

**Meeting Minutes**  
**West Virginia State University Board of Governors**  
**Full Board**  
**134/135 James C. Wilson University Union**  
**December 16, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

- I. Call to Order**  
Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- II. Roll Call**  
The clerk called the roll. Members present were Mr. Flores, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelley, Mrs. McKibben, Dr. Pietruszynski, Mrs. Pitchford, and Mr. Raines. Members absent were Mr. Davis, Ms. Lansdowne, and Mr. Payne.
- III. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting**  
Mr. Jones verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**  
Mr. Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 11, 2021. Mrs. Pitchford so moved, and Mr. Flores seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- V. Report from the Interim President**  
Mr. Cage introduced the auditors from CliftonLarsonAllen, who presented on the FY21 Audited Financial Statements. The presentation included an overview of the audit process, audit results, governance communication, and higher education trends. The auditors reported that the audit results indicate the financial statement amounts are an unmodified opinion and there were no findings of non-compliance. Mr. Cage then presented on University updates and information related to the main focus areas and legislative meetings.
- VI. Reorganization of BOG Standing Committees**  
Mr. Cage recommended that the Board's bylaws and committee charter be amended to combine the Endowment Committee and the Advancement and External Affairs Committee. The amended bylaws and charter were included in the Board packets. The merger and proposed changes to the bylaws were discussed in detail during the previous Board meeting. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt the revisions to the charter and bylaws to merge the two committees. Mrs. McKibben seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- VII. Naming Opportunity Discussion (ACEOP Building)**  
Mr. Cage informed the Board that the University received an honorary naming proposal from the West Virginia State University National Alumni Association to name the ACEOP building after Provost Emeritus Dr. R. Charles Byers. He provided an update on the process and timeline and said a recommendation would come before the Board in February.  
Mr. Kelley moved to amend the agenda to interchange items VIII and IX. Mrs. Pitchford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- VIII. Presidential Search Process and Timeline**  
Mr. Jones provided an overview of the Presidential Search Process and Timeline, which must be approved by the Board and subsequently the Higher Education Policy Commission. Following discussion, Mrs. McKibben moved that the Board approve the Presidential Search Process and Timeline as presented. Dr. Pietruszynski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IX. Possible Executive Session under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss Legal, Personnel, and Property Matters**

Mrs. Pitchford motioned for approval to go into Executive Session under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss legal, personnel, and property matters. Mrs. McKibben seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Jackson motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Mr. Flores seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Jones asked for the record to reflect that the Board only discussed items related to the topics listed, that no decisions or motions were made in executive session, and no votes were taken.

**X. Adjournment**

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

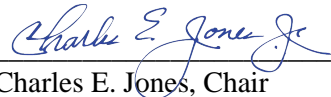
Respectfully submitted,



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E. Gail Pitchford, Secretary

Approved:



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Charles E. Jones, Chair