

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD**  
**OF GOVERNORS**

March 10, 2022

The two hundredth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors, called as a Special Board Meeting, was held on March 10, 2022 in Morgantown, WV via zoom. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included Chairman J. Thomas Jones, David Alvarez, Marty Becker, Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Elmer Coppoolse, Kevin Craig, Dr. Patrice Harris, Dr. Stanley Hileman Amaya Jernigan, Alan Larrick, Dr. Ashley Martucci, Lisa A. Martin, Taunja Willis Miller, Ed Robinson, and Benjamin Statler. Board member Richard Pill was absent and excused.

**Note: With this meeting being conducted via zoom, there was no way to ascertain all other participants but the following WVU officers, divisional campus officers, representatives (and others) participating included:**

President, E. Gordon Gee;  
Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop;  
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Maryanne Reed;  
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;  
Vice President and CFO, Paula Congelio;  
Deputy General Counsel, Gary G. Furbee, II;  
Vice Provost, Paul Kreider;  
Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives,  
Mark Gavin;  
Assistant Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Erin Newmeyer;  
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;  
Executive Director of Communications, University Relations,  
April Kaull; and  
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

**Members of the media also participated.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Executive Session**

Chairman Jones requested a motion to move Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§ 6-9A-4(b)(9) and (b)(12) to discuss: Potential strategic initiatives relating to corporate collaborations and financial matters relating to public private partnerships; and/or matters relating to the purchase, sale, or lease of property, or the investment of public funds and other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might

adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University. The motion was made by Kevin Craig, seconded by Elmer Coppoolse, and passed. Following Executive Session Lisa A. Martin moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stanley Hileman and passed. Chairman Jones stated that while in Executive Session the Board received a confidential briefing regarding the items on today's agenda - but no actions were taken as a result.

### **Acquisition of Real Property**

The University has identified real property in Morgantown, West Virginia, which further supports the mission of the University. The University desires to acquire the subject property upon terms deemed favorable to it.

Marty Becker moved that pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the acquisition of real property as discussed during today's Executive Session; that the Board grants authority to the President or the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives to negotiate and finalize an acquisition by purchase upon terms deemed favorable to the University; and that the Board further authorizes this acquisition to be carried out directly or through an affiliate of the University. This motion was seconded by Dr. Patrice Harris and passed.

### **Easements for Widening of Beechurst Avenue**

The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WV DOT) is planning and preparing to widen Beechurst Avenue along the Downtown Campus. This project will enhance the flow of traffic in and around the Downtown Campus in Morgantown, WV. In order for the widening project to be successful, WVU intends to transfer necessary property interests to WV DOT; such interests will include permanent rights of way totaling approximately 0.20 acres, more or less, and temporary construction easements totaling approximately 0.26 acres, more or less. WV DOT intends to compensate WVU for the easements.

Taunja Willis Miller moved that pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the transfer of necessary real property interests the West Virginia Department of Transportation for purposes of widening Beechurst Avenue. This motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Marty Becker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Robinson and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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Richard Pill, Secretary