



**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH AND SERVICE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026
11:00AM – 12:30PM
PRESIDENT'S BOARDROOM**

Members Present: Ivan Pulinkala (CEO), Karin Scarpinato (COO), Nwakaego Nkumeh Walker, Nicole Ferguson, Aimee Roper, Mahyar Amirgholy, Catherine Kaukinen, Dana Johnson

Members Not Present: Kat Schwaig (Chairperson), Ryan McLemore (CFO), Courtney Law, Costas Simoglou, Student Representative (vacant seat)

Guests Present: Chris Cornelison, Josh Davis, Robert Bridges, Amber Ellithorpe, Colin Ake, Jason Jenkins

- I. Call to Order @ 11:00AM – Dr. Ivan Pulinkala
- II. Updates from Academic Affairs- Dr. Ivan Pulinkala
 - Approval of PhD program in Biomedical Sciences – Launch Fall 2027
 - Approval of bachelor's in financial technologies
- III. Updates from Office of Research- Dr. Karin Scarpinato
 - Robin and Doug Shore Innovation Center officially open
 - 3-floor facility
 - Spaces include; wet labs, dry labs, cleanroom, Cyber-Range, makerspace, motion capture studio, and flexible classrooms and collaboration spaces.
 - Focus areas currently: food security, cybersecurity, biomedical devices, infrastructure, digital healthcare, and energy and materials
- IV. KSURSF Financial Update – Mr. Robert Bridges
 - Financial Report presented with no questions
- V. Updates for Innovation and Tech Transfer Updates – Dr. Chris Cornelison
 - 26 new disclosures (6 additional in development)
 - 1 issued U.S. Patent
 - 12 copyright registrations
 - 100+ faculty meetings conducted for innovation scouting

- KSU's first Senior Member for the National Academy of Inventors; Vijay Anand
- KSU accepted into Oak Ridge Associated Universities
- Submitted proposal for NSF ART (Accelerating Research Translation)

VI. Entrepreneurship & Innovation Ecosystem Update – Mr. Colin Ake

- USG Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition (early April)
- HatchBridge Updates
 - Has served 230 companies since launch
 - \$29.3M in total funding secured to date
 - Bill Arnold named as new Director of HatchBridge
- I-Corps
 - Program led out of Vanderbilt University; KSU will participate as a subaward recipient

VII. Call for additional topics – Dr. Ivan Pulinkala

- None

VIII. Adjournment - Dr. Ivan Pulinkala

- Motion to adjourn - Ivan Pulinkala
- 2nd motion – Nwakaego Nkumeh Walker