

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD
OF GOVERNORS

August 13, 2021

The one hundred ninety-fifth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors, called as a Special Board Meeting, was held on August 13, 2021 in Morgantown, WV via zoom. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included Marty Becker, Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Kevin Craig, Dr. Patrice Harris, Dr. Stanley Hileman Amaya Jernigan, J. Thomas Jones, Alan Larrick, Dr. Ashley Martucci, Lisa A. Martin, Taunja Willis Miller, Richard Pill, and Benjamin Statler. Board members David Alvarez, Elmer Coppolse and Ed Robinson were absent and excused.

Note: With this meeting being conducted via zoom, there was no way to ascertain all other participants but the following WVU officers, divisional campus officers, representatives (and others) participating included:

President, E. Gordon Gee;
Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop;
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Maryanne Reed;
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;
Deputy General Counsel, Gary G. Furbee, II;
Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Anjali Halabe;
Assistant Vice President for Finance, David Kosslow;
Assistant Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Erin Newmeyer;
President, WVU Tech, Carolyn Long;
CIO of WVU Foundation, Richard Kraich;
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;
Executive Director of Communications, University Relations,
April Kaull; and
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the media also participated.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Thomas Jones at 3:00 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established. Chairman Jones welcomed the four new members of the board, namely, Bray Cary, Alan Larrick, Faculty Representative Dr. Ashley Martucci and Student Representative Amaya Jernigan. Chairman Jones also announced that President Gordon Gee was recently named one of the recipients of the Elite Leadership Academy's 2020 Elite Leadership IMPACT Award. The award honors leaders for self-knowledge, a clear vision and active coaching and mentoring relationships along with other qualities. Chairman Jones noted that the president's award focused on leadership in education and congratulated the president on this prestigious acknowledgement.

Coliseum Parking Lot Repaving and Lights

Chair Jones called upon Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Rob Alsop, who presented this agenda item:

The Coliseum parking lot is due for repaving from typical wear and tear over time. Portions of the parking lot have seen increased deterioration due to the large busses that were staged there during the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will resurface the entire Coliseum main parking lot and connecting roadways with 1.5 inches of new asphalt and install new guardrail along the west side of the parking lot. The configuration of the parking lot will not change. The project will also replace the parking lot lights with new LED lights including new poles, bases and underground electric infrastructure. The number of light poles will be significantly increased to improve the light levels. The paving will be complete by September 9, 2021. The lights will be complete by October 8, 2021, with a budget of \$1,350,000 from Central Capital Bond Funding.

Following a brief discussion, Marty Becker moved that the board approve the Coliseum parking lot repaving and lights, as presented above. This motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

Executive Session

Chairman Jones requested a motion to move Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§6-9A-4(b)(9) and (12) to discuss potential strategic initiatives relating to the investment of public funds which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University and other deliberative matters relating to West Virginia University's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion was made by Charles Capito, seconded by Lisa A. Martin, and passed. Following Executive Session Benjamin Statler moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Lisa A. Martin and passed. Chairman Jones stated that no actions were taken as a result of today's Executive Session discussions.

General Discussion and Adjournment

Chairman Jones announced that the next board meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2021. There being no further business to come before the Board, Kevin Craig moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ashley Martucci and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Richard Pill, Secretary