

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
July 1, 2024

The July 1, 2024, Special Meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Carl Ice at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Ice, Chair
Jon Rolph, Vice Chair
Alysia Johnston
Neelima Parasker
Diana Mendoza

MEMBERS ABSENT: Blake Benson
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CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Other Matters

ACT ON REQUEST TO NAME A BUILDING AND AN ACADEMIC UNIT – PSU

President Shipp sought Board approval to rename the Kansas Technology Center to the "Crossland Technology Center" and the College of Technology to the "Crossland College of Technology," making it The Crossland College of Technology at the Crossland Technology Center. This action required Board approval per policy on naming of facilities and academic units.

The College of Technology, created in 1997, was designed to meet growing technical workforce needs, with graduates enjoying nearly 100% industry placement. The College includes the schools of construction, technology & workforce learning, and automotive & engineering technology.

The Crossland Construction Company, founded in 1977 by Ivan Crossland, has grown to be a top national construction company. The company's significant support of PSU includes building projects, funding, donations, internships, and hiring graduates. Naming the College in the company's honor would recognize its outstanding support and legacy at PSU.

President Shipp highlighted a \$10 million gift from the Crossland family and noted the strong connection between the Crossland name and the College of Technology, particularly in southeast Kansas. The Crossland company is now ranked among the top 50 contractors in the country. President Shipp expressed gratitude for the generous gift, reinforcing the university's appreciation.

Regent Rolph made a motion to approve, with a second from Regent Mendoza. The motion carried.

ACT ON REQUEST TO RENAME A BUILDING – PSU

On behalf of Pittsburg State University, President Shipp sought Board approval to rename the University's married and family housing from "Crimson Village Apartments" to "The Orchards." This renaming required Board approval per policy.

The Crimson Village Apartments, consisting of 40 duplex units for married and family housing, were proposed to be renamed in honor of PSU's tradition of Apple Day, with "The Orchards" suggested as a fitting new name.

The Housing and Residence Life team aimed to clarify campus naming conventions due to confusion caused by the frequent use of "crimson" in various campus names, such as Crimson Villas and Crimson Village Apartments. The proposed renaming was intended to align with university traditions and reduce confusion.

President Shipp addressed the need for this name change, noting that "crimson" was overused and causing confusion. He supported the renaming to "The Orchards" to improve clarity and organization in campus naming conventions.

Regent Johnston made a motion to approve, with a second from Regent Rolph. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ice adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Carl Ice, Chair