Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Full Board
Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall
June 4, 2026
9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Governor Flores, Governor McKibben, Governor Greenhowe, Governor Purdue, Governor Saffore, Governor Nichloson, Governor Jackson, Governor Pennington, Governor Sprouse, Governor Jordan, and Governor Raines.

III. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Governor Flores verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

IV. Approval of April 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Governor Flores asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2026 meetings. Governor Saffore so moved, and Governor McKibben seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. President's Report

President Cage presented the President's Report and spoke on the core mission of the university in transforming lives through excellence in education. He described the packed venues for the Nursing graduation and Fall Commencement ceremony which could be reflected upon as standing room only.

Promises Kept – Three years ago, a bold vision was set by the university. This year a significant milestone of which the university delivered upon many of the pillars of the framework of the operating blueprint. The five pillars consist of student success, academic excellence, financial health, operations, and community impact. Future State expounded on three critical statements all of which clarified what mattered most, aligned the enterprise around priorities, and defined how progress would be judged.

Strategic Promises Delivered – In 2026 there was visible progress across quality, doctoral status, investment, research, cyber, workforce, relevance, community impact, and are now visible in institutional outcomes. Accreditation Reaffirmed, Integrity Confirmed – The reaffirmation was achieved after an enterprise-wide preparation effort. Such an accomplishment belongs to the entire campus community. The promise of a doctoral program vision and research momentum is now visible. These are not isolated wins, they are part of a larger strategic plan of execution, growth, and impact.

WVSU met the most significant test of any institution in higher education which is reaffirmation of accreditation by the major accrediting bodies of higher learning. This is a significant accomplishment as it is validation of the work that is being done here at the university.

The key aspiration in transforming Future State was to change WVSU into a doctoral university which is significant as this was completed this past Fall and changes the academic identity of the institution which also makes the doctoral program one of our key priorities.

The university has invested $2.8 million in students via private scholarships which has assisted the students on their journey in receiving a college degree. Student outcomes are where strategy proves its value. The 1890 land-grant mission is now tied to capital investment, research capacity, and

statewide relevance. A state-of -the-art agricultural laboratory investment has been secured of which $3.5 million was secured via private investment.
Sustainability has also been part of the university's focus. External confidence has increased through philanthropy, grants, and partnerships show stakeholders that are investing in WVSU's direction. The evidence is in the record high in a single-year donor rate, the State of Tomorrow Campaign goal of $25.5 million being achieved, a $11.6 million record breaking fundraiser in the university's history, and a $28.1 million in philanthropic giving. Financial sustainability is mission protection.
WVSU's visibility goes global through leadership, media reach, USDA engagement, and 1890 partnerships which are extending the University's influence. A stronger public profile attracts partners, students, donors, and policy attention. An operational model is being rebuilt and operational excellence is the bridge between vision and repeatable performance. The university's progress has unfolded as a disciplined institutional progression, not isolated wins. Progress changed the institution's position and raised the standard for execution with institutional status elevation, external confidence being increased, and mission impact being widened.
The university will set the pace toward future growth, the operating discipline for student success and sustained performance of FY27.

The full board recessed at 10:04 a.m. for committee meetings and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

VI. Approval of College Reorganization

Governor Flores called for a motion to approve the college reorganization as presented to the Board. Governor McKibben so moved, and Governor Saffore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Election of FY27 Officers

Governor Flores opened the floor for nominations. Governor Nicholson nominated Governor Flores to serve as chair. There being no further nomination, Governor Flores accepted the nomination.

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

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

VIII. Approval of FY 2027 Meeting Dates

Governor Flores asked for a motion to approve the FY 2027 meeting dates as presented. Governor Nicholson so moved, and Governor Greenhowe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Governor Flores asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Governor Nicholson 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 Greenhowe seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

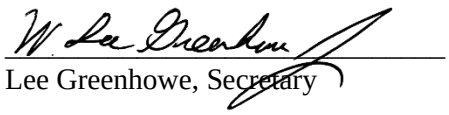
Governor Flores asked for a motion to rise from the Executive Session and reconvened into the regular session. Governor Perdue motioned for approval, Governor Saffore seconded the motion.

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.

X. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Greenhowe, Secretary

Approved:



Ian Flores, Chair