

Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
WVSU Community Conversations
via Zoom
February 4, 2026

I. Call to Order

Governor Flores called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Governor Flores, Governor Greenhowe, Governor Jordan, Governor Parks, Governor Perdue, Governor Jackson, Governor McKibben, Governor Nicholson, and Governor Pennington. Members not present include Governor Raines, Governor Sprouse, and Governor Saffore.

III. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Governor Flores verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

IV. Conversations with the WVSU Board of Governors

Governor Flores said the meeting was being held in accordance with West Virginia Code to provide an opportunity to discuss ways to collectively enhance operational efficiencies and effectiveness across the university community. Each group was allotted time on the agenda to participate in the conversations with the Board.

- a. Governor Flores recognized Faculty Representative Dr. Michael Pennington. Governor Pennington and faculty shared questions and concerns, including but not limited to:
 - Ongoing, unresolved maintenance issues;
 - Lack of direct communication with the Facilities department;
 - Request for a maintenance vendor process;
 - Staff member reported that students inquired about their complaints being ignored;
 - Lack of communication from administration on key topics;
 - Multiple software issues across platforms;
 - Pay raises inquiry;
 - Staffing issues;
 - Cleaning services; and
 - University needs to market itself better.

- b. Governor Flores recognized Staff Representative Dr. Christopher Jackson. Governor Jackson shared questions and concerns on behalf of the staff, including but not limited to:
 - Ongoing, unresolved maintenance issues;
 - Cleaning services;
 - Accessibility issues;
 - Lack of communication from Fiscal Affairs/Business and Finance Office;
 - Available resources; and
 - WVSU Center usage and staffing.

- c. Governor Flores recognized Student Representative Brianna Parks and Student Government Association President Jazmine Hyde. Ms. Parks and fellow students shared ideas to help better campus life, including but not limited to:
 - Activities Council started by Dr. Jackson – this will allow the students to plan activities

- for themselves;
- Clark Wells, a student from the R&D Corp., proposed ideas to the President that should assist in making things work on campus;
 - BOG Student Rep, Brianna Parks, spoke with students about getting involved and speaking to BOG about what they need and what to see on campus;
 - Elijah Scott, offered ideas for concerts, fashion shows, poetry, capture-the-flag football games, slam shows, paperwork parties which will promote community engagement, campus struts, and news casting of which to reestablish the Yellow Jacket radio station.

Administrators and Deans responded to all of the questions and addressed concerns that were expressed during the sessions. If additional questions or concerns arise, faculty, staff, and students were asked to inform their respective leader and/or Board representative so that the information can be shared with the President or the Board.

- V. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lee Greenhowe, Secretary

Approved:


Ian Flores, Chair