

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF BOARD RETREAT
Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. (EST)
Monroe Convention Center
302 S. College Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47403

Members Present:

Mike Sievers, Chair
Darrel Bobe
Scott Brand
Kelly Clauss
J.R. Gaylor (Zoom)
Reggie Henderson
Chuck Johnson, President
Nate Myers
Greg Parsley
John Stachura
Don Villwock (Zoom)
Kate Wise, Student Trustee

Others Present:

Graham Dycus, Attorney for the Board
Nancy Irwin, Record Clerk for the Board
Tony Hahn, Vice President for Government & Legal Affairs
Jaci Lederman, Interim Provost
Dave Tucker, Vice President for Workforce Development & Community Services
Conya Wampler, Vice President for Financial Services/Controller
Travis Linneweber, Associate Vice President of Budget & Finance
Sara Clark, Executive Director of Human Resources/CHRO
Kristi Deetz, Executive Director, VU Foundation
Gregg Sturm, VU Foundation Board
Kirk Bouchie, VU Foundation Board
Pat Carter, VU Foundation Board

Chair Mike Sievers called the Board Retreat to order at 8:00 a.m. (EST) and welcomed all Trustees, guests, and staff members.

Discussion occurred regarding the following topics:

- Board Committee Assignments and overview
- Updates on legislation and status of bills relevant to Vincennes University and higher education
- Update on current and future priorities for Human Resources
- Financial Services update – Budget updates and current processes and targets for improvement
- Workforce Development & Community Services – Updates on Business & Industry training programs, MEP (Military Education Programs, and community services programs
- Report on Instructional Services – Report focused on culture of caring, governance and legislative updates, technology and digital transformations, and strategic planning and sustainability
- Updates on Strategic Plan Metrics – Reports on the KPIs reached for the 2017-2025 Strategic Plan and looking ahead to the new (2026-30) Strategic Plan
- Updates on A.I. Initiatives – Information was shared regarding the Lilly Endowment grant opportunity, *Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education (AIHE)*, as well as VU's new initiative, *PROJECT TRAIL*.

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- To receive information and discuss real property transaction pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)

Presentations were given pertaining to workforce housing and residence hall renovation opportunities. The Board was unanimous in supporting ongoing pursuits of the opportunities and options involved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, the Board Retreat adjourned at 3:00 p.m. (EST).

Mike Sievers, Chair

J.R. Gaylor, Secretary