

**Meeting Minutes**  
**West Virginia State University Board of Governors**  
**Full Board**  
**Via Zoom**  
**February 4, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order**  
Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 2:54 p.m.
- II. Oaths of Office**  
Mr. Jones administered the ceremonial oaths of office to Mr. Flores, Mr. Raines, and Mr. Buchanan.
- III. Roll Call**  
The clerk called the roll. Members present were Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Davis, Mr. Flores, Mr. Gray, Ms. Harper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Pitchford, Mr. Raines, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Vaughan. No members were absent.
- IV. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting**  
Mr. Jones verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.
- V. Approval of November 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes**  
Mrs. Pitchford motioned for approval of the minutes of the November 20, 2020 meeting. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- VI. Election of Board Secretary**  
Mr. Jones opened the floor for nominations for the board Secretary. Dr. Vaughan nominated Dr. Smith. There being no other nominations, Mr. Kelley seconded the nomination. Dr. Smith was elected as Secretary.
- VII. Approval to Change May Meeting Date**  
A proposal was made to change the May 14, 2021 meeting date to April 15, 2021. The purpose of the recommendation was to allow a more even time span in between the meetings up through the annual meeting in June. Mrs. Pitchford moved that the board approve changing the May 14, 2021 meeting date to April 15, 2021. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- VIII. Report from Board**  
Mr. Jones provided a summary of some of the topics discussed during the community conversations held on February 3, 2021 with faculty, staff, and students.
- IX. Report from the University President**  
President Pride presented on the current strategic planning process to date, where the university is headed, and the wrap-up of the *Vision 2020* strategic plan. The presentation also provided information on the structure of the planning process and subcommittees that work under the committee's leadership team. Mr. Jones thanked President Pride for her report. The board members expressed their support of her vision and said they look forward to watching the plan move the university forward.
- X. Academic Policy Committee**  
Dr. Vaughan reported that Dr. Smith was elected as chair of the committee. Additionally, the committee reviewed the academic program review for the B.S. in Communications and voted to recommend approval by the full board. Dr. Vaughan moved that the board approve that the B.S.

in Communications degree program continue at the current level, as recommended by the university's program review committee, with a follow-up report on assessment due by spring 2022. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**XI. Adhoc Bylaws and Policies Review Committee**

Mr. Kelley reported that the committee received updates on revisions to the BOG Bylaws, proposed board committee charters, and three revised BOG policies. The committee voted to recommend approval of the items by the full board.

Mr. Kelley moved that the board approve the revised BOG Bylaws as amended by the committee and reflected in the committee's meeting minutes. Dr. Vaughan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Kelley moved that the board approve the adoption of the BOG committee charters as amended by the committee and reflected in the committee's meeting minutes. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Kelley moved that the board approve revised BOG Policy #1 as amended by the committee and reflected in the committee's meeting minutes. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Kelley moved that the board approve revised BOG Policy #13 as presented. Ms. Harper seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Kelley moved that the board approve revised BOG Policy #14 as presented. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

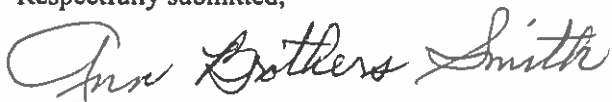
Dr. Vaughan motioned for approval to go into Executive Session under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss legal, personnel, and property matters. Mrs. Pitchford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Gray motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Dr. Vaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Jones 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.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Dr. Vaughan motioned for adjournment. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Ann Brothers Smith, Secretary

Approved:



Charles E. Jones, Chair