University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Retreat
August 21, 2026

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in a retreat on August 21, 2026, at 1:04 p.m. in the James C. Kirkpatrick Library, Room 1260, on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Stephen Abney. Others participating in the meeting were Governors John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Stu Rogers, Gus Wetzel II, and Ken Weymuth; University President Roger Best; General Counsel Lindsay Chapman; and Assistant Board Secretary Kristen Plummer.

Call to Order – Agenda Item No. 1

Board President Abney called the meeting to order.

UCM Capital Projects Progress Updates – Agenda Item No. 2

Progress updates were presented by the architecture firms working on the following UCM Capital Projects:

- **Diamond Sports Developmental Facility:** Sam Collins, Firm Principal, and Baylor Rimiller, from Collins and Webb, provided an overview of the Diamond Sports Developmental Facility (Attachment 1) that included a timeline of events, the design process from the vision to the current plan, and a walkthrough of the current renderings of the facility.

- **Hughes Center Athletics Center Projects:** Emily Marsh, President, and Jason Barker, Principal of Wellner Architects and Engineers, provided an overview of the Jennies Volleyball and Mules Wrestling locker room projects (Attachment 2), explaining the design process and inspiration. This project will add square footage to the building and will require a new air handler, as the current system cannot support the additional space. The design includes shell space to allow for future projects if needed.

- **Welcome Center Facility and Utt/Grinstead Facelift:** Erik Kocher, Partner and Practice Leader for Grace Design Studios, provided an overview of the design for the Welcome Center and Utt/Grinstead exterior facelift (Attachment 3). The Welcome Center will be located near the corner of Maguire and South Streets and will be approximately 27,000 gross square feet. Mr. Kocher outlined a few of the recommended finishings for the building. In response to questions from the Board, he explained that the large meeting area has movable seats that can seat up to 400 people.

- **Yeater Hall Rebuild:** The following presented an overview of the design for the Yeater Hall Rebuild (Attachment 4): Kristine Dorn, Partner with Hollis Miller Architects; Stephanie Keeton, Client Leader with Hollis Miller Architects; Jackson Kane, Principal with Lord Aeck Sargent; and Josh Andrews, Principal with Lord Aeck Sargent. Ms. Dorn shared stakeholder involvement that influenced the building design, including

student engagement. The group discussed room style, sizes, common areas, and student preferences. The building will have 360 beds.

Other – Agenda Item No. 3

There was no other business to discuss.

Request for Closed Session – August 21, 2026 – Agenda Item No. 4

Governor Dandurand moved pursuant to the Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 610.021, that the UCM Board of Governors resume meeting in closed meeting, with closed record and closed vote, for the purpose of considering real estate matters, legal actions, contractual matters, personnel matters, and other matters included under Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. The motion was seconded by Governor Collier and carried with the following roll call vote:

John Collier	**aye**
Mary Dandurand	**aye**
Stu Rogers	**aye**
Gus Wetzel	**aye**
Ken Weymuth	**aye**
Stephen Abney	**aye**

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 5

The Board concluded the Retreat at 3:10 p.m. Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Board returned to the Retreat at 5:34 p.m.

Governor Collier made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Governor Weymuth and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Attachments Listing

Attachment No.	Attachment Description
1	Diamond Sports Developmental Facility
2	Hughes Center Athletics Center Projects
3	Welcome Center Facility and Utt/Grinstead Facelift
4	Yeater Hall Rebuild