Meeting Minutes West Virginia State University Board of Governors Full Board Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall June 13, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Governor Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Governor Flores, Governor Greenhowe, Governor Jones, Governor Kelley, Governor McClung, Governor McKibben, Governor Payne, Governor Pietruszynski, and Governor Saffore. Members absent were Governor Goodwin and Governor Raines.

III. Special Recognition for Board Members

Prior to the Board meeting, a resolution was drafted to recognize Governor Jones for his service on the Board of Governors, as his term expires June 30, 2024. Governor Kelley read the resolution aloud and a ceremonial copy of the resolution was presented to Governor Jones. The Board members joined Governor Kelley in expressing their appreciation to Governor Jones for his contributions to the Board and his unwavering dedication to the University.

IV. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Governor Kelley verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

V. Approval of April 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Governor Pietruszynski motioned for approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2024 meeting. Governor McKibben seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

VI. Report from the President

President Cage provided a legislative update and reported that the University received the \$50M for the ag lab. Governor Justice and members of the legislature will be on campus in the coming days for a bill signing. The University also received the full 100% state match for land-grant. Last week, a bill signing was held for FAFSA relief and assistance. Additionally, the University received a \$1M grant from Google for the Cybersecurity program. President Cage thanked members of his Cabinet and the Board for their assistance and dedication.

VII. Election of Officers

Governor Kelley opened the floor for nominations. Governor Payne nominated Governor Kelley to serve as chair. There being no other nominations, Governor Kelley accepted the nomination.

Governor Kelley opened the floor for nominations for vice chair. Governor McKibben nominated Governor Flores to serve as vice chair. There being no other nominations, Governor Flores accepted the nomination.

Governor Kelley opened the floor for nominations for secretary. Governor Flores nominated Governor McKibben to serve as secretary. There being no other nominations, Governor McKibben accepted the nomination.

Governor Pietruszynski called for a motion to elect the officers as nominated. Governor Payne seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

VIII. Approval of FY2 Meeting Dates

The following dates were proposed for FY25:

September 14, 2024

October 24, 2024

December 12, 2024

February 5, 2025 (Constituent Sessions)

February 6, 2025

April 17, 2025

June 12, 2025 (Annual Meeting)

June 13, 2025 (Board Retreat)

Following Board discussion regarding conflicts with the proposed September date, the Board agreed on September 5, 2024. Governor McClung motioned that the Board approve the FY25 meeting dates as proposed, with the agreed change to the September date. Governor Pietruszynski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IX. Accounts Receivable Write-Off

Mr. McCallister reported on the accounts receivables that are recommended for write-off. Following an in-depth discussion about the accounts, purposes for the write-off, and future steps, Governor McClung moved to approve the accounts receivable write-off as presented. Governor Greenhowe seconded the motion and the motion carried.

X. Presidential Assessment/Review

Governor Jones reported that the Presidential Review Committee recommends to the full Board that the assessment of the president was favorable. Governor Jones moved that Board accept the formal recommendation on the assessment. Governor Greenhowe seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

Mr. Jones 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 Payne seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Governor Jones motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Governor Flores 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.

XII. Authorization to Draft/Extend President's Contract

Governor Jones moved that the Board chair be authorized on behalf of the Board to enter into negotiations with President Cage, per discussions by the Presidential Review Committee. Governor Pietruszynski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

XIII. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy McKibben, Secretary

Approved:

Mark Kelley, Chair