

June 2026 Governmental Affairs & Public Policy Committee

Schedule

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 9:15 AM — 9:45 AM CDT


Organizer



Colton Cockrum



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2. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

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3. Approval of Governmental Affairs & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2026

Presented by Doug Edwards

University of Memphis Board of Trustees
Governmental Affairs & Public Policy
March 4, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Trustee Edwards called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Governmental Affairs & Public Policy committee. Trustee Edwards reminded the committee that the Governmental Affairs & Public Policy Committee serves as the school board.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Trustee Edwards requested a roll call. Secretary Cockrum called the roll. Trustees Edwards, Johnson, McKinney, Keeney and Trustee Orgel were in attendance in-person. Trustee Ellison was not in attendance. Secretary Cockrum declared a quorum.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of Governmental Affairs & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2025.

Trustee Edwards called for a motion and a second to approve the meeting minutes from December 3rd. Trustee McKinney provided the motion and a second was provided Trustee Johnson. There was no discussion on the meeting minutes. Secretary Cockrum took a voice vote, and the meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 4: Tennessee State Board of Education – Student Member Nomination

Trustee Edwards recognized Dr. Sally Parish (Vice Provost & Director of Schools). Dr. Parish introduced the committee to the University Schools first nominee to the state board of education, Hudson Noe. Dr. Parish provided the background on Hudson including his academic achievements and leadership activities. Trustee Chairman mentioned that as a former member of the state board of education, it is one of the best boards in the state and has a track record of great work.

Trustee Edwards called for a motion that stated, “The Governmental Affairs & Public Policy Committee recommends a motion to approve a resolution formally submitting Hudson Noe as the University Schools nominee to serve as a student member on the State Board of Education.” The motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee McKinney. Secretary Cockrum called a voice vote and the motion carried.

Agenda Item 5: Additional Business

Trustee Edwards called for any additional business and there was none.

Agenda Item 6: Adjournment

Trustee Edwards asked for motion for adjournment. The motion was properly made and the meeting was adjourned.

4. Legislative Update

Presentation

Presented by Ken Moody

The University of Memphis Board of Trustees

Recommendation

Presentation

Date: June 3, 2026

Committee: Governmental Affairs & Public Policy

Presentation: Legislative Updates FY '25-26

Presented by: Kenneth Moody

Motion to be Made: None

Legislative Updates for FY '25-26

Governmental Affairs & Public Policy

Kenneth Moody
Executive Director

Date: June 3, 2026
UofM – Lambuth Campus



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4. Legislative Updates

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STATE

FY26 State Request

- \$30 million (Fogleman)
- \$101 million (Mitchell & Clement Replacement)
- \$5 million (Deferred Maintenance)

FY27 State Request

- \$101 million (Mitchell & Clement Replacement) – Deferred Maintenance Funds

FEDERAL

FY26 Federal Dollars Received

- \$1.2 million (Lambuth) Congressman Kustoff
- 800K South Campus Infrastructure

FY27 Federal Request

- 2.3 million Highland & Southern Road Improvement
- \$\$ Pre-Construction cost for Academic Facility at Lambuth

5. University Schools Update

Presentation

Presented by Sally Parish

University Schools

Governmental Affairs & Public Policy

Dr. Sally G. Parish
Vice Provost & Director of Schools

June 3, 2026

University of Memphis - Lambuth



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Items for Approval

Adoption of the 2026-2027 University Schools Policy Manual

Slated Items for State & Federal Compliance:

- University Schools Textbook Adoption Approval
- University Schools Artificial Intelligence Compliance Report Approval
- University Schools Salary Scale
- University Schools Federal Programs Consolidation Application and Participation in Federal Programs Approval

2025/2026 Highlights: Strategic Plan Launch

1. Cultivate a **student** experience that addresses the unique holistic needs of our growing and diverse student body with a focus on college and career readiness.
2. Create a world-class employment experience where **faculty** and **staff** flourish.
3. Model and codify **innovative** educational practices, strengthened through research and **collaboration**.
4. Strive for a culture of **academic excellence** in which all students can achieve their personal best.
5. Maintain a strong **district infrastructure** through enhanced operations, facilities, and financial standards, ensuring compliance and sustainability of our district.

2025/2026 Highlights: Inaugural Graduating Class

- **\$14 million** in scholarships
- **86 graduates**, with a **100%** college admissions acceptance rate, and **29** remaining at the University of Memphis
- **3.97** average GPA
- **24** average ACT
- Over **2,000** hours of college credit earned




2025/2026 Highlights: CSK Launch

- **134** students enrolled
- Significant growth for below grade level students & strong growth for all learners
- Over **\$700,000** in grant funding secured to bolster literacy instruction and student wellness
- **78** games played at our “home court.”




LEAPS Survey Data 2026

Based on 825 University Schools student responses, part of a data set of over 17,000 students nationwide








"My schoolwork allows me to really show what I know, and I get extra help when I need it!"



"I do work that meets me where I am, and I am able to catch up if I am behind."

UMS & UHS Students said they:

- Feel included by their peers
- Love being able to develop their own ideas
- Feel they can "be themselves" at school

	81%	of University Schools students say they feel they are "expected to learn a lot".
	72%	of University Schools students say they use their thinking skills to understand things, not just memorize facts.
	71%	of University Schools students say they are learning a lot in school.
	69%	of University Schools students say they feel part of a community at their school.
	68%	of University Schools students say someone at their school will help them when things get hard.

Compared with their peers nationally, University Schools students reported experiencing much higher levels of:

- Rigorous learning
- Connection & Community
- High teacher expectations
- Individual agency
- Customized learning

"There are a lot of people who know me and care about me!"



Elementary Students said they:

- Learn how to work together, at school, even when people disagree
- Are able to figure out what they are really good at in school

The University of Memphis Board of Trustees

Presentation

Date: June 3, 2026

Committee: Governmental Affairs & Public Policy

Presentation: University Schools Updates

Presented by: Dr. Sally G. Parish, Vice Provost & Director of Schools

Background: Dr. Parish will present an update on University Schools including information about the Campus School Kimball launch, the inaugural graduating class of University High School, the University Schools strategic plan, and the district Leaps survey data.

6. University Schools 2026-2027 Policy

Manual Adoption

For Approval

Presented by Doug Edwards

The University of Memphis Board of Trustees

Recommendation for Approval

Date: June 3, 2026

Committee: Governmental Affairs & Public Policy

Presentation: University Schools 2026/2027 Policy Manual Approval

Presented by: Dr. Sally G. Parish, Vice Provost & Director of Schools

Background: University Schools seeks board approval for the adoption of the 2026-2027 District Policy Manual. Key changes include updates to the faculty leave policy (5.300), the acceptable use policy (4.406), the continued enrollment policy (6.2035) to reflect addition of the parent partnership agreement, and other updates as required by state law.

The policy manual is included in your board materials for further review.

Motion to be Made:

The Governmental Affairs & Public Policy Committee recommends a motion to approve the University Schools 2026-2027 District Policy Manual.

Related Materials:

2026/2027 District Policy Manual:

[University Schools Policy Manual 2026-27](#)

7. University Schools Slated Items for
Approval: Textbook Adoption, AI
Compliance Report, Salary Schedule,
Federal Programs Consolidation
Application and Participation in Federal
Programs

For Approval

Presented by Doug Edwards

The University of Memphis Board of Trustees

Recommendation for Approval

Date: June 3, 2026

Committee: Governmental Affairs & Public Policy

Presentation: University Schools Approvals

Presented by: Dr. Sally G. Parish, Vice Provost & Director of Schools

Background: As a public school district in the state of Tennessee, University Schools requires board approvals for the following items:

- University Schools Textbook Adoption Approval
- University Schools Artificial Intelligence Compliance Report Approval
- University Schools Salary Scale
- University Schools Federal Programs Consolidation Application and Participation in Federal Programs Approval

Related documents are included in your board materials. It is recommended that the Governmental Affairs & Public Policy Committee Slate these items for approval.

Motion to be Made:

The Governmental Affairs & Public Policy Committee recommends a motion to approve the University Schools slated items including the textbook adoption, the artificial intelligence compliance report, the 26/27 faculty salary scale, and the participation in federal programs and federal programs consolidation application.

Related Materials:

- [University Schools Textbook Adoption](#)
- [University Schools Artificial Intelligence Compliance Report 2026](#)
- [University Schools Salary Scale](#)
- [2026-27 Consolidated Funding Application and Participation in Federal Programs Application](#)

8. Additional Business

Presented by Doug Edwards

9. Adjournment

Presented by Doug Edwards