

Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Full Board
Erickson Alumni Center
February 5, 2026
9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Governor Flores called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Governor Flores, Governor McKibben, Governor Greenhowe, Governor Jackson, Governor Sprouse, Governor Saffore, Governor Parks, Governor Pennington, Governor Perdue, and Governor Nicholson. Members absent were Governor Raines and Governor Jordan.

III. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Governor Flores verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

IV. Approval of December 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Governor Flores asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2025 meeting. Governor Saffore so moved, and Governor Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. President's Report

President Cage presented the President's Report and challenged the faculty and staff to embrace three words, "Refresh, Recharge, and Ready" as this is a good starting point to begin the new year. The focus is on positivity as well as reflecting on those who were lost in 2025, community leaders, faculty, staff, and students. When reflecting, remember what is important and invest in oneself. While serving as an ambassador for the University, President Cage served as the keynote speaker for the MLK Ecumenical Service at the only place Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ever spoke in West Virginia, the First Baptist Church. The priorities for 2026 are the HLC Reaffirmation, State Legislation Session, Recruitment & Retention, Capital Campaign, and Future State.

- HLC Reaffirmation – no reason to believe that the accreditation will not be secured. Delays are relative to the new set of criteria.
- State Legislative Session – asking for federal land grant match \$5 million; increased funding for PEIA; proposed raises of 3-percent; and a push for a BSN in LPN program; WVSU Day will be on Monday, February 9
- Recruitment & Retention – taking informed approaches to recruitment, and the use of the Common App. which will allow for WVSU to have broader presence for potential students.
- Capital Campaign – continue monitoring of new hires; goal of \$23.8 million is the goal of which the university is well on their way to meeting with the assistance of the community of donors.
- Future State – able to identify \$3.4 million of budget relief; there is \$3.6 million in Title III monies that need to be spent by September 30, 2026
- AG Lab Project – is currently moving forward, of which Phase One of the schematic design phase will be completed in March or April 2026; Architects will begin moving

earth in 2027; the project completion date is expected in early 2029. Phase Two currently focuses on securing additional resources at the federal level.

- Coffee & Conversations – will consist of informal conversations with faculty, staff, and students – all of which will not have an agenda for the sessions.

VI. Approval of Program Review - Engineering

Governor Flores called for a motion to approve the academic program review for Engineering as presented to the Board. Governor Saffore so moved, and Governor Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Approval of Program Review - Nursing

Governor Flores called for a motion to approve the academic program review for the Nursing program reviews as presented. Governor Saffore so moved, and Governor Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Governor Flores motioned for approval to go into Executive Session under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss a legal matter. Governor Perdue seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Governor Jackson motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Governor McKibben seconded the motion. The motion carried. Governor Flores 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.

IX. Approval of Naming Rights

Governor Flores asked for a motion to approve the naming rights as discussed in Executive Session. Governor Greenhowe so moved, and Governor Perdue seconded the motion. The motion carried.

X. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lee Greenhowe, Secretary

Approved:


Ian Flores, Chair