



KELCE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Pittsburg State University

MINUTES

Kelce Board of Advisors Meeting
Noon CDT, September 12, 2025,
Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room

Board Members Present: Todd Allison, Doug Ball, Paul Bergant, Doug Eaton, Brenda Flood, Nancy George, Dana Ham, John Ison, Brandee Johnson, Jeff Ney, Terry Puett
Pitt State Faculty/Staff Present: Alex Binder, Chelsey Decker, Paul Grimes, Jenni Hall, Holly Kent, Lynn Murray, Mimi Morrison
Guests Present: Thomas Newsom (President), Jane Talkington (Kelce faculty)

- I. Lunch Served and Welcome by Dean Paul Grimes
- II. Opening of the Meeting – Chair Nancy George
 - A. Introduction of New Board Member – Dana Saliba Ham; Introductions made by all board members and faculty/staff to Dana
- III. Kelce MBA 50th Anniversary Celebration – Chelsey Decker
 - A. Overview of Saturday's Events
 - Tomorrow is the day for the events
 - Program to be held in Overman Student Center ballrooms; tailgate held in Gorilla Village
 - List that was distributed includes all planning to attend – we have representation from every decade
 - Tailgate begins at noon with Chicken Annie's lunch
 - Will have a Public Address shout out at the game – 2nd time out of the 2nd quarter
 - B. New Data science MBA emphasis – begins with first course in Fall II term (October start)
 - C. Jan. 26 will start MPAcc following the PMBA program format and course carousel
 - D. 350 total MBA students currently enrolled
- IV. Introduction of new Entrepreneurship Coordinator – Jane Talkington
 - A. First entrepreneurship class begins in the spring; promoting the new certificate and minor
 - B. Entrepreneurship club housed in CCOT; will partner to generate interest
 - C. She has an outside guest speaker planned for next week; to begin a "Vision to Venture" series
 - D. Goal to start a "trade fair" of student venture ideas in the spring
- V. Development Updates
 - A. naming opportunities in the new building still available; distributed list
 - B. upcoming Annual Golf Tournament – Jeff Ney – 16th annual golf tournament is October 6
 - program is growing
 - have 29 teams so far this year and will cap at 30
 - goal to increase sponsorships to raise additional scholarship dollars
 - to be held again at Brookridge Country Club in Overland Park

- VI. Tour of New Building
 - A. Walked to construction site
 - B. Tour led by Dean Grimes pointing out location of features and offices
 - B. Signed beams in board room
 - C. Photos of group taken on balcony and at front of building
 - D. Returned to Chamber of Commerce
- VII. President Thomas Newsom – remarks – Dr. Grimes introduced Dr. Newsom
 - A. Dr. Newsome made remarks about his first 2 weeks in Pittsburg and at Pitt State
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Dates for calendar:
 - 1. Traditional Date for Spring Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2026
 - 2. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026
 - 3. Two more names for potential nominees coming very soon
- IX. Adjournment – 2:45 p.m.