

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 2, 2020

The one hundred eighty-first meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as a Special Meeting) was held on June 2, 2020 via teleconference and zoom. 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, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, Benjamin Statler, Dr. Kimberly Weaver and William Wilmoth. Board member Ed Robinson 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;
Senior Associate Vice President for Auxiliary and Business Services,
David Beaver;
Vice Provost for Academic Strategies, Curriculum and Assessment,
Paul Kreider;
Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives,
Mark Gavin;
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 Coordination and Logistics & Chief Collaboration
Officer, WVU Health Sciences Center, William Ramsey;
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; and,
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman David Alvarez at 5:00 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 J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, seconded by Kevin Craig, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, Richard Pill moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by Dr. Stanley Hileman and passed.

DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Alvarez stated that in executive session the board took no action. They received an update from management on planning scenarios for the fall. Chairman Alvarez added that the leadership of the University has made great progress in planning for the fall, including both from an academic and an operational perspective, as we look to take steps to provide a reasonable, safe, and effective set of requirements and capabilities for a successful on-campus fall. He concluded that management is preparing to make a series of announcements in the coming days relating to next steps.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Taunja Willis Miller and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Taunja Willis Miller, Secretary