

Dr. Garstecki Monthly Board of Trustees Update

July 2025

- Linn Hogg and I attended the County Commissioners' meeting to make our annual funding request to assist the RSVP/VIA program.
- VP Simmons, Dean Kottas, and I traveled to Larned to meet with the leadership team at Pawnee Valley Hospital. We had a great discussion regarding the nurses they have hired from Barton and how well they are doing in their facility. There are also a few Pawnee Valley employees who are starting the LPN program with us this fall.
- I met with Sara Arnberger to discuss setting the groundwork for the continued partnership between Barton and Eco Devo after her departure.
- I attended the Barton Foundation Board meeting.
- I attended the Chamber Coffee event at First Kansas Bank. The program was done by Central Kansas United way and recognized the Pace Setters from the past campaign.
- We held the initial meeting of our internal Barton Legislative Team which is being created to handle any requests that come through related to the upcoming legislative session. This could include data requests, on-campus events, or any type of marketing/print materials.
- I attended the Last Beam ceremony at the Innovation Center to celebrate the last steel beam being put into place as part of the construction process.
- Kacie and I attended the United Way Board meeting on Thursday. We will be attending their kick-off event on August 2nd and introduced as the co-chairs for the upcoming year.
- We held the annual Executive Leadership Team Retreat to discuss strategic planning for the upcoming year. Dr. Brown provided a data overview to the committee. Lee Miller and I presented on the planning processes that will be newly implemented this year moving forward.