

Special Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Full Board
Grand Hall, Erickson Alumni Center and Zoom
July 30, 2021
9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Oath of Office

Mr. Jones administered the ceremonial oath of office for the newly elected Student Representative, Mae Lansdowne.

III. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Davis, Mr. Flores, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelley, Ms. Lansdowne, Mr. Payne, Dr. Pietruszynski, Mrs. Pitchford, Mr. Raines, and Dr. Smith. No members were absent.

IV. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Mr. Jones verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

V. Possible Executive Session under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss a Personnel Matter

Mr. Kelley motioned for approval to go into Executive Session under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss a personnel Matter. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Kelley motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Jones asked for the record to reflect that the Board only discussed items related to the topics listed, that no decisions were made in executive session, and no motions or votes taken.

Mr. Jones shared that the Board received a letter from Dr. Pride indicating her resignation as President of West Virginia State University effective immediately on July 30, 2021. Mrs. Pitchford moved that the Board of Governors accept the resignation of Dr. Nicole Pride as President of West Virginia State University effective immediately. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Kelley motioned that the Board of Governors grant Vice President and Chief of Staff, Ericke Cage operational control of the University with the provisions that he cannot hire, fire, change the terms of employment for University personnel, or execute contracts without consent of the Board. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

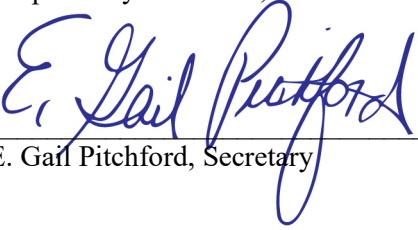
VI. Decision Whether to Have an Independent Inquiry

No motion was made.

VII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. Gail Pitchford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "E".

E. Gail Pitchford, Secretary

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles E. Jones Jr.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

Charles E. Jones, Chair