

**Meeting Minutes**  
**West Virginia State University Board of Governors**  
**Full Board**  
**Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall**  
**April 18, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

Governor Kelley called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Governor Flores, Governor Greenhowe, Governor Jones, Governor Kelley, Governor McClung, Governor McKibben, Governor Pietruszynski, Governor Raines, and Governor Saffore. Governor Goodwin and Governor Payne were absent.

**III. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting**

Governor Kelley verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

**IV. Approval of January 31, 2024 and February 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Governor McKibben motioned for approval of the minutes for the January 31, 2024 and February 1, 2024 meetings. Governor Jones seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**V. President's Report**

President Cage provided campus updates following the storm damage that occurred a few weeks ago. He expressed his appreciation to everyone on campus and the agencies that helped the University during the crisis. He thanked Governor Flores for moderating the Conversation on the State of the University. President Cage then reported on recent community engagement activities and provided an update on the legislative session and outcomes.

**VI. Academic Affairs**

a. Academic Program Reviews

Governor Jones reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met and received robust presentations on the seven program reviews listed on the Committee's agenda. The respective colleges recommended to the Committee that the programs continue at the current level of funding and to recommend approval to the full Board. Governor Jones moved that the Board of Governors approve the recommendation to continue the Bachelor of Arts in Art, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music, Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies, Bachelor of Science in Health Studies, Master of Science in Sports Studies, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, and Master of Science in Criminal Justice programs at the current level of funding. Governor Pietruszynski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

b. Textbook Affordability

Governor Jones reported that the Committee received a presentation on Textbook Affordability and numerous relevant recommendations to help lessen the financial burden of textbooks on students. The Committee approved the recommendations as presented and to recommend approval to the full Board. Governor McKibben moved that the full Board approve the Committee's recommendation. Governor Saffore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**VII. Governance**

a. BOG Policy #70

b. BOG Policy #45

Governor Raines reported that the Committee received a presentation and recommendations on BOG Policy #70 and BOG Policy #45. The Committee approved the recommendations as presented and to recommend approval to the full Board. Governor Saffore moved that the full Board approve BOG Policy #70 and BOG Policy #45 as recommended. Governor McKibben seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Committee also received information on Board Self-Assessment and approved the format as presented and to recommend approval to the full Board. Governor Raines moved that the full Board approve the Board Self-Assessment as presented. Governor Pietruszynski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**VIII. Business and Finance**

a. AY 2024-2025 Tuition and Fees

b. Across the Board Pay Increase

c. FY 2025 Budget

Governor Kelley reported on the FY 2025 Financial Planning items that were presented to the Business and Finance Committee. The Committee voted to approve the items as presented and to recommend approval to the full Board.

Governor McKibben moved that the full Board approve the AY 2024-2025 Tuition and Fees as presented. Governor Saffore seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Governor Pietruszynski moved that the full Board approve the Across the Board Pay Increase as presented. Governor McClung seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Governor Saffore moved that the full Board approve the FY 2025 Budget as presented. Governor Greenhowe seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IX. Presidential Assessment/Review**

Governor Jones provided a report from the Presidential Review Committee. He provided an overview of the process for the Presidential Assessment/Review, which will include surveys and interview sessions with the campus community, local community, alumni, and external stakeholders to collect feedback on the President's performance.

**X. WVSU BOG Representative for Yellow Jacket Enterprises**


Governor Kelley reported that the Bylaws for Yellow Jacket Enterprises state that the Board of Governors is to select a representative annually to serve on the entity's board. Governor McKibben recommended Governor Saffore. With there being no other nominations, Governor Saffore was appointed to serve as the Board of Governors representative.

**XI. Adjournment**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Governor Tracy McKibben  
Secretary

Approved  
  
Governor Mark W. Kelley  
Chair