AUDIT & BUSINESS COMMITTEE

March 12, 2026

Roaden University Center, Room 282

MINUTES

Meeting was streamed live via link found on this web page:
https://www.tntech.edu/board/meetings/

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call to Order

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees Audit & Business Committee met on March 12, 2026, in Roaden University Center Room 282. Chair Thomas Jones was absent; therefore, Board Chair Rhedona Rose acted as Chair of the Audit & Business Committee for this meeting as allowed per Policy 005, Board Committees and called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Chair Rose asked Mr. Lee Wray, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members were present:

- Rhedona Rose
- Thomas Lynn
- Barry Wilmore

Other board members also in attendance were Fred Lowery, Trudy Harper, Michael Allen, Teresa Chasteen-Dunn, Allen Foster, Garry McNabb, Camron Rudd, and Braxton Westbrook. A quorum was physically present. Tennessee Tech faculty, staff, and members of the public were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Approval of Minutes

Chair Rose asked for approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2025, Audit & Business Committee meeting. Chair Rose asked if there were questions or comments regarding the minutes. There being none, Mr. Wilmore moved to recommend approval of the December 4, 2025, Audit & Business Committee minutes. Mr. Lynn seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM 3 – Update on Governor's Budget

Dr. Stinson advised the capital outlay portion did not include funding for the requested Life Science Building or Social Science Building. The maintenance portion of the Governor's recommendation included funding for utility infrastructure upgrades phase one and multiple buildings' elevator upgrades phase two.

State appropriations have been readjusted according to outcomes. This year, LGIs lost a significant amount of money to the University of Tennessee due to their outcome points.

The operating budget recommendations included funding for salary pool and group health insurance. The budget also included non-recurring funding for Governor's Academies for Next-Gen Nuclear & Cybersecurity Education.

This was an informational item therefore no action was required.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Tuition & Mandatory Fees

Dr. Stinson provided examples of tuition increase estimates that ranged from 2.5%-6.5% to illustrate the estimated revenues generated and cost to students per semester including mandatory fee increase.

This was an informational item therefore no action was required.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Compensation Plan

Dr. Stinson provided information on the proposed compensation plan. The proposed compensation plan included:

1.5% to 2% pool for recurring salary increases effective September 1, 2026, pending approval of Governor's FY2026-27 budget.

- Employees with satisfactory or better evaluation are eligible for raise.
- Employees who are on or were on a Performance Improvement Plan (clerical & staff) or Performance Enhancement Plan (faculty) for FY2026 are ineligible.
- Employees hired on or before 03/01/2026 and still employed on 9/1/2026 are eligible.
- Minimum award of 1% to maximum award of 5%

Mr. Lynn moved to approve the compensation plan as presented above and place it on the Board's regular agenda. Mr. Wilmore seconded the motion. Mr. Wray took a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM 6 – FY2025 State Audit

Dr. Stinson advised for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the university financial statements received an unmodified opinion. The report did not contain any findings.

This was an informational item therefore no action was required.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Talon Demonstration

Dr. Stinson provided the Board with a demonstration of the Talon Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. A video was presented to show an overview of the project's current state and planned future state. The video showed how the system will support the organization's strategic and operational objectives.

This was an informational item therefore no action was required.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Notice of Responsibilities for Preventing, Detecting, and Reporting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

Amy Wilegus advised that state law requires the Audit Committee to formally reiterate on a regular basis to the Board, Management and Staff their responsibilities for preventing, detecting, and reporting fraud, waste, and abuse. Accordingly, a Notice of Responsibilities was provided in Diligent for the trustees to review.

No action required on this item.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Internal Audit Plan Review

Amy Wilegus advised State law requires a quarterly update of Internal Audit work. The report is updated throughout the year in response to emerging and changing risks. The report was provided in Diligent.

This was an informational item therefore no action was required.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Enterprise Risk Management

Amy Wilegus presented the proposed transition of Enterprise Risk Management responsibilities to the Office of Internal Audit.

Mr. Wilmore moved to approve the proposed transition of Enterprise Risk Management resonsibilities. Mr. Lynn seconded the motion. Mr. Wray took a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously. This item did not require full board approval.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Adjournment of Open Session & Call to Order on Non-Public Executive Session

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. After a short break, the Non-Public Executive Session began at 11:25 a.m. Trustees and Administration were present for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – Adjournment

There being no further business, the Non-Public Executive Session adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

Approved,

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Lee Wray, Secretary