

TENNESSEE



INTERESTING FACT

In the 2016 legislative session, Tennessee enacted a law, the Tennessee FOCUS Act, which was developed and promoted by Governor Haslam and endorsed by the legislature. The legislation removed the six, 4-year public regional institutions from the Tennessee Board of Regents (one of two public systems in the state). In this process, each institution received its own 10-member governing board, which will begin meeting in spring 2017. This is the second time that a state has restructured its system, creating institutional governing boards, since 2013 (Oregon). The Tennessee Higher Education Commission remains intact as the state's coordinating board for colleges and universities.

NUMBER OF BOARDS

9 Public Boards

- 6 Institution Boards
- 2 System Boards
- 1 Coordinating Board

ABOUT THE BOARDS



MEMBERSHIP

- 9 boards have student members (3 who vote)
- 8 boards have faculty members (8 who vote)



PROCESS

- 0 boards have an external vetting process for members
- 8 boards have a formalized removal process for members



SELECTION

- 0 boards have members selected by a general election
- 9 boards have members selected by the governor
- 1 boards have members selected by the state legislature



REQUIREMENTS

- 3 boards require some members to be state residents
- 3 boards require some members to live in a certain region of the state

STATE BOARDS

INSTITUTION BOARDS

Board of Regents of Austin Peay State University

Board of Regents of East Tennessee State University

Board of Regents of Middle Tennessee State University

Board of Regents of Tennessee State University

Board of Regents of Tennessee Technological University

Board of Regents of University of Memphis

SYSTEM BOARDS


Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee

Tennessee Board of Regents

COORDINATING BOARDS

Tennessee Higher Education Commission

DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT TENNESSEE'S PUBLIC BOARDS



	TYPE OF INSTITUTIONS COVERED	TYPE OF AUTHORITY	TOTAL MEMBERS / VOTING	FROM A GENERAL ELECTION	FROM THE GOVERNOR (*LEGISLATURE CONFIRMS)	FROM THE LEGISLATURE	ALUMNI ASSOCIATION APPOINTED MEMBERS / VOTING	FACULTY MEMBERS / VOTING	STUDENT MEMBERS / VOTING	EX OFFICIO MEMBERS / VOTING	GOVERNOR SERVES	PRESIDENT / CHANCELLOR SERVES (*VOTES)	ALUMNI MEMBERS REQUIRED	MUST HAVE STATE RESIDENTS / MUST LIVE IN A CERTAIN REGION	TERM LENGTH IN YEARS (*TERM LIMIT)	REQUIRED NUMBER OF MEETINGS ANNUALLY	FORMALIZED REMOVAL PROCESS	REQUIRES AN EXTERNAL SCREENING	LIMITS THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL AFFILIATES
Tennessee Higher Education Commission	State-wide Coordinating Board	Statutory	15/13	0	8	3	0	0	2/1	4/3	No	No	No	Yes/Yes	6	4	No	No	Yes
Board of Regents of Austin Peay State University	4 year only	Statutory	10/9	0	8	0	3/3	1/1	1/0	0/0	No	No	Yes*	No/No	6	4	Yes	No	No
Board of Regents of East Tennessee State University	4 year only	Statutory	10/9	0	8	0	3/3	1/1	1/0	0/0	No	No	Yes*	No/No	6	4	Yes	No	No
Board of Regents of Middle Tennessee State University	4 year only	Statutory	10/9	0	8	0	3/3	1/1	1/0	0/0	No	No	Yes*	Yes/No	6	4	Yes	No	No
Board of Regents of Tennessee State University	4 year only	Statutory	10/9	0	8	0	3/3	1/1	1/0	0/0	No	No	Yes*	No/No	6	4	Yes	No	No
Board of Regents of Tennessee Technological University	4 year only	Statutory	10/9	0	8	0	3/3	1/1	1/0	0/0	No	No	Yes*	No/No	6	4	Yes	No	No
Board of Regents of University of Memphis	4 year only	Statutory	10/9	0	8	0	3/3	1/1	1/0	0/0	No	No	Yes*	No/No	6	4	Yes	No	No
Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee	4 year only	Statutory	26/23	0	21*	0	0/0	2/1	2/1	5/4	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	No/Yes	6	1	Yes	No	Yes
Tennessee Board of Regents	2 & 4 year	Statutory	19/17	0	15*	0	0/0	2/1	1/1	4/3	Yes*	No	No	Yes/Yes	6	4	Yes	No	Yes