

Board Governance Committee Minutes

The Kansas Board of Regents Governance Committee met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Chair Benson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Proper notice was given according to the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Blake Benson, Chair	Neelima Parasker
	Diana Mendoza, Vice Chair	Alysia Johnston

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Johnston moved to approve the minutes of the Committee's December 17, 2025, meeting. Regent Parasker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCUSS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR NOMINATION PROCESS

John Yeary, General Counsel, reviewed the annual process for selecting the Board's chair and vice chair. Elections take place each May, with terms beginning July 1. Recent practice has been for regents interested in serving to notify the chair by March 1 before seeking support. Chair Benson noted this timeline has worked well. President Flanders added that earlier selection helps with retreat planning and leadership coordination. Regents briefly discussed the responsibilities of the chair and vice chair, acknowledging that no formal job description exists but that interested members can consult with current officers. The committee agreed the existing process remains effective and requires no changes.

RECEIVE STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SECURITY AND IT REPORT – WSU

Stacia Boden, General Counsel for WSU, introduced WSU Police Captain Corey Herl and Associate Vice President Courtney McHenry, who oversees Civil Rights, Title IX, ADA, and Clery compliance.

Captain Herl reported that overall crime statistics remained consistent with historical trends. He highlighted increases in sexual assault reports, noting that seven incidents were recorded, three were reported directly to UPD, two were referred to the Sedgwick County District Attorney, and one case proceeded to prosecution. He also addressed an uptick in motor vehicle thefts, particularly involving Kias targeted by organized groups, and confirmed all stolen vehicles were recovered. Captain Herl detailed significant safety initiatives, including widespread participation in CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) and Stop the Bleed trainings, which have reached nearly 1,300 campus participants. He emphasized enhanced surveillance capabilities and real-time intervention supported by upgraded security camera networks and license plate readers at all campus entrances. UPD continues to expand interagency partnerships with the Kansas Highway Patrol, Wichita Police Department, WSU Tech, and federal agencies, particularly for major events and drone enabled monitoring. He also highlighted the university's role in one of Kansas's largest mass casualty exercises, coordinated by Sedgwick County Emergency Management with support from FEMA and multiple regional emergency-response entities. Postexercise evaluations reinforced the importance of communication and strengthened understanding of EMS triage protocols.

Associate Vice President McHenry reported on advancements in Title IX, civil rights, ADA, and Clery compliance operations. His office expanded outreach through new quick reference guides featuring QR enabled access to Title IX and Clery resources, updated mandatory reporting tools, and an online training request system. He described engagement efforts such as annual "Dean's Tour" meetings, outreach to department chairs, and increased visibility across campus to ensure students, faculty, and staff understand how to access support. His team collaborates closely with Human Resources to jointly evaluate cases involving overlapping Title IX, EEO, and personnel matters. Associate Vice President McHenry confirmed that Wichita State continues to operate under the 2020 Title IX regulations, as Kansas declined to adopt

the 2024 changes. In ADA compliance, he reported the hiring of a new director and WSU's first time co-sponsorship of the Summer Accessibility Camp. His office improved coordination with Student Accommodations and Testing, ensured timely access to adaptive furniture, and strengthened campuswide accessibility initiatives. Associate Vice President McHenry also outlined ongoing Clery compliance work, including year round coordination with UPD, the Wichita Police Department, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, housing, and student conduct. The university maintains membership in the Clery Center and the Association for Title IX Administrators, which provides peer benchmarking and draft reviews of the annual security report. Associate Vice President McHenry emphasized that his team remains proactive, visible, and engaged across campus to ensure continuous improvement in compliance, awareness, and responsiveness.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Benson adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.