

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

December 16, 2016

The one hundred forty second meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on December 16, 2016 in Room 245 of the WVU Coliseum, in Morgantown, West Virginia. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Gregory Babe, Marty Becker, Thomas Flaherty, J. Thomas Jones; Thomas Heywood, Dr. Stanley Hileman, Diane Lewis, Dixie Martinelli, Julie Merow, Taunja Willis Miller, Ed Robinson, Benjamin Statler, Dr. Richard Turton, Dr. Kimberly Weaver, and William Wilmoth. Board member, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, was absent and excused.

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

President Gordon Gee;  
Vice President, Legal, Government and Entrepreneurial Engagement, Rob Alsop;  
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;  
Provost, Joyce McConnell;  
Vice Provost, John Campbell;  
Vice President for Finance and Administration, Narvel Weese;  
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;  
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;  
Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;  
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Sue Day-Perroots;  
Assistant Vice President of Finance, Anjali Halabe;  
Associate Vice President for Planning & Treasury Operations, Liz Reynolds;  
Associate Vice President for Facilities and Services, Randy Hudak;  
WVU Institute of Technology President, Carolyn Long;  
WVU Institute of Technology Provost, Nigel Clark;  
Executive Assistant, Office of the President, Amy Garbrick;  
Director of University Relations/News, John Bolt; and  
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

**Members of the press were also present.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Thomas V. Flaherty, at 8:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established. Chairman Flaherty publicly welcomed our two newest board members, Thomas A. Heywood and Benjamin M. Statler.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Flaherty 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; approval of honorary degree candidates; matters not considered public records; and 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 Ed Robinson, seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, Julie Merow moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by Taunja Willis Miller and passed.

## **DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Flaherty stated that during today's Executive Session the board reviewed the names of individuals submitted for Honorary Degrees from West Virginia University. He further explained that each year nominations are received and reviewed by a committee of faculty, staff and students. Those selected by the committee are then forwarded to the Faculty Senate for approval, and then to the governing board. He noted that the WVU Faculty Senate has endorsed the names discussed during today's Executive Session, as required by University policy. Chairman Flaherty thereupon requested a motion for Approval of the Honorary Degree Candidates discussed during today's Executive Session - with a notation that the persons to be honored will be announced at a later date. William Wilmoth so moved, which motion was seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed.

Chairman Flaherty noted, for the record, that he and Julie Merow abstained from the vote on today's Honorary Degree Candidates – since both were involved as members of the Nominating Committee involved in this process.

## **BOARD PRESENTATION ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES**

Provost Joyce McConnell announced that there will be changes to the academic calendar for 2017-2018. She also noted that the compact updates on today's Consent Agenda for approval and submission to the Higher Education Policy Commission included all three campuses.

## **BOARD PRESENTATION BUDGET UPDATE**

Vice President for Finance and Administration, Narvel Weese, stated that he would pass on a public presentation related to the budget, due to time constraints for today's meeting, but noted that board members received budget updates during Executive Session.

**BOARD PRESENTATION**  
**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELLNESS CENTER**

Vice President, Legal, Government and Entrepreneurial Engagement, Rob Alsop, stated that the Health, Education and Wellness Center (aquatic and track facilities) were part of today's Executive Session discussions. Vice President Alsop stated that WVU is working on a collaboration agreement with the Mylan Park Foundation - that progress is being made in these regards - but he is seeking guidance from the Board on moving forward with these endeavors.

Chairman Flaherty thereupon requested a motion to authorize management to continue to work and finalize arrangements for West Virginia University, including WVU Athletics, to participate, along with other community partners, on the potential Mylan Park Foundation, Inc.'s Health, Education, and Wellness Center, including aquatic and track facilities, consistent with the discussions during today's Executive Session, and that management report back to the Board on progress and any outstanding issues relating to such participation. J. Thomas Jones so moved. The motion was seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed. It is further noted, for the record, that board member, Taunja Willis Miller, abstained from the vote on this motion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Thomas Jones moved that the minutes of the November 4, 2016 regular meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Dixie Martinelli, and passed.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

There were no questions or concerns expressed by any Board members pertaining to the Information Items contained within the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Flaherty called for any discussion of today's Consent Agenda items, and asked whether any items needed to be pulled for a separate discussion/vote. With no such request forthcoming, J. Thomas Jones moved that the Board accept the Consent Agenda items as presented in today's agenda booklet. This motion was seconded by Dr. Stanley Hileman, and passed

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

**1. Erma Byrd Biomedical Research Center Shell Build-Out**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the partial build-out of the Erma Byrd Biomedical Research Center ground floor shell space, as presented.

**2. Health Sciences (HSC) Inhalation Facility Renovation**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the renovation of the HSC Inhalation Facility (Suite 4041), as presented.

**3. Approval of BOG Committees**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the proposed committee structure/assignments for 2016-2017, as presented.

**4. West Virginia University's HEPC Leading the Way: Compact**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the report titled "West Virginia University's HEPC Leading the Way: Compact" (for West Virginia University, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, and Potomac State College of West Virginia University – as presented) that will be submitted to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission once approved by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Diane Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Taunja Willis Miller, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

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Diane Lewis, Secretary