Meeting Minutes West Virginia State University Board of Governors

Full Board

134/135 James C. Wilson University Union **November 11, 2021** 1:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Oath of Office

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. He administered the oath of office to Tracy McKibben, who was appointed as a new lay member on the Board of Governors.

II. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Mr. Davis, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Lansdowne, Mrs. McKibben, Mr. Payne, Dr. Pietruszynski, and Ms. Pitchford.. Mr. Flores, Mr. Kelley, and Mr. Raines were absent.

Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting III.

Mr. Jones verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 23, 2021, Ms. Pitchford so moved, and Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. **Recognition of Former BOG Member**

Mr. Jones recognized Dr. Ann Brothers Smith for her service on the Board. He read aloud a resolution that was prepared in advance of the meeting. Ms. Pitchford accepted the resolution on behalf of Dr. Smith.

VI. **Report from the Interim President**

Mr. Cage showed a video message that included University updates. He also presented information related to the main focus areas and legislative meetings. In addition, Mr. Cage recommended that the Board's Bylaws and Constitution be amended to combine the Endowment Committee and the Advancement and External Affairs Committee, as there will be a lot of synergy merging the two committees. The elimination of a committee would also allow more flexibility with scheduling. The consolidation also falls in line with best practices. Mr. Cage stated that there is a required 10-day notice about changing the Bylaws, which would begin that day if there are no objections. There being no objections, the 10-day notice began immediately. The plan is to bring the proposed revisions before the Board for consideration at the December meeting. Mr. Davis asked if the members of the existing committees would serve on the consolidated committee. Mr. Jones said that would be his recommendation.

VII. **Reports from Board Committees**

Endowment Committee

Ms. Pitchford provided an executive summary on the agenda items that were discussed.

University Affairs Committee

Dr. Pietruszynski reported that he was elected as committee chair. He provided an executive summary on the agenda items that were discussed.

Advancement and External Affairs Committee

In the absence of the committee chair, Ms. Pitchford provided an executive summary on the agenda items that were discussed.

Governance Committee

In the absence of the committee chair, Mr. Jackson provided an executive summary on the agenda items that were discussed.

Business Affairs Committee

In the absence of the committee chair, Mrs. McKibben provided an executive summary on the agenda items that were discussed.

Risk Management, Audit and Compliance Committee

Mr. Payne provided an executive summary on the items that were discussed.

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

Mrs. Pitchford 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. Mr. Payne seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Davis motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Ms. Pitchford 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 or motions were made in executive session, and no votes were taken.

IX. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Lail Pretford

E. Gail Pitchford, Secretary

Approved:

Charles E. Jones, Chair