

**Meeting Minutes**  
**West Virginia State University Board of Governors**  
**Full Board**  
**Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall**  
**April 20, 2023**

- I. Call to Order**  
Governor Kelley called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.
- II. Roll Call**  
The clerk called the roll. Members present were Governor Flores, Governor Greenhowe, Governor Jackson, Governor Jones, Governor Kelley, Governor McKibben, Governor Payne, Governor Pietruszynski, Governor Pitchford, and Governor Saffore. Governor Curtis and Governor Raines were absent.
- III. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting**  
Governor Kelley verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.
- IV. Approval of February 1, 2023 and February 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes**  
Governor Jones motioned for approval of the minutes for the February 1, 2023 and February 2, 2023 meetings. Governor McKibben seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- V. Report from the President**  
President Cage expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the planning and execution of the inauguration week events and Black and Gold Gala. He then provided an update on state and federal legislative accomplishments and other initiatives to move the University forward. Governor McKibben commented that the support that was received from the legislators was thanks to the ground work that President Cage did upon his arrival. A presentation on the Future State Strategic Plan was also given by senior leaders as part of the President's report.
- VI. Approval of Academic Program Reviews**  
Governor Jones reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met and received a robust presentation from the College of Business and Social Sciences on program reviews. It was the recommendation of the college to the committee that the history and political science programs continue at the current level and to recommend to the Board for approval. Governor Jones moved that the Board of Governors approve the recommendation to continue the history and political science programs at the current level. Governor Pietruszynski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.  
  
The committee also received a presentation on the sociology program, which included a recommendation to discontinue the program and to recommend to the Board for approval. Governor Jones moved that the Board of Governors approve the recommendation to discontinue the sociology program. Governor Pitchford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- VII. Approval of FY 2024 Financials**  
Tuition and Fee Increase – Governor Flores reported that the Business Affairs Committee reviewed and discussed the tuition and fee increase for FY 2024 and voted to recommend approval by the full Board. Governor Flores moved that the Board of Governors approve the FY 2024 tuition and fee increase as presented. Governor Pitchford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

FY 2024 Budget – Governor Flores reported that the committee also received a presentation on the FY 2024 budget and voted to recommend approval by the full Board. Governor Flores moved that the Board of Governors approve the FY 2024 budget as presented. Governor Saffore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Write-off of Debt – Governor Pitchford moved that the Board of Governors approve the writing off of approximately \$5 million in bad debt, which was part of the FY 2024 budget. Governor Jackson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**VIII. Possible Executive Session under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss Legal, Personnel and Property Matters**

Governor Pitchford motioned for approval to go into Executive Session under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss legal, personnel and property matters. Governor McKibben seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Governor Flores motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Governor McKibben seconded the motion. The motion carried. Governor Kelley asked for the record to reflect that the Board only discussed items related to the topics listed, that no decisions or motions were made in executive session, and no votes were taken.

Appoint Resolution Committee for Dow and Dalton Suits – Governor Pitchford moved that the Board of Governors authorize the Chair of the Board to appoint an ad-hoc resolution committee, consisting of three members, to handle Dow and Dalton legal matters with the authority to make decisions on these two cases. Governor Saffore seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Governor Kelley appointed himself as chair, Governor Jones, and Governor Flores.


**IX. Approval of Strategic Plan**

Governor Pitchford moved that the Board of Governors approve the Strategic Plan for 2023-2028 as presented. Governor McKibben seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

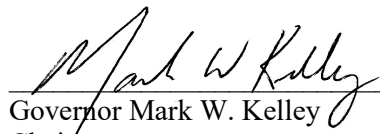
**X. Adjournment**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Governor Christopher Jackson  
Secretary

Approved:

  
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Governor Mark W. Kelley  
Chair