

Highlights from Tuesday, April 21, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting



Architectural rendering of the Novo Nordisk Life Sciences Center.

Action items and consent agenda

Board actions

The Board unanimously approved the following actions:

- Eli Lilly and Merck naming nominations and pledge for locations in the Novo Nordisk Life Sciences Center.
- 3-1 East Collins HVAC Project Amendment 1.
- Construction

management at risk recommendation for Building 9 renovation that will house the Durham Early College of Health Sciences.

- The 2026-27 Board of Trustees meetings calendar.

Consent agenda

The Board unanimously approved:

- FTE Audit line from previous meeting
- CE fees for 2026-2027
- Off-cycle changes for CU 2026-2027
- Off-cycle changes for CU 2025-2026
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- Acceptance of the Fall 2025 Continuing Education Class Visitation Report

President's report



Among the items that President Buxton shared in his report were an update on the state and county budgets and appointments processes, affordable housing, and plans for the May 3 Commencement exercises.

Strategic plan update

Sarah Devlin, senior advisor to the president, provided an update on to



Trustees about the 2026-31 strategic plan, sharing the process of meeting with each committee to discuss the key themes emerging, thus far. There was discussion on continuing Board engagement, leading to a full Board review and discussion of the plan's final draft in June.