

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

May 26, 2016

The one hundred thirty-eighth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as a Special Meeting) was held on May 26, 2016 in the Legal Conference Room, Stewart Hall, Morgantown, West Virginia. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Ellen Cappellanti, James W. Dailey, II, Thomas V. Flaherty, Dr. Robert Griffith, J. Thomas Jones; Diane Lewis, Dixie Martinelli, William Nutting, Ed Robinson, Dr. Richard Turton, Dr. Kimberly Weaver and William Wilmoth. Board members, Gregory Babe, George Capel and J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers were absent and excused.

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

Vice President, Legal, Government and Entrepreneurial Engagement, Rob Alsop;  
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;  
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;  
Director of University Relations/News, John Bolt; and  
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

**Members of the press were also present.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Thomas V. Flaherty, at 1:30 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

Chairman Flaherty welcomed everyone present and stated that today's Special Meeting was called for the purposes of discussing the evaluation and contract renewal for the president of West Virginia University.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Flaherty requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), and (b)(12) to discuss legal, personnel, and deliberative matters. The motion was made by J. Thomas Jones, seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, Ellen Cappellanti moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by William Wilmoth and passed.

## **DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Flaherty asked if there was a motion resulting from the discussions that occurred during today's Executive Session. James W. Dailey, II noted for the record that the members of both the Presidential Compensation Committee (chaired by Thomas V. Flaherty) and the Presidential Evaluation Committee (chaired by William D. Wilmoth) performed their duties in an exemplary manner in completing the statutory components of their respective committee requirements. Mr. Dailey then made the following motion: "In accordance with Series 5 of the Higher Education Policy Commission legislative rules, the West Virginia University Board of Governors undertook the evaluation of President E. Gordon Gee because his initial two-year contract ends on June 30, 2016. Given the results of that evaluation, the Board has discussed proposed terms for Dr. Gee to continue serving as president. With great enthusiasm, I move that Chairman Flaherty be authorized to take the steps necessary to finalize a contract with Dr. Gee and that Chairman Flaherty submit a finalized contract and our supporting evaluation to the Higher Education Policy Commission for its approval, as required by Series 5 of the Higher Education Policy Commission legislative rules." The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Turton and passed by a unanimous vote of all board members in attendance.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ed Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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Diane Lewis, Secretary