

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

September 5, 2024

The two hundred twenty third meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on May 29, 2024, via zoom. Board members in attendance/participating via zoom included Chair Richard Pill and members Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Dr. Lesley Cottrell, Elmer Coppoolse, Kevin Craig, Michael D'Annunzio, Dr. Patrice Harris, Rusty Hutson, Alan Larrick, Susan Lavenski, Charlie Long, Paul Mattox, Shirley Robinson, Steven Ruby, Frankie Tack, and Robert Reynolds.

President, E. Gordon Gee;  
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;  
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;  
Provost, Maryanne Reed;  
Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives,  
Mark Gavin;  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paula Congelio;  
Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Barbara Weiss;  
Associate Vice President, Auxiliary and Business Services,  
Ted Svehlik  
Deputy General Counsel, Gary G. Furbee, II;  
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;  
Director of News Communications, Shauna Johnson;  
Executive Director of Communications, University Relations,  
April Kaull; and,  
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

**Members of the Press also participated.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Pill at 2:02 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

Chair Pill welcomed the following new board members:

- a. Robert R. “Rusty” Hutson, Jr., appointed by the governor to succeed Taunja Willis-Miller;
- b. Steven R. Ruby, appointed by the governor to succeed Tom Jones;
- c. Dr. Lesley Cottrell , elected to replace faculty representative Dr. Stanley Hileman; and
- d. Charlie Long, elected to replace student representative Madison Santmyer.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Pill requested a motion to move Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code Sections 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9) and (b)(12) to discuss:

- a. Potential strategic initiatives relating to academic and administrative priorities; personnel matters; matters relating to the purchase, sale, or lease of property; other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University; and
- b. Confidential, preliminary, and deliberative matters relating to internal Board of Governors operations and institutional succession planning.

The motion was made by Kevin Craig, seconded by Charles Capito, and passed. Following Executive Session, Dr. Patrice Harris moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Elmer Coppoolse and passed.

Chair Pill stated that no actions resulted from today’s Executive Session discussions.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair called for any discussion of today’s Consent Agenda items. There being none, the following items were approved:

1. Deferred Maintenance. Kevin Craig moved that this Consent Agenda item be approved, as presented. The motion was seconded by Elmer Coppoolse and passed.
  
2. Approval of BOG Committee Assignments and Other Board Appointments. Charles Capito moved that this Consent Agenda item be approved, as presented. The motion was seconded by Bray Cary and passed. Chair Pill announced that an updated list of committee assignments (to include new board member Steven Ruby) will be included on the September 20,2024 regular meeting agenda for approval.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

. There being no further business to come before the board, Frankie Tack moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael D'Annunzio and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

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Robert Reynolds, Secretary