



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2022
WEBEX MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair David Goldberg convened a meeting of the Fairmont State University Board of Governors on January 27, 2022, beginning at approximately 8:00 a.m. via WebEx.

Note: With this meeting being conducted via WebEx, there was no way to ascertain all other participants but the following Fairmont State Board of Governors members, and Fairmont State University administrators, staff, and faculty participating via WebEx or present included:

At the request of Chair Goldberg, Serena Scully, Chief of Staff, conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Wendy Adkins, Jon Dodds, Dr. Gina Fantasia, David Goldberg, Jason Henderson, Rusty Hutson, Jennifer Kinty, Jason Pizatella, Deborah Prezioso, Jay Puccio, and Kevin Rogers. Maiya Bennett was absent.

Others present were President Martin and President's Executive Leadership Team members Dr. Joy Hatch, Christa Kwiatkowski, and Dr. Cailey Murray. Jessica Sharps, Executive Director of University Relations and Marketing; Hannah Mersing, Assistant Director of Communications; Joel Kirk, Chief Flight Instructor; and members of the media.

B. Public Comment

Serena Scully advised that no public comments were received.

C. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Kinty seconded. The motion passed.

II. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deborah Prezioso made a motion to go into Executive Session under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(9) to consider matters involving or affecting the purchase, sale or lease of property, advance construction planning, the investment of public funds or other matters involving commercial competition, which if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the state or any political subdivision and to discuss strategic planning regarding Pierpont CTC and personnel.

Jason Pizatella seconded. The motion passed.

Jason Pizatella made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Deborah Prezioso seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Goldberg advised that no action or votes were taken in executive session.

Chair Goldberg advised that there was discussion of potential alignment and integration of Pierpont Community and Technical College with Fairmont State University, which was requested by Pierpont. The potential integration would allow for economic development, sustainability for programs, and growth for various jobs in the local communities.

Dr. Fantasia discussed that she feels the two institutions are naturally aligned and would provide benefits to students of both institutions. Dr. Fantasia advised she is in favor of the alignment as long as it is ensured that there is a sufficient planning timeline to ensure the financial reserves of Fairmont State are not bled away.

Jon Dodds discussed he feels both institutions are a positive for Marion County and the region and anything we could do to help both institutions thrive would have a positive impact on the community.

Jason Pizatella discussed his support to move forward down the path of alignment to work with legislative leaders and the Governor.

President Martin advised that Fairmont State stands ready to do whatever is in the best interest of the students and the citizens of North Central West Virginia and [Fairmont State] will continue to be a beacon for education as well as one of economic growth for the region."


Jason Pizatella made a motion to accept the following:

- A. Authorize the Chairman, President Martin and others to proceed with the next phase of integration of Pierpont and Fairmont State into one organization.

Rusty Hutson seconded. The motion passed.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Jason Pizatella made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.



David Goldberg

1/28/2022
Date

FSU Board of Governors' Chair



Deborah Prezioso

2/1/2022
Date

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary