

**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

Resolution No. 2025.10/39
Authorization to Name the
Melinda Fischer Field

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, as authorized by the Board of Trustees Governing Document, Section C, Policies, Subsection IV-C, Naming of Facilities, shall approve the naming of all facilities at the University; and

Whereas, the field at Marian Kneer Stadium is located in Normal, IL; and

Whereas, a group of donors have committed financial resources to Illinois State University; and

Whereas, the University Naming Committee has recommended, and President Tarhule has endorsed the recommendation as described herein:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees in regular meeting assembled, approves the naming of the field at Marian Kneer Stadium as the “Melinda Fischer Field” in recognition of financial support to Illinois State University.

Board Action on:	_____	Postpone:	_____
Motion by:	_____	Amend:	_____
Second by:	_____	Disapprove:	_____
Vote:	Yeas: _____ Nays: _____	Approve:	_____

ATTEST: Board Action, October 17, 2025

Secretary / Chairperson

**Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
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Illinois State University Athletics respectfully requests naming the field at Marian Kneer Stadium. This naming reflects and recognizes the generous financial commitment by friends and supporters of Melinda Fischer.

Melinda Fischer is a two-time alumna of Illinois State University and former head softball coach who amassed 1,159 wins over 37 seasons to become the winningest head coach in both ISU and Missouri Valley Conference history. Fisher guided the Redbirds to eight post season appearances and ten conference championships, and she was named MVC Coach of the Year five times. Donors Pat Johnson and Kevin Hoffman led efforts to raise group funds to honor Melinda's legacy and celebrate her tremendous impact.

The generous financial gifts and commitments support Redbird Athletics. As a result, we propose naming the field at Marian Kneer Stadium as the Melinda Fischer Field.