

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

January 31, 2025

The two hundred twenty eighth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors, scheduled as a Special Board meeting, was held on January 31, 2025, via zoom webinar. Board members in attendance/participating via zoom included Chair Richard Pill and members Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Dr. Lesley Cottrell, Elmer Coppoolse, Kevin Craig, Michael D'Annunzio, Dr. Patrice Harris, Rusty Hutson, Alan Larrick, Susan Lavenski, Charlie Long, Paul Mattox, Shirley Robinson, Steve Ruby, Frankie Tack, and Robert Reynolds.

General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor; and,
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the Press also participated

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Pill at 1:03 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Pill requested a motion to move Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code Sections 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9) and (b)(12) to discuss:

- a.** Potential strategic initiatives relating to personnel matters regarding the WVU presidential search; and
- b.** Matters relating to internal Board of Governors operations.

The motion was made by Frankie Tack, seconded by Charles Capito, and passed. Following Executive Session, Elmer Coppoolse moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Pill stated that during today's Executive Session the Board received a comprehensive update regarding the efforts of the Presidential Search Committee. Importantly, the Search Committee has concluded its review of applications and conducted a round of preliminary interviews. The Board reviewed and considered the Search Committee's input, feedback, and comments on the semi-finalists following their initial interviews. Under WVU BOG Rule 1.3, Section 2.2.3, the Board of Governors may determine which specific individuals will be moved into the finalist interview phase of the WVU presidential search process.

Chair Pill then request a motion to approve the slate of finalists, as discussed during today's Executive Session. These designated finalists will be invited to participate in the next phase of the WVU presidential search.

Accordingly, Dr. Patrice Harris moved that the Board approve the slate of candidates, as discussed in today's Executive Session, as finalists for the position of President of WVU. This motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ADJOURNMENT

. There being no further business to come before the board, Kevin Craig moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Capito and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Robert Reynolds, Secretary