

**Lake Superior State University  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Walker Cisler Center  
Crow's Nest  
April 17, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026, in the Crow's Nest of the Walker Cisler Center, Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The meeting was pursuant to Section 1.03 of the Bylaws of said Board.

Section numbers and headings of these minutes correspond to the agenda. A copy of the proposed agenda was distributed to each Trustee at the public session on April 17, 2026. Any material considered by the Board, which was distributed at the time of the meeting, is so designated in these minutes.

At the call to order, there were several members in the audience.

**I. Roll Call**

Ms. Cynthia Williams, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. and asked the secretary, Ms. Lauren Pierce to call the roll. The following members responded "present":

Ms. Patricia Caruso  
Dr. Kevin Cooper  
Ms. Sheri Davie  
Mr. Michael Day  
Mr. Jon P. DeRoo  
Dr. Peter Scornaiencki  
Ms. Cynthia Williams  
Dr. David Travis, President

Seven Trustees were recorded as present at roll call. Trustees Caruso, Davie, and Day joined via Zoom. Trustee Whitney Gravelle was recorded as absent.

**II. Approval of the Agenda for April 17, 2026**

Dr. Cooper moved for Board approval of the agenda for April 17, 2026, as presented, supported by Dr. Scornaiencki. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

**III. Addresses to the Board**

None

**IV. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Williams welcomed the Board and members of the audience to the special meeting and recognized the single action item on the agenda, bringing exciting opportunities to LSSU.

**V. President's Remarks**

Dr. Travis welcomed the Board and members of the audience to the meeting and thanked all for meeting on short notice.

**VI. Action Items**

**a. Taffy Abel Ice Arena Renovation**

Dr. Travis presented to the Board for approval of a renovation project to the Taffy Abel Ice Arena.

Ms. Caruso moved for Board approval to proceed with the presented Taffy Abel Ice Arena renovation project as presented, not to exceed \$6.8M. In addition, any sitting or future President and/or CFO be authorized to sign any and all documents necessary for the successful completion of the project, supported by Dr. Cooper.

Dr. Travis stated the project is the beginning of many phases to improving the University. The project is anticipated to begin immediately after Board approval and is anticipated to be completed by the end of September 2026. This improvement will allow more events and activities in the arena and better serve the campus and community. Funding will come from several sources, with the majority coming from donations.

Mr. Day asked if the project would provide more revenue opportunities.

Mr. Walworth confirmed that the project would open opportunities for the arena to bring in more revenue streams.

Mr. DeRoo acknowledged that the project is needed and would help support and give back to the employees.

The Chair requested a roll call vote. The results of the roll call vote were:

Ms. Patricia Caruso	"Yes"
Dr. Kevin Cooper	"Yes"
Ms. Sheri Davie	"Yes"
Mr. Michael Day	"Yes"
Mr. Jon P. DeRoo	"Yes"
Dr. Peter Scornaiencki	"Yes"
Ms. Cynthia Williams	"Yes"

The motion carried with seven affirmative votes.

**VII. Other Business**

None

VIII. **Adjournment**

Dr. Cooper moved for adjournment at 2:05 p.m.; supported by Dr. Scornaiencki. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

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Cynthia Williams, Chair

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David Travis, President

A draft of these minutes was completed by Lauren Pierce, Secretary.