

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 2, 2020

The one hundred seventy-ninth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as a Special Meeting) was held on April 2, 2020 via teleconference. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Marty Becker, Charles Capito, Elmer Coppoolse, Kevin Craig, Kate Dye, J. Thomas Jones, Dr. Stanley Hileman, Lisa A. Martin, Taunja Willis Miller, Dr. Emily Murphy, Richard Pill, Ed Robinson, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, Benjamin Statler, and William Wilmoth. Board member, Dr. Kimberly Weaver, was absent and excused.

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

President, E. Gordon Gee;
Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop;
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;
Provost, Maryanne Reed;
Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;
Vice President for Talent and Culture, Cris DeBord;
Vice President for Research, Fred King;
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paula Congelio;
Associate Vice President for Finance, Anjali Halabe;
Deputy General Counsel, Gary G. Furbee, II;
Dean of Student, Corey Farris;
Vice Provost for Academic Strategies, Curriculum and Assessment,
Paul Kreider;
Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives,
Mark Gavin;
WVU Tech President, Carolyn Long;
Director of Communications and Marketing for Strategic Initiatives,
Erin Newmeyer,
Assistant Vice President, Student Financial Support Services, Sandra Oerly-Bennett,
Executive Director, Admissions and Recruitment, George Zimmerman,
Associate Vice President for Information Technology/CIO, Barb Dawson;
Executive Director, Information Technology Services, Brice Knotts;
Associate Vice President for Health Affairs; Dean of the School of Public Health,
WVU Health Sciences Center, Jeffrey Coben,
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;
Senior Executive Director of Communications, University Relations,
John Bolt; and,
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 David Alvarez at 3:30 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Chairman Alvarez stated that this special meeting was called to discuss matters relating to West Virginia University's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Alvarez requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(9) and (12), to discuss confidential legal, personnel, and deliberative matters relating to West Virginia University's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion was made by Lisa A. Martin, seconded by Kevin Craig, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, William Wilmoth moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by Lisa A. Martin and passed.

DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Alvarez stated that there were no actions taken during today's Executive Session and that the board had deliberative discussions on the status of WVU's actions and planning and continues to monitor the financial impacts and other implications of the coronavirus pandemic.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Chairman David Alvarez publicly thanked Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences Clay Marsh, named by Governor Justice as the state's COVID-19/Coronavirus Czar, for his statewide leadership, in addition to thanking President Gee and other key members of his administration, in addition to WVU's staff, faculty and students, for their dedicated and selfless efforts and affirmed that WVU leadership is working hard to adapt, anticipate and manage WVU and our communities through this current health crisis.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Richard Pill moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa A. Martin, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Taunja Willis Miller, Secretary