



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 12:15 PM

Northeast Ohio Medical University - Cook Alumni Hall

Attendance

Present:

Trustees: Darrell L. McNair, M.B.A., Chair, William H. Considine, M.H.S.A., Vice Chair, Kathy Doseck, Heidi Gartland, Trinity A. Kronk, Ph.D., Karen Soehnlen McQueen, J.D., Ed Roth, Guido Shero, J.D., Ward J. "Tim" Timken Jr., M.B.A., Phillip L. Trueblood, John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., FACS, Ex Officio

Others Present: Paul Bishop, J.D., Mark S. Lerner, NEOMED Foundation Board Chair

NEOMED Personnel: Julie M. Aultman, Ph.D., Tricia Babkoff, Marc Basson, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A., Janet Coon, Rebecca German Ph.D., Nicole Kent-Strollo, Lacey A. Madison, M.B.A., M.Ed., LSSBB, Heather McColloch, Maria R. Schimer, J.D., M.P.H., Sophie Sureau, Mary Taylor, M. Tax., CPA, Sorin T. Teich, D.M.D., M.B.A.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Darrell L. McNair, Chair

Request for Recusal

Chair McNair called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. Secretary Coon called the roll and noted that a quorum was present. Chair McNair asked if any Trustee would need recusal from any of the agenda items presented; there being none, he proceeded with the meeting.

1.1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 10, 2026, Meeting

APPROVAL

Chair McNair noted that all Trustees had received copies of the minutes from the full Board meeting on March 10, 2026. He asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. There being none, Chair McNair called for a motion to approve the March 10, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion moved by Trustee Timken and seconded by Trustee Zelman. The motion is unanimously approved. Chair McNair then turned the meeting over to President Langell for his report.

2. Oath of Office

Maria R. Schimer, M.P.H., J.D.

3. Report of the President

John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS

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NEOMED celebrated its largest graduating class in University history during Commencement on May 2, 2026, with 306 graduates. President Langell also shared several notable accomplishments and recognitions received by the University, including NEOMED's Carnegie Research Designation, which places it among the top 14 percent of colleges and universities nationwide for research. He further highlighted NEOMED's new ranking by Cure, which recognizes the University among the top 5 percent of most innovative institutions in the nation and ranks it No. 12 overall. In addition, NEOMED continues to be recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a top graduate school for research and primary care.

President Langell highlighted several of the University's signature programs and events, including the Northeast Ohio Health Care Transformation Forum, which attracted more than 200 participants this year and representatives from every major health system in Ohio. The event featured Scott Becker as the keynote speaker. He also recognized the success of the sixth annual NEOVations Bench to Bedside Competition which included 37 participating teams. The competition continues to showcase innovation, foster entrepreneurial skills, and support the development of solutions designed to improve healthcare outcomes.

President Langell took a moment to recognize the 2026 Alumni Association Award Recipients and the exceptional quality of NEOMED graduates. Distinguished alumni recognized included Amol Soin, Tom Vo, Crystal Mackall, Rajiv Lapasia, Frank Beck and Mehool Patel among others.

He also highlighted the University's continued growth and expansion throughout Ohio, as well as locally through NEOMED Healthcare's planned expansion onto the Kent State University campus at the DeWeese Health Center.

President Langell provided updates on several strategic initiatives. The Midtown Collaboration Center ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for August 20. The Cleveland Health Innovation Center, developed in partnership with University Hospitals, will feature new branding and will house the Center for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Experience (AIDE) as well as the Maternal and Child Health Collaborative. Across the street, the NEOMED-UH-Miami Nursing Partnership will be located in a new facility designed to support both traditional and accelerated nursing education pathways. Additionally, he shared that the first cohort of 27 NEOMED third-year medical students begin clinical rotations in June as part of the University's affiliation agreement with The Christ Hospital Health Network (TCHHN) in Southwest Ohio.

President Langell concluded his report by reviewing the enrollment trends, which continue to show significant growth, and presenting the master plan for the expanded campus housing and

student life facilities, including conceptual renderings and projected costs. Discussion ensued among Trustees regarding the proposed concepts and related details.

Chair McNair thanked President Langell for his report and invited Lacey Madison, Vice President for Strategy and Transformation to provide the update on the Strategic Plan and BOT scorecards.

4. Report on the University Strategic Plan and Scorecard Review

Lacey A. Madison, M.B.A., M.Ed., LSSBB, Vice President for Strategy and Transformation

Ms. Madison provided a third quarter update on implementation of the 2030 Strategic Plan, reporting continued strong performance across all three strategic pillars. Key indicators included a significant increase in the Net Promoter Score, sustained enrollment growth, continued success of Executive Education programs, strong student engagement in research and research funding of more than \$7.3 million year-to-date. The University also remains fiscally strong with financial metrics performing within target ranges.

Year One implementation remains on track, with approximately 64 percent of Academic initiatives, 95 percent of Discovery initiatives, and 76 percent of Engagement and Operations initiatives progressing as planned. Notable accomplishments included continued enrollment growth, completion of four affiliate strategic plans, advancement of the Miami University nursing partnership and satellite campus planning, submission of the largest federal grant proposal in University history, expansion of collaborative research activities, implementation of values-based hiring practices, and progress on key workforce, legislative, and operational initiatives.

Ms. Madison highlighted NEOMED's evolving approach to strategic partnerships, which now extend beyond clinical education to include workforce development, leadership and faculty development, clinical and community impact, and translational research excellence. Through these long-term partnerships, NEOMED is expanding its statewide impact while advancing its mission and strategic goals.

Looking ahead to Year Two, priorities include advancing health system partnerships, launching the Miami University nursing collaboration, expanding research infrastructure and faculty development opportunities, strengthening innovation and commercialization efforts, enhancing employee and alumni engagement, and continuing operational excellence initiatives. Ms. Madison noted that the University is transitioning from planning to sustained execution and remains well positioned to achieve its strategic objectives.

Chair McNair thanked Ms. Madison for her report and called for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Motion moved by Trustee Timken and seconded by Trustee Zelman. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Executive Session

DISCUSS

Chair McNair moved to reconvene the Board meeting and Trustee McQueen seconded. Chair McNair made a motion for Approval of Dr. Langell's FY 2027 Goals discussed in Executive Session. Motion moved by Trustee Timken, seconded by Trustee Trueblood, and approved unanimously.

Chair McNair asked Committee Chair Considine to provide a summary of the Institutional Advancement Committee.

6. Report of the Institutional Advancement Committee

William H. Considine, M.H.S.A., Committee Chair

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Committee Chair Considine confirmed the minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting were approved and no resolutions were brought forward before the committee. Sophie Sureau, Vice President for Advancement and President of the NEOMED Foundation briefly highlighted FY26 fundraising updates including the annual White Coat Campaign and Casino Night on October 10, 2026. She provided information on scholarships, welcomed three new Foundation Board members and highlighted the upcoming events for the year. Chair McNair then asked Committee Chair McQueen to share the Evaluation and Compensation Committee report.

7. Report of the Evaluation and Compensation Committee

Karen Soehnlén McQueen, J.D., Committee Chair

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Committee Chair McQueen confirmed the minutes of the March 10 and May 26, 2026 meetings were approved. The Committee met on May 26 via Zoom to review Dr. Langell's self-assessment and shared recommendations to the Board during executive session. Chair McNair then asked Committee Chair Zelman to share the Academic and Scientific Affairs Committee report.

8. Report of the Academic and Scientific Affairs Committee

Susan Tave Zelman, Ph.D., Committee Chair

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Committee Chair Zelman confirmed the minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting were approved and the committee reviewed and approved several resolutions including academic personnel actions, and nontenure-track faculty appointments and promotions. Also addressed was the

review and approval of Curriculum Ratifications, the 2026 Campus Completion Plan, and the Award for Distinguished University Professor to Candidate Dr. Jeffrey Wenstrup. Dr. German provided an update on research and sponsored programs. Chair McNair then asked Committee Chair Timken to share the Finance, Fiscal Policy and Investment Committee report.

9. Report of the Finance, Fiscal Policy and Investment Committee

Ward J. "Tim" Timken, Jr., M.B.A., Committee Chair

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Committee Chair Timken shared the March 10, 2026 committee meeting minutes were approved. Several resolutions were brought forward to the Committee for consideration and were unanimously approved. The first involving Hourly and Administrative Personnel which included 15 appointments, 15 changes and 11 separations. Ms. Taylor brought forward two resolutions for capital expenditures exceeding \$500,000; one for the Kohli Media Center Improvements and another for Phase 1 Exterior Master Plan, both related to improving the exceptional student experience and modernizing aging spaces on campus. She also provided details related to FY27 Tuition and Fees and Operating Budget, the Operating and Endowment Funds Investment Policy Statement and a recommendation to approve Clinical Partnership Tuition Waiver. The resolutions brought forward to the Committee for consideration were unanimously approved. Grant Guyuron from Clearstead presented the financial portfolio which shows the University is in good standing with no recommendations for changes. Chair McNair thanked Committee Chair Timken.

Chair McNair noted that all action items were reviewed and approved in their respective committees and a second is not required. The Consent Agenda includes Resolutions R2026-14 through R2026-25. Chair McNair asked if any items required further discussion. There being none, the Consent Agenda was adopted. Chair McNair asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion moved by Trustee Considine and seconded by Trustee Zelman. Chair McNair asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion moved by Trustee Considine and seconded by Trustee Zelman. Motion was unanimously approved.

10. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

11. New Business

Chair McNair recognized Dr. Kronk, who ends her term as Student Trustee.

11.1. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Trinity A. Kronk, Ph.D. (2026-26)

APPROVAL

Dr. Kronk served as Student Trustee since December 2024, representing the voice and interests of the student body with integrity, professionalism, and compassion. During her time at NEOMED, Dr. Kronk distinguished herself through exceptional scholarship, leadership, and service, including serving as the student representative on the University Research Council, co-founding the Dual Degree Society, and founding and serving as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Medical Sciences at NEOMED, a student-led peer-reviewed medical journal.

Dr. Kronk also achieved notable success in biomedical research and innovation, authoring and co-authoring numerous peer-reviewed publications and presentations, receiving several national research awards, including the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, Individual Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health, Young Investigator recognition from the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research, and multiple national research awards, contributing to a medical patent submission in innovation technologies. On May 2, 2026, she earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Basic and Translational Biomedicine degree and will continue her medical education as a third-year medical student.

Chair McNair asked for a motion to approve a resolution of appreciation to Trinity A. Kronk, Ph.D. Motion moved by Trustee Trueblood and seconded by Trustee Timken. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Kronk addressed President Langell and the Board of Trustees, expressing her sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Student Trustee. She shared that it has been an honor to serve alongside the Board and to witness the remarkable growth, innovation, and progress taking place at NEOMED. Ms. Kronk noted her excitement for the University's continued success and bright future. She thanked the Trustees for their support, the meaningful relationships she has built during her service, and for valuing and including the student perspective in Board discussions.

12. Adjournment

Chair McNair reminded Trustees that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2026 and asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved and motion seconded. Motion approved unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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