

Lincoln University Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

February 21, 2026

MINUTES

The Lincoln University Board of Trustees held its Regular Meeting on Saturday, February 21, 2026, in the Niara Sudarkasa International Cultural Center Boardroom.

Mr. Van Corbin, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM Eastern Time. Mr. Kenric Lewis, Secretary, led the invocation. Trustee Lewis, called the roll.

Trustees Present: Mr. Van Corbin, Chair; Dr. Brenda A. Allen, President; Mr. Robert L. Archie Jr., Esq.; Ms. Charisse Carney-Nunes; Mr. Owen Cooks; Mr. William Dunbar; Ms. Lorella Dicks; Dr. Tanya I. Garcia; Ms. Elizabeth Hooks; Ms. Lisa M.B. Johnson; Ms. Nandi Jones-Clement; The Honorable Lydia Kirkland; Ms. Lynette Kuhn; Mr. Henry M. Lancaster II; Dr. Wilbert LaVeist; Mr. Bertram L. Lawson II; Mr. Steven Kenric Lewis; Mr. Everett Love; Mr. Brian Maddox; Ms. Tamara May; Dr. Mary Johnson Osirim; Ms. Jalila Parker; Mr. John “JP” Petty; Dr. Charmaine Rochester, Vice-Chair; Dr. Rodney Ridley; Mr. Jose Sabastro; Ms. Sandra Simmons; Mr. Kevin E. Vaughan; Dr. Corey D.B. Walker; and Dr. Sam Williams, Faculty Representative.

A quorum was satisfied.

Trustees Excused: Mr. Nathan Hargrove; Mr. James Jordan

Minutes

A motion to approve the draft minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held November 22, 2025, and the minutes from the Special Meeting held on February 16, 2026, were made and properly seconded. Trustee Steven Lewis conducted a roll call vote.

Public Comment

Carmina Taylor addressed the board regarding a prior legal dispute with Lincoln University and expressed concerns about its impact on her reputation. She requested to provide additional documentation to the board and emphasized the role of parents as key stakeholders. She urged the board to acknowledge past actions and consider accountability.

AALU Remarks

Dr. Eric Becoats, President of the AALU, provided updates to the Board, reaffirming the Association’s continued focus on its mission centered on time, talent, and treasure. He announced the establishment of a new Gulf States Chapter, representing alumni in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and noted that approximately 98 members participated in a recent January gathering. Upcoming initiatives include February 2026 alumni giving efforts, a joint event with the Baltimore Metro Chapter on February 27, a Women’s Month recognition in March, and planning for Reunion Weekend scheduled for May 1–3, 2026.

Dr. Becoats emphasized that the Alumni Golf Invitational remains the Association's primary fundraiser, with a goal of raising \$100,000 to support the 1854 Fund. He shared a public document outlining sponsorship and individual giving levels and encouraged Board members to distribute it broadly. He also highlighted the "Advancing the Lincoln Legacy Through Literacy" initiative, during which alumni will read to students in the Baltimore City School District on February 26–27.

Conflict of Interest

Chairman Corbin referenced the Conflict-of-Interest Statement.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Van Corbin directed the trustees to review the Conflict-of-Interest Statement and proceeded with the Chair's Report. He shared that he attended the December 8, 2025, Ad-hoc Marketing and Communications Committee meeting and met the new Associate Vice President of Communications, noting her strong vision for advancing the University's brand.

He also provided updates on key committee activities, including the Planning and Development committee's efforts toward the \$100 million fundraising goal; a parliamentary procedures meeting led by Trustee Elizabeth Hooks and Trustee Henry Lancaster, with a workshop planned for the retreat; discussion of two vacant University seats by the Trustees, Degrees, and Nominations Committee; and the recent Business Affairs, Investment, and Foundation Board meetings, commending trustees for their leadership.

Chairman Corbin noted that the Ad-hoc Marketing and Communications Committee met twice during the past quarter and is making meaningful progress. He thanked trustees who attended Convocation and the previous day's committee meetings and encouraged continued participation in Friday sessions to remain engaged in the Board's work and campus initiatives.

President's Report

President Dr. Brenda A. Allen provided an update emphasizing the value of hearing directly from campus leaders and noted that three Mellon grants have strengthened the arts and humanities by supporting faculty scholarship and helping recruit new faculty.

Chief Marc Partee presented the Homecoming 2026 After-Action Review, outlining a collaborative process with Cabinet, students, and approximately 30 external stakeholders (including Pennsylvania State Police, local/regional police, Chester County Detectives, Chester County Emergency Management, and the District Attorney). Key outcomes included a standardized event-planning framework, tighter controls for major events and a zone-based deployment model with Lincoln Public Safety in the inner area and law enforcement partners assigned to outer perimeters for patrol and traffic management. Spring Fling will serve as the initial test case.

Dr. Desmond Beach highlighted the academic impact of the Mellon grants and the momentum created by new faculty hires, noting 17 new faculty over three years, including six supported by Mellon funding. President Dr. Allen confirmed the three grant amounts, averaging to over \$1 million and shared plans to pursue a fourth grant. Lastly, President Dr. Allen stated alumni communication about Homecoming will begin soon, with emphasis on managing size and

invitations, and noted engagement with the Oxford Sheriff's Office will expand as planning progresses.

President Dr. Allen concluded her report.

Treasurers Report

Mr. Wilbourne Rusere, Vice President for Finance and Administration, gave a summary of the Treasurer's Report. The Board of Trustees accepted the Treasurer's Report as information.

Standing Committees

Business Affairs Committee

Trustee Bertram L. Lawson II, Chair of the Business Affairs Committee, presented the following resolutions for approval by the Board of Trustees.

2026-2027 Tuition and Fees Increase

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RESOLVED, That the Lincoln University Board of Trustees approves a 0% increase for 2026-2027 tuition and related fees for undergraduate and graduate students.

A roll call vote was conducted.

A motion was passed unanimously.

2026-2027 Room and Board Increase

RES796_022126

RESOLVED, That the Lincoln University Board of Trustees approves a 5% increase for 2026-2027 room and board

A roll call vote was conducted.

A motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Committee

President Dr. Brenda A. Allen presented the following resolution for approval by the Board of Trustees.

New Employee Relocation Policy

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RESOVLED, That the Lincoln University Board of Trustees approves the New Employee Relocation Policy.

A roll call vote was conducted.

A motion was passed unanimously.

Educational Policy and Academic Affairs Committee

Trustee Dr. Mary Johnson Osirim, Chair of the Educational Policy & Academic Affairs Committee, presented the following resolution for approval by the Board of Trustees.

2025-2026 Tenure and Promotion Recommendations

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the recommendation of the candidates being presented for tenure and promotion.

A roll call vote was conducted.

A motion was passed unanimously.

Audit Committee

Trustee Brian Maddox, Vice Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the following resolution for approval by the Board of Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

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RESOLVED, That the Lincoln University Board of Trustees accept the Single Audit Compliance Report for the year ended June 30, 2025, and 2024 presented and reviewed by **CliftonLarsonAllen LLC** and the University's Administration at a meeting of the Audit Committee held on February 20, 2026. CliftonLarsonAllen LLC issued an unqualified opinion for the audit.

A roll call vote was conducted.

A motion was passed unanimously.

Trustees, Degrees & Nominations Committee

Trustee Henry Lancaster II, Chair of the Trustees, Degrees & Nominations Committee, presented the following resolution for approval by the Board of Trustees.

2026 Honorary Degree Recipients

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopt the recommendation of the University President to accept the 2026 Honorary Degree Recipients.

A roll call vote was conducted.

A motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Chairman convened Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. The public session reconvened following the close of Executive Session.

Consent Agenda

Chairs for Investment, Buildings and Properties, Planning and Development/External Affairs, and Student Affairs provided reports to the Board and addressed questions from Trustees. The Board accepted the committee reports as information.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Corbin adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.