

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 14, 2017

The one hundred forty sixth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as a Special Meeting) was held on March 14, 2017 in the WVU President's Conference Room, Stewart Hall, Morgantown, West Virginia. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Marty Becker, Thomas Flaherty, J. Thomas Jones; Dr. Stanley Hileman, Diane Lewis, Dixie Martinelli, Julie Merow, Taunja Willis Miller, Ed Robinson, Benjamin Statler, and William Wilmoth. Board members, Gregory Babe, Thomas Heywood, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, Dr. Richard Turton, and Dr. Kimberly Weaver were absent and excused.

WVU officers, divisional campus officers, representatives (and others) present included:

President Gordon Gee;
Vice President, Legal, Government and Entrepreneurial Engagement, Rob Alsop;
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;
Provost, Joyce McConnell;
Vice Provost, John Campbell;
Vice President for Finance and Administration, Narvel Weese;
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;
Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;
Chief Financial Officer for WVU Health Sciences, Paula Congelio;
Vice President for Talent and Culture, Cris DeBord;
Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Dan Durbin;
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the press were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Thomas V. Flaherty, at 8:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

Chairman Flaherty stated that today's emergency meeting was called to discuss current West Virginia legislative issues, to include new state budget proposals. The facts and circumstances surrounding the emergency are that in recent days West Virginia University has become aware of legislative issues, including new state budget proposals, that could impact the university's ability to serve the State of West Virginia. Importantly, due to the ongoing legislative session, West Virginia University has a limited time period to consider such matters.

Therefore, because of these unique circumstances, it is critical for the West Virginia University Board of Governors to promptly meet to discuss these legislative issues, including new state budget proposals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Flaherty requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(9), to discuss matters related to legislative issues, including new state budget proposals, that could impact the university's ability to serve the State of West Virginia as the same relates to the investment of public funds. The motion was made by Marty Becker, seconded by Diane Taunja Willis Miller, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, Diane Lewis moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by Ed Robinson and passed.

DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Flaherty stated that there were no actions emanating from today's Executive Session discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, William Wilmoth moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Alvarez, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Diane Lewis, Secretary