

Board of Governors Executive Committee Meeting

Sep 16, 2026 4:00 PM CDT

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I. Roll Call *Presented by: Governor Melissa Gourley*

II. Approval of Minutes *Presented by: Governor Melissa Gourley*

II.A. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Governors Executive Committee Meeting of April 15, 2026

III. Community and Global Partnerships *Presented by: Brad Bodenhausen, Vice President for Community and Global Partnerships*

III.A. Approval of Exclusion Resolution for Certain Directors, Officers, and LLC Member for Classified Contracts for the Department of Defense or the Government contracting activities (User Agencies) of the National Industrial Security Program

IV. Facilities and Equipment *Presented by: Matt Morris, Vice President for Administrative Services*

IV.A. Approval of proposal and award of a contract to install a cooling tower and process piping in building 6 at Jordan Valley Innovation Center

IV.B. Approval of bids and award of a contract to reinforce the KSMU Radio broadcast tower at Darr Agricultural Center

IV.C. Approval of bids and award of a contract for the renovation of the east wing of McDonald Arena for a new football locker room and tunnel

V. Marketing and Communications *Presented by: Mark Danes, Vice President for Marketing and Communications*

V.A. Branding Discussion *Presented by: Ian Strawn, Carnegie*

VI. Resolution Authorizing Closed Meeting, Pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri 610.021

VII. Adjournment *Presented by: Governor Melissa Gourley*

II.A.

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors for Missouri State University held a meeting via Zoom webinar on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, with Governor Melissa Gourley, Chair of the Board, presiding. Governor Gourley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present – Melissa Gourley, Chair of the Board
Tim Francka, Committee Member
Travis Freeman, Committee Member
Jeff Schrag, Committee Member

Also present – Richard B. Williams, President
Jamie Birch, Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations
Jeff Coiner, Chief Information Officer
Rachael Dockery, General Counsel and Vice President for Legal Affairs and Compliance
Natalie McNish, Director of Internal Audit and Risk Management
Dawn Medley, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Matt Morris, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Andrea Mostyn, Interim Vice President for Marketing and Communications
Zora Mulligan, Chancellor of the West Plains Campus
Clarenda Phillips, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Eric Schick, Chief Financial Officer
Dee Siscoe, Vice President for Student Affairs
Rowena Stone, Secretary to the Board of Governors

Approval of Minutes

Governor Gourley called for a motion to approve the open and closed minutes of the March 18, 2026, Executive Committee meeting. Governor Tim Francka provided a motion, receiving a second from Governor Jeff Schrag.

Motion passed 4-0.

2026-2027 Fee Schedules

Matt Morris, Vice President for Administration and Finance, provided an overview of key dates of the budget process. He highlighted increases for undergraduate and graduate tuition and student service fees on the Springfield Campus and provided a comparison to other public Missouri four-year institutions. Additional information was provided on program fees:

- Dr. Clarenda Phillips, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs provided additional information on Academic Affairs fees and auxiliary fees for the Child Development Center and Greenwood Laboratory School.

- Dr. Dawn Medley, Vice President for Enrollment Management, provided additional information on Enrollment Management fees.
- Paula Moore, Assistant Vice President of Global Education and Engagement, provided additional information on International Program fees.
- Dr. Dee Siscoe, Vice President for Student Affairs, provided additional information on fees for Residence Life and Dining and Foster Recreation Center.
- Mr. Morris provided additional information on parking fees.

Zora Mulligan, Chancellor of West Plains Campus, highlighted increases in tuition, auxiliary fees, other fees, and academic fees for the West Plains Campus. She provided a comparison of tuition and fees to other public Missouri two-year institutions.

The following resolutions were presented for approval:

- 2026-2027 Fee Schedule for the Springfield Campus (Fees No. 164-26)
- 2026-2027 Fee Schedule for the West Plains Campus (West Plains Fees No. 24-26)

Governor Travis Freeman provided a motion for approval of both resolutions, receiving a second from Governor Francka.

Motion passed 4-0.

Facilities and Equipment

Mr. Morris presented a resolution for approval to increase the project budget for the professional construction management services in conjunction with the Judith Enyeart Reynolds Performing Arts Complex for fire damage at Craig Hall (Bids & Quotations No. 1639-26). Governor Schrag provided a motion for approval, receiving a second from Governor Freeman.

Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Morris presented a resolution for approval of proposal and award of a contract to resolve the water infiltration issues at Strong Hall (Bids & Quotations No. 1640-26). Governor Francka provided a motion for approval, receiving a second from Governor Schrag.

Motion passed 4-0.

Procurement

Mr. Morris presented a resolution for approval of a procurement activity report for activities from March 11, 2026, through April 8, 2026 (Purchasing Activity Report No. 552-26). He provided information on the following items included in the report:

- X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer for Jordan Valley Innovation Center

Governor Schrag provided a motion for approval, receiving a second from Governor Francka.

Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

With no additional information needing to be discussed, Governor Gourley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Governor Freeman provided a motion, receiving a second from Governor Francka.

Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Melissa Gourley
Board Chair

Passed at the meeting of
September 16, 2026

Rowena Stone
Secretary to the Board

III.A.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

MISCELLANEOUS NO. 45-26

Approval of Exclusion Resolution for Certain Directors, Officers, and LLC Member for Classified Contracts for the Department of Defense or the Government contracting activities (User Agencies) of the National Industrial Security Program

WHEREAS, current Department of Defense Regulations contain a provision making it mandatory that the Chairman of the Board, Senior Management Official and Facility Security Officer meet the requirements for eligibility for access to classified information established for a contractor facility security clearance; and

WHEREAS, said Department of Defense Regulations permit the exclusion from the personnel of the requirements for access to classified information of certain members of the Board of Directors and other officers, provided that this action is recorded in the corporate minutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED that the Chairman of the Board, Senior Management Official and Facility Security Officer at the present time do possess, or will be processed for, the required eligibility for access to classified information; and

BE IT RESOLVED that in the future, when any individual enters upon any duties as Chairman of the Board, Senior Management Official and Facility Security Officer, such individual shall immediately make application for the required eligibility for access to classified information; and

BE IT RESOLVED AND DIRECTED that the following members of the Board of Governors and other officers or members shall not require, shall not have, and can be effectively and formally excluded from access to all **CLASSIFIED** information disclosed to the corporation/company and shall not affect adversely corporate/company policies or practices in the performance of classified contracts for the Department of Defense or the Government contracting activities (User Agencies) of the National Industrial Security Program.

NAME	TITLE
Timothy Francka	Member, Board of Governors
Lynn Renee Parman	Member, Board of Governors
Christopher Gibson Waters	Member, Board of Governors
Travis William Freeman	Member, Board of Governors
Ann M. Kampeter	Member, Board of Governors
Jeffrey Von Schrag	Member, Board of Governors

Melissa Gourley
Board Chair

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Rowena Stone
Secretary to the Board

IV.A.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

BIDS & QUOTATIONS NO. 1644-26

Approval of proposal and award of a contract to install a cooling tower and process piping in building 6 at Jordan Valley Innovation Center

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Governors for Missouri State University that the proposal from Crossland Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty-one Thousand One Hundred Seventy-two and 00/100ths dollars (\$661,172.00) to install a cooling tower and process piping in building 6 at Jordan Valley Innovation Center be accepted, approved, and awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial plan be established as follows:

Project Budget

Consultant Fees	\$19,000.00
Construction Costs	\$661,172.00
Project Administration	\$0.00
Construction Contingency	\$104,328.00
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$135,500.00
Telecommunications	\$0.00
Relocation Costs	\$0.00
Total Project Budget	\$920,000.00

Funding Source

JVIC Cooling Tower budget	\$920,000.00
Total Funding Source	\$920,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be paid from the JVIC Cooling Tower budget funded by the Case-Composite Structures for Hypersonics budget and CASE Facilities & Admin budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice President for Administrative Services or the University Architect and Director of Planning, Design and Construction be authorized to sign the agreement with the firm selected, incorporated herein by reference, and perform those acts necessary to carry out and perform the terms of the agreement. With approval of the above project budget, authorization is also provided to further sign agreements, amendments to existing agreements, and/or easements directly related to this project as long as the approved project budget is not exceeded.

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Board Chair

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IV.A.

COMMENTS:

The installation of a new cooling tower and utilities system will support advanced, externally funded research and development at the Jordan Valley Innovation Center (JVIC). This infrastructure upgrade provides the precise, closed-loop temperature control necessary for advanced manufacturing and materials testing.

By bridging a critical utility gap, this project enables JVIC to safely and efficiently operate specialized machinery required to meet current contractual deliverables. The system will directly support the manufacturing of prototype components and allow researchers to test advanced materials under extreme conditions. Without this precision thermal management, the specialized equipment cannot be operated safely or effectively.

The project scope includes the installation of an owner-furnished cooling tower, along with the required process piping, pumps, controls, and electrical connections to deliver a fully functional system. In addition to the cooling infrastructure, the project extends the existing nitrogen service from Building 4 to Building 6 to accommodate both current and future operational needs. The work is scheduled to be completed during the spring 2027 semester.

Pursuant to RSMo 34.046, which allows Missouri State University to participate in contract agreements established by other public entities, the University is utilizing The Interlocal Purchasing System Contract 22010701 with Crossland Construction Company, Inc. to perform the work under this contract.

This project will be paid from the JVIC Cooling Tower budget funded by the Case-Composite Structures for Hypersonics (\$457,031.36) budget and CASE Facilities & Admin (\$462,968.64) budget.

IV.B.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

BIDS & QUOTATIONS NO. 1645-26

Approval of bids and award of a contract to reinforce the KSMU Radio broadcast tower at Darr Agricultural Center

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Governors for Missouri State University that the low bid of Wallace Tower Specialists Company in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-six Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100ths dollars (\$296,400.00) for alternates 1A and 1B to reinforce the KSMU Radio broadcast tower at Darr Agricultural Center be accepted, approved, and awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial plan be established as follows:

Project Budget

Consultant Fees	\$0.00
Construction Costs	\$296,400.00
Project Administration	\$0.00
Construction Contingency	\$24,600.00
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$0.00
Telecommunications	\$0.00
Relocation Costs	\$0.00
Total Project Budget	\$321,000.00

Funding Source

Darr Tower Reinforcement budget	\$321,000.00
Total Funding Source	\$321,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be paid from the Darr Tower Reinforcement budget funded by Broadcast Services Insurance Proceeds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice President for Administrative Services or the University Architect and Director of Planning, Design and Construction be authorized to sign the agreement with the firm selected, incorporated herein by reference, and perform those acts necessary to carry out and perform the terms of the agreement. With approval of the above project budget, authorization is also provided to further sign agreements, amendments to existing agreements, and/or easements directly related to this project as long as the approved project budget is not exceeded.

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Board Chair

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COMMENTS:

The bids received on this project are as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt. 1A	Alt. 1B	Alt. 1C	Total (Alt. 1 & Alt. 2)
Wallace Tower Specialists Company	\$84,604.00	\$70,928.00	\$225,472.00	\$135,408.00	\$296,400.00
Nabholz Construction	\$176,063.00	\$346,267.00	\$324,446.00	\$279,386.00	\$670,713.00

The base bid project budget was approved at the April 7, 2026, President's Cabinet Meeting and reported to the Board of Governors at the June 26, 2026 meeting. After the removal of the 255' guyed broadcast tower at Darr Agricultural Center, it was decided to proceed with additional work on site identified as alternates. Alternate 1A provides structural repairs to the 446.5' guyed tower. Alternate 1B provides new guy anchor installation for the 446.5' guyed tower. These alternates are being accepted.

Work is scheduled to be completed during the Fall 2026 semester.

Alternate 1C would have removed the 446.5' guyed tower. This alternate is not being accepted.

This project will be paid from the Darr Tower Reinforcement budget funded by Broadcast Services Insurance Proceeds (\$321,000.00).

IV.C.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

BIDS & QUOTATIONS NO. 1646-26

Approval of bids and award of a contract for the renovation of the east wing of McDonald Arena for a new football locker room and tunnel

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Governors for Missouri State University that the low bid of Branco Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of Seven Million Seven Hundred Ninety-two Thousand and 00/100ths dollars (\$7,792,000.00) for the base bid plus alternates 1 and 4 for the renovation of the east wing of McDonald Arena for a new football locker room and tunnel be accepted, approved, and awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial plan be established as follows:

Project Budget

Consultant Fees	\$985,000.00
Construction Costs	\$7,792,000.00
Other Construction Costs	\$200,000.00
Project Administration	\$310,000.00
Construction Contingency	\$2,450,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$25,000.00
Telecommunications	\$38,000.00
Relocation Costs	\$0.00
Total Project Budget	\$11,800,000.00

Funding Source

McDonald Football Locker Room budget	\$11,800,000.00
Total Funding Source	\$11,800,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be paid from the McDonald Football Locker Room budget funded by private donations and the Operating Maintenance & Repair budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice President for Administrative Services or the University Architect and Director of Planning, Design and Construction be authorized to sign the agreement with the firm selected, incorporated herein by reference, and perform those acts necessary to carry out and perform the terms of the agreement. With approval of the above project budget, authorization is also provided to further sign agreements, amendments to existing agreements, and/or easements directly related to this project as long as the approved project budget is not exceeded.

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Board Chair

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COMMENTS:

The bids received on this project are as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Total (Base Bid + Alt. 1 and 4)
Branco Enterprises, Inc.	\$5,993,000.00	\$1,195,000.00	\$3,151,000.00	\$2,218,000.00	\$604,000.00	\$7,792,000.00
Killian Construction Co.	\$6,900,000.00	\$1,180,000.00	\$3,840,000.00	\$2,260,000.00	\$490,000.00	\$8,570,000.00
Crossland Construction Co., Inc.	\$6,927,000.00	\$1,167,000.00	\$3,496,000.00	\$1,800,000.00	\$424,000.00	\$8,518,000.00
DeWitt & Associates, Inc.	\$7,189,000.00	\$1,337,000.00	\$3,655,000.00	\$2,340,000.00	\$565,000.00	\$9,091,000.00
KCI Construction Company	\$7,418,640.00	\$1,368,955.00	\$3,181,713.00	\$2,926,403.00	\$896,809.00	\$9,684,404.00

This project includes a partial renovation of McDonald Arena to support Missouri State University. This project renovates the first-floor east wing, creating a new football locker room along with associated restrooms and shower facilities. The renovation includes upgrades to fire protection, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, telecommunications, security, audio-visual, building technology, and environmental graphics systems. Work is scheduled to be completed during the summer 2027 semester.

Alternate 1 reconnects and extends the historic below-grade game day tunnel between McDonald Arena and Plaster Stadium. Alternate 4 installs a new underground primary electric feed from City Utilities equipment in Lot 4 to a new pad-mount transformer at McDonald Arena. These alternates are being accepted.

Alternate 2 would have renovated the existing arena space to create a new weight room facility. Alternate 3 would have renovated existing spaces to provide an enhanced athletic training area, equipment storage, and laundry facilities. These alternates are not being accepted due to cost.

Unit prices were also received during bidding, and additional site work may be addressed based on unit prices as needs and funding are identified.

Other construction costs include utilities equipment and underground wiring for the work associated with Alternate 4.

The construction contingency has been established at a higher level to cover the athletic training area along with a hydrotherapy room. In addition, this contingency will be used to cover any unforeseen conditions found during construction including but not limited to lead removal and other abatement requirements.

This project will be paid from the McDonald Football Locker Room budget funded by private donations (\$10,500,000.00) and the Operating Maintenance & Repair (\$1,300,000.00) budget.

VI.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Governors for the Missouri State University that a closed meeting, with closed records and closed vote, be held during a recess of this Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Governors to consider items pursuant to the [revised statutes of the State of Missouri 610.021](#):

- A. R.S.Mo. 610.021(1). “Legal actions, causes of action, or litigation involving a public governmental body...”
- B. R.S.Mo. 610.021(2). “Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body...”
- C. R.S.Mo. 610.021(3). “Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body...”
- D. R.S.Mo. 610.021(6). “Scholastic probation, expulsion, or graduation of identifiable individuals...”
- E. R.S.Mo. 610.021(9). “Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups;”
- F. R.S. Mo. 610.021(11) and (12). “Specifications for competitive bidding...;” and “Sealed bids and related documents...;”
- G. R.S.Mo. 610.021(13). “Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment...;”
- H. R.S.Mo. 610.021(14). “Records which are protected from disclosure by law;” and
- I. R.S.Mo. 610.021(18). “Confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body and its auditor,...”