



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Information for Attending Board of Trustees Meetings

The Board of Trustees welcomes the lawful attendance of its public meetings. To help promote the transaction of public business in an efficient and safe environment, the following safety protocols will apply to all events held by the Board of Trustees. We ask that attendees conduct themselves in a manner respectful of fellow observers, the Board, and the University staff.

Meetings of the Board of Trustees and its committees are public meetings, rather than public hearings. Participation is limited to members of the Board, designated staff, and those who have been recognized to address the Board of Trustees in accordance with the [Standing Rule Governing Requests to Address the Board of Trustees](#). By Tennessee law (*Tennessee Code Annotated* § 39-17-306), attendees at official meetings and committee meetings of the Board of Trustees may not engage in conduct that substantially obstructs or interferes with a public meeting.

The number of people granted entry to any event may be limited by venue and seating capacity and/or seating limitations. All attendees are subject to screening. As part of a continuing effort to protect public safety, security officers will prohibit public visitors from bringing the following items into the meeting facility:

- **Backpacks, duffels, or suitcases.** Employees and credentialed media are not affected by this policy but may be subject to search.
- **Any sign or object larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches.** Signs may not be made from wood or metal.
- **Bullhorns, noisemakers, or other amplification devices.**
- **Sticks, posts, poles, pipes, or other such items, even if attached to signs.**
- **Items that may create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.**

Violators may be subject to criminal sanction.