

Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Full Board
Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall
September 4, 2025
9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Governor Flores called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Governor Flores stated that a special presentation would take place before proceeding with the agenda. He then called on Vice President Trey Jones and Dr. Michelle Foster for the presentation. Dr. Foster announced that The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation donated \$1 million to the University in support of the School of Agriculture. Dr. Foster commented that The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation is concerned about food security and workforce develop, and they are committed preparing the next generation of agriculture leaders. This is the largest gift in the Foundation's history. All expressed their appreciation to Dr. Foster for the generous gift to support the School of Agriculture.

II. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Governor Flores, Governor Greenhowe, Governor Jordan, Governor Kelley, Governor McClung, Governor McKibben, Governor Payne, Governor Parks, Governor Pennington, Governor Saffore, and Governor Sprouse. Governor Raines was absent.

III. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Governor Flores verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Governor Flores asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2025 meeting. Governor McKibben so moved, and Governor Saffore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Governor Saffore 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 Kelley motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Governor Saffore 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.

VI. Potential Motion to Approve Settlement in Dow Litigation

No action was taken.

VII. Consideration of Naming Opportunity

Governor Greenhowe moved that the Board approve the consideration of a naming opportunity as discussed in Executive Session. Governor McKibben seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The board meeting recessed until after committee meetings. The board meeting resumed at 1:20 p.m.

VIII. Ceremonial Oath of Office

Governor Flores administered the ceremonial oath of office to the new student representative, Brianna Parks, and the new faculty representative, Michael Pennington.

IX. President's Report

President Cage provided a report that highlighted recent achievements including the B.S. in Cybersecurity, Egyptian partnership, Carnegie Classification, and summer research participation. He also provided an update on the status of the ROTC program. He concluded his presentation with the priorities for this academic year, which are reaffirmation of accreditation, institutional transformation, and the Capital Campaign.

X. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Greenhowe, Secretary

Approved:



Ian Flores, Chair