS 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029

(All meetings to be held in Morris University Center 214 unless otherwise noted.)

Date	Executive Committee	Finance and Administration Committee	Academic and Student Affairs Committee	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, June 26, 2026	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, September 25, 2026	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Friday, November 20, 2026	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, February 12, 2027	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, April 30, 2027	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, June 25, 2027	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, September 24, 2027	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Friday, November 19, 2027	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, February 11, 2028	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, April 28, 2028	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, June 23, 2028	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, September 22, 2028	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Friday, November 17, 2028	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, February 16, 2029	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, April 27, 2029	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday, June 22, 2029	8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Commencement Dates				
Saturday, May 2, 2026	11:00 a.m.	Alumni Green		
Saturday, May 1, 2027	11:00 a.m.	Alumni Green		
Saturday, April 29, 2028	11:00 a.m.	Alumni Green		
Board Retreat				
Friday, August 8, 2025	Adena PACCAR Medical Education Center, 446 Hospital Road, Chillicothe, OH			
Friday, August 14, 2026	Morris University Center, Room 214			
Friday, August 13, 2027	Time and location to be determined			
Friday, August 18, 2028	Time and location to be determined			

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