

**Board of Regents Retreat
Northern Kentucky University
Student Union 302
July 22, 2025**

This meeting was conducted as a video teleconference pursuant to KRS 61.826.

In Open Session

Regent Nathan Smith, Chair, called the Board of Regents Retreat to order at 3:07 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, 2025, and asked Tammy Knochelmann, Secretary to the Board of Regents, to call roll.

Roll Call: The following members of the Board were present: Shea Conley, Cori Henderson, Ashley Himes, Collin Jarrell, Nathan Smith, Sandra Spataro, Kara Williams (joined virtually), and Brad Zapp

Ms. Knochelmann confirmed that a quorum was present.

Oath of Office:

Bracken County Judge Executive Tina Teegarden administered the oath of office to the newly elected Student Regent, Collin Jarrell. Regent Jarrell swore to uphold all stipulations of the oath and faithfully execute, to the best of his ability, the duties of Regent of Northern Kentucky University according to law.

Election of Board Officers:

Chair

- Chair Smith called for nominations for the office of Chair.
- Regent Brad Zapp nominated Nathan Smith. Regent Debbie Wulfeck seconded the nomination.
- Hearing no further nominations, Chair Smith closed the floor and called for a vote.

Final Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair

- Chair Smith called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair.
- Regent Brad Zapp nominated Kara Williams. Regent Ashley Himes seconded the nomination.
- Hearing no further nominations, Chair Smith closed the floor and called for a vote.

Final Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary

- Chair Smith called for nominations for the office of Secretary.
- Regent Brad Zapp nominated Ashley Himes. Regent Sandra Spataro seconded the nomination.
- Hearing no further nominations, Chair Smith closed the floor and called for a vote.

Final Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Presidential Recommendation:

Regent Brad Zapp seconded Regent Sandra Spataro's motion to approve Item A-1: Edits and Clarifications to the Tuition, Fees, and Service Charges, originally adopted by the Board on June 11, 2025. Previously, the Board had approved the Housing, Food Service, and Service Charges for the 2025–26 academic year at its meeting on February 26, 2025, and then again approved Tuition, Fees, and Service Charges at its meeting on June 11, 2025.

Final Vote: The motion passed with eight votes in favor and one against; the dissenting vote was cast by Regent Collin Jarrell.

Opening Remarks:

President Short-Thompson gave welcome remarks and provided a brief outline of the retreat agenda.

The Board received presentations on the following topics, followed by discussion and questions:

Athletics Update - Presented by: Christina Roybal, Darrin Horn, and Jeff Hans

- Vice President Roybal shared updates on recent NCAA changes and developments related to Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL).
- Men's Basketball Coach Darrin Horn and Women's Basketball Coach Jeff Hans offered their insights on the impact of NIL on student-athletes and athletic programs.
- VP Roybal provided a report on season ticket sales and outlined strategies to enhance attendance at athletic events.
- She also presented updates on the launch and progress of new sports programs.

Adjourn:

At 5:30 p.m., Regent Sandra Spataro seconded Regent Brad Zapp's motion that the Board go into recess until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2025. **(Motion carried)**

I, Ashley Himes, Secretary of the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky University, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the retreat meeting held on July 22, 2025, and that such matters are still in force and effect.

Signature On File
Tammy Knochelmann
Executive Assistant to the President &
Secretary to the Board of Regents

Signature On File
Ashley Himes
Secretary of the Board of Regents

*Approved by the Board of Regents on September 17, 2025.*TKK