

UT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER. minutes

University Council Meeting

December 1, 2025

2:00pm-3:30pm

Attendees:

Peter Buckley	Cindy Russell	Paul Wesolowski	Ken Tilashalski	George Ninan
Raaj Kurapati	Jessica Snowden	Reginald Frye	Vikki Massey	James Haynes
Mike Hocker	Jessi Gold	Karen Derefinko	Samantha Townsend	
Karla Leeper	Michael Alston	Mike Ebbs	Robert Craft	
Wendy Likes	Charlie Snyder	Keshia Giboney	David Mills	
Brian Wilcox	Debbie Long			

Absent: Ashley Harkrider

Guest: GRAED Team- Carey Whitworth, Tim Sigler, Josh Warren

Raaj Kurapati called the meeting to order 2:00 pm central.

Tennessee Rural Health Transformation application review and discussion (Wendy Likes)

University Council members reviewed the presentation given by Dr. Wendy Likes on Tennessee's rural healthcare initiatives, including the Center of Excellence for Rural Healthcare and the Federal Rural Health Transformation Program. Discussions covered strategic goals, funding opportunities, and collaboration among health institutions, with emphasis on mobile health units and rural expansion. The group discussion highlighted coordination between universities and county health councils and explored initiatives in maternal and child health, dental care, telehealth, rural residencies, and leadership in the state's Health Information Exchange.

Meeting Adjourn at 3:30pm central