The one hundred sixty-third meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as a Special Board Meeting) was held on October 23, 2018 in Morgantown, WV. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Marty Becker, Elmer Coppoolse, Thomas Flaherty, Dr. Stanley Hileman, Lisa A. Martin, Taunja Willis Miller, Isaac Obioma, Ed Robinson, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, Dr. Matthew Valenti, and William Wilmoth. Board members, J. Thomas Jones, Thomas Heywood, Benjamin Statler and Dr. Kimberly Weaver, were absent and excused.

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

- President, E. Gordon Gee;
- Provost, Joyce McConnell;
- Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop;
- Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;
- General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;
- Vice Provost, John Campbell;
- Vice Provost for Academic Strategies, Curriculum and Assessment, Paul Kreider;
- Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives, Mark Gavin;
- Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Paula Congelio;
- Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;
- Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

**A Member of the Press was also present.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Wilmoth at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established,

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Wilmoth requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), (b)(10) and (b)(12) to discuss legal, personnel, and deliberative matters; matters not considered public records; possible naming opportunity related to an academic unit; matters related to construction planning, commercial competition matters, the purchase, sale or lease of property, and/or the investment of public funds. The motion was made by Lisa A. Martin, seconded by J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, David Alvarez
moved that the Board rise from Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Isaac Obioma, and passed.

**DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Wilmoth asked if there was a motion concerning the potential naming opportunity related to an academic unit that was discussed during today’s Executive Session. Lisa A. Martin moved that the board approve the naming opportunity related to an academic unit that was discussed during today’s Executive Session, and further that this information be withheld until a later date, at which time a formal announcement and ceremony may be held. The motion was seconded by Isaac Obioma, and passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Wilmoth called for any discussion of today’s Consent Agenda items, and asked whether any items needed to be pulled for a separate discussion/vote. There being none, David Alvarez moved that the Board accept the Consent Agenda items as presented in today’s agenda booklet. This motion was seconded by Isaac Obioma, and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. **Approval of New Major: Neuroscience**
   Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a BS in Neuroscience in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences

2. **Approval of Renaming of Buildings**
   Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the renaming of five buildings, as follows:
   - Admissions & Records will be renamed Colson Annex
   - 660 North High Street will be renamed Morgan House
   - Dadisman/Stalnaker RFL House will be renamed Maple House
   - Arnold RFL House will be renamed Arnold House
   - Blanchette Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute will be renamed Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute

**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 Lisa A. Martin, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.