The one hundred fifty fifth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as an Emergency Meeting) was held on January 24, 2018 in the Barnette BOG Room, Erickson Alumni Center, Morgantown, West Virginia. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Marty Becker, Elmer Coppoolse, Thomas Flaherty, Thomas Heywood, Dr. Stanley Hileman, Blake Humphrey, J. Thomas Jones, Taunja Willis Miller, Ed Robinson, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, Ben Statler, Dr. Matthew Valenti and William Wilmoth. Board member, Dr. Kimberly Weaver, was absent and excused.

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

President, Gordon Gee;
Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop;
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;
Deputy General Counsel, Gary G. Furbee, II;
Provost, Joyce McConnell;
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, William D. Wilmoth, at 10:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

Chairman Wilmoth stated that today’s emergency meeting was called to discuss current West Virginia legislative issues. The facts and circumstances surrounding the emergency are that in recent days West Virginia University has become aware of legislative issues that could impact the University. 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.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wilmoth requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(12), to discuss legal matters. The motion was made by J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, seconded by Thomas Heywood, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, Thomas Heywood moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers and passed.

DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wilmoth stated that there were no actions emanating from today’s Executive Session discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, David Alvarez moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stanley Hileman, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Taunja Willis Miller, Secretary

January 24, 2018