

# Board of Governors Meeting

February 2026



Pennsylvania's  
**STATE SYSTEM**  
of Higher Education



# Board of Governors Meeting

February 12, 2026

Via Remote Technology

11 a.m.\*

## Meeting

1. Roll call
2. Remarks by the Chair
3. Remarks by union leaders
4. Remarks by PACT president
5. Public comment
6. Update from the State Board of Higher Education
7. Consent agenda  
*(These items will be considered in one motion unless a member requests an item be removed for individual consideration. Items marked as "FYI" require no action.)*
  - a. Meeting minutes
  - b. Meeting calendar
  - c. Committee assignments
  - d. FYI: Update on academic program changes
8. University Success Committee
  - a. Property disposition – Clearfield location, CU
  - b. Property disposition – Witmer Health Services Building, MU
9. Remarks by the Chancellor and staff
10. Board consideration
  - a. Approval of committee actions
13. Other business
14. Adjournment

\* Start time may be delayed

Executive Session may be called as needed

# CONSENT AGENDA



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**Board of Governors**  
**Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
314th Meeting  
Thursday, October 16, 2025  
9:00 a.m.  
Slippery Rock University

**ATTENDING:**

**Board of Governors:**

Dr. James Ayrton, Designee for Secretary of Education  
Robert Bogle  
Representative Tim Briggs  
Dr. Quintin Bullock  
Richard Caruso  
William Gindlesperger  
Abigail Hancox, student member  
Senator Art Haywood  
David Maser (Vice Chair)  
Katharine Paisley, Designee for the Governor  
Mark-handy Phanor, student member  
Representative Brad Roae  
Dr. Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)  
Ali Sina Sharifi, student member  
Samuel H. Smith (Vice Chair)  
Cindy Urban, Designee for Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver  
Secretary Neil Weaver

Also, in attendance was Faculty Liaison, Dr. Jamie Phillips.

Chair Cindy Shapira called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Attendance was taken; a quorum of the Board was present.

**WELCOME BY HOST UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

Dr. Karen Riley, the 18th president of Slippery Rock University, welcomed the Board of Governors and outlined the university's goals to become the top choice for students and employers. (Full remarks in video archive)

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Chair Cindy Shapira thanked President Riley for hosting the meeting and announced that this fall, PASSHE has seen its first systemwide enrollment increase in more than a decade, with universities reporting growth and improvements in retention rates. *(Full remarks in video archive.)*

**REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS**

- Dr. Ken Mash, President, on behalf of the Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties (Full remarks in video archive)

**REMARKS BY PACT PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Rich Frerichs, President, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees (*Full remarks in video archive*)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was offered.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Meeting minutes – July 17, 2025

**MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

**REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR**

Chancellor Chris Fiorentino thanked the staff for their hospitality and support during his campus visits. For the first time in over a decade, system enrollment has increased this fall, said Chancellor Fiorentino. With nearly 90% of students coming from the commonwealth, PASSHE is the top choice for in-state students. Underrepresented minority enrollment stands at 22%, the highest level since 2004, and transfer enrollment has increased significantly due to collaboration between community colleges and PASSHE universities. Retention rates have reached a record 81%, driven by data-driven strategies. Chancellor Fiorentino also outlined PASSHE's long-term priorities, including expanding student opportunities, improving outcomes, stabilizing finances, and investing in people and infrastructure. Short-term goals focus on optimizing academics, finances, and engagement.  
(*Full remarks in video archive*)

**GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Roll call was conducted at the request of Committee Chair Smith, and the following members were present: Abigail Hancox, Cynthia Shapira (ex-officio) and President Karen Riley (non-voting president liaison).

**MOTION: GOVERNOR HANCOX MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPOINTS NATHAN BRINKER TO THE COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES.**

Voice vote of the committee. No opposition. The motion passed.

**UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Roll call was conducted at the request of Committee Chair Bullock, and the following members were present: Neil Weaver, Rich Caruso, William Gindlesberger, Katharine Paisley, Brad Roae, Ali Sina Sharifi, Cynthia Shapira (ex-officio) and President Charles Patterson (non-voting president liaison).

**MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE STATE SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES AND OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR, REFLECTED IN ATTACHMENT 1.**

Voice vote of the committee. No opposition. The motion passed.

**MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN AND REVISIONS AS PRESENTED.**

Voice vote of the committee. No opposition. The motion passed.

**MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES A FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 E&G APPROPRIATION REQUEST OF A 5% INCREASE (AS PRESENTED).**

Voice vote of the committee. No opposition. The motion passed.

**BOARD CONSIDERATION** (Full remarks in video archive)

**MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AND UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE ACTIONS AS PRESENTED:**

- Student trustee appointment
- Budget
- Capital plan
- Appropriations request

Voice vote of the Board. No opposition. The motion passed.

**MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD RATIFIES THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE PASSHE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND AUTHORIZES THE CHANCELLOR AND THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.**

Voice vote of the committee. No opposition. The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

For the record, Chair Shapira reported that the Board met in executive session on October 15 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Randy A. Goin, Ph.D.  
Deputy Chancellor

Meeting webcast is available here: [BOG Meeting 10-16-2025](#)

**Board of Governors**  
**Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
315th Meeting  
Wednesday, December 3, 2025  
9:00 a.m.  
Via ZOOM

**ATTENDING:**

**Board of Governors:**

Representative Tim Briggs  
Dr. Quintin Bullock  
Richard Caruso  
Senator Lynda Culver  
Dr. Brandon Danz  
William Gindlesperger  
Abigail Hancox, student member  
Senator Art Haywood  
Dr. Lynette Kuhn, Designee for Secretary of Education, Dr. Carrie Rowe  
David Maser (Vice Chair)  
Katharine Paisley, Designee for Governor Shapiro  
Representative Brad Roae  
Dr. Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)  
Samuel H. Smith (Vice Chair)  
Dr. Robert Traynham  
Secretary Neil Weaver

Also, in attendance was Faculty Liaison, Dr. Jamie Phillips.

Chair Cindy Shapira called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance was taken; a quorum of the Board was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was offered.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS** (Full remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira announced that the Board convened in executive session on Dec. 3 from 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. to discuss contractual obligations.

**BOARD CONSIDERATION** (Full remarks in video archive)

**MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD RATIFIES THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PASSHE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (POA) AND TENTATIVE SIDE LETTER FOR ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FACULTIES (APSCUF) AND AUTHORIZES THE CHANCELLOR AND CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.**

Voice vote of the Board. No opposition. The motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice Chair Smith expressed gratitude to the System staff for their work on the side letter and acknowledged APSCUF for its collaboration.

Senator Haywood expressed his gratitude to the Board for their condolences following the passing of his father.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Randy A. Goin, Ph.D.  
Deputy Chancellor

Meeting webcast is available here: [BOG Meeting 12-03-2025](#)





## **Quarterly Board of Governors Proposed Meeting Dates**

### **2026**

February 12

April 15 - 16

July 8 - 9

October 7 - 8

### **2027**

February 10 - 11

April 14 - 15

July 14 - 15

October 13 -14

### **2028**

February 16 - 17

April 19 - 20

July 12 -13

October 18 -19



## Board of Governors Committee Assignments

*Changes shown in red*

### **Student Success Committee**

Representative Timothy P. Briggs

Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver

**Dr. Brandon Danz, Chair**

Senator Art Haywood

Lynette Kuhn (Designee for Secretary of Education)

David Maser

Marian D. Moskowitz, Vice Chair

Dr. Cynthia D. Shapira

Mark-handy Phanor (Student at KU)

*President Philip Cavalier (nonvoting president liaison)*

### **University Success Committee**

Dr. Quintin Bullock, Chair

Rich Caruso

**Dr. Brandon Danz**

William A. Gindlesperger

Secretary Akbar Hossain (or designee for the Governor)

Representative Brad Roae

Dr. Cynthia D. Shapira

Ali Sina Sharifi (Shippensburg student)

Secretary Neil R. Weaver, Vice Chair

*President Charles E. Patterson (nonvoting president liaison)*

### **Governance and Leadership Committee**

Abigail Hancox (IUP student)

David M. Maser

Dr. Cynthia D. Shapira

Samuel H. Smith, Chair

Dr. Robert Traynham

*President Karen Riley (nonvoting president liaison)*

### **Audit, Compliance, and Risk Committee**

Robert W. Bogle

Dr. Brandon Danz

William Gindlesperger, Chair

Dr. Cynthia D. Shapira

*President Kenneth Long (nonvoting president liaison)*

# PASSHE Academic Program Changes October/November/December 2025

Program Action	Modality requested/Notes	University	Program Type	Program Name	Concentration Name	Award
Moratorium		Commonwealth	Concentration	Nursing, MSN	Public Health - School Health	Concentration
Change in Delivery Method	F2F to Online 100%	Commonwealth	Teacher's Certification	Principal K-12		GR Teacher's Certification
Change in Delivery Method	F2F, Online 100%, and Blended/Hybrid to Online 100%	Commonwealth	Teacher's Certification	School Counseling		GR Teacher's Certification
Change in Delivery Method	F2F to Online 100%	Commonwealth	Teacher's Certification	Supervisor - Curriculum & Instruction		GR Teacher's Certification
Change in Delivery Method	Online 100% and Blended/Hybrid	Slippery Rock	Major	Social Work		MSW
New Concentration	Blended/Hybrid and F2F	Kutztown	Concentration	Special Education, BSED	Visual Impairment Birth - 21	Concentration
Change in Delivery Method	F2F and Online 100% to Online 100%	Commonwealth	Major	Sport Management		MS
Change in Delivery Method	F2F, Online 100%, and Blended/Hybrid to Online 100%	Commonwealth	Concentration	Sport Management, MS	International Sports Management	Concentration
Change in Delivery Method	F2F, Online 100%, and Blended/Hybrid to Online 100%	Commonwealth	Concentration	Sport Management, MS	Sport Business and Administration	Concentration
Name Change		Millersville	Major	Government, Law, and International Relations		BA
Change in Delivery Method	F2F to Online 100% and Blended/Hybrid	Commonwealth	Major	Nursing		MSN
Change in Number of Credits	From 42 to 44	Commonwealth	Major	Nursing		MSN
New Concentration	Online 100%	Commonwealth	Concentration	Nursing, MSN	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	Concentration

New Certificate	Online 100%	Commonwealth	Certificate	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner		Post-Master's Certificate
Discontinuance		Kutztown	Teacher's Certification	Special Education of Mentally and Physical Handicapped - PreK-8		UG Teacher's Certification
Name Change		Kutztown	Minor	Art		Minor
Reactivate a Program from Moratorium		Kutztown	Major	Elementary Education		MED
Moratorium		Kutztown	Minor	Web Development		Minor
Moratorium		Kutztown	Minor	Entrepreneurship		Minor
Discontinuance		Slippery Rock	Minor	Russian		Minor
Discontinuance		Slippery Rock	Minor	German		Minor
New Minor	F2F and Blended/Hybrid	Millersville	Minor	Sport Science		Minor
Discontinuance		Slippery Rock	Concentration	Biology, BS	Cytotechnology	Concentration
New Teacher's Certification	Blended/Hybrid	Millersville	Teacher's Certification	Artificial Intelligence		GR Teacher's Certification
Moratorium		Slippery Rock	Concentration	Geography, BS	Applied Geographic Technology	Concentration
Moratorium		Slippery Rock	Concentration	Geography, BS	Environmental Studies and Sustainability	Concentration
Moratorium		Slippery Rock	Concentration	Geography, BS	Global Studies	Concentration
Moratorium		Slippery Rock	Concentration	Chemistry, BS	Environmental Chemistry	Concentration
Moratorium		Slippery Rock	Concentration	Chemistry, BS	Computational Chemistry	Concentration
Moratorium		Slippery Rock	Concentration	Physics, BS	Computational Physics	Concentration
Discontinuance		West Chester	Minor	Web Technology		Minor
Reactivate a Program from Moratorium		Commonwealth	Concentration	Clinical Mental Health Counseling, MS	Counseling Children and Adolescents	Concentration
Moratorium		Kutztown	Teacher's Certification	Seondary Education Biology-Intern		GR Teacher's Certification
Moratorium		Kutztown	Teacher's Certification	Seondary Education Chemistry-Intern		GR Teacher's Certification

Moratorium		Kutztown	Teacher's Certification	Secondary Education Earth Space Science/Astronomy-Intern		GR Teacher's Certification
Moratorium		Shippensburg	Minor	Anthropology		Minor
Change in CIP Code		Commonwealth	Major	Health and Physical Education		BSED
Moratorium		PennWest	Concentration	Criminal Justice & Criminology, MA	Forensic Linguistics	Concentration
Change in Number of Credits	From 119 to 112	Slippery Rock	Major	Physical Therapy		DPT
Moratorium		Shippensburg	Concentration	Applied History, MS	Museum Studies	Concentration
Moratorium		Shippensburg	Concentration	Applied History, MS	Community History and Preservation	Concentration
Moratorium		Shippensburg	Major	Computer Science		MS
Moratorium		PennWest	Major	Corporate Communication		MA
Moratorium		PennWest	Major	Professional Accountancy		MACC
Moratorium		PennWest	Certificate	Estill Voice Training		Sub-Bacc Certificate
Moratorium		PennWest	Minor	Social Work		Minor
Name Change		Shippensburg	Concentration	Organizational Development and Leadership, MS	Individualized Leadership Skills	Concentration
Discontinuance		Cheyney	Minor	Computer Science		Minor
Discontinuance		Cheyney	Concentration	Business Administration, BS	Management	Concentration
New Concentration	Online 100%	Slippery Rock	Concentration	Lifelong Wellness Through Innovative Leadership, MS	Coaching and Officiating	Concentration
Letter of Intent (LOI)	Online 100%	Slippery Rock	Major	Construction Management		BAS

# UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE



Pennsylvania's  
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**Board of Governors  
University Success Committee Meeting**  
February 12, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Property Disposition, Clearfield location

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**UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED:** Commonwealth University

**BACKGROUND:** Commonwealth University (University) seeks approval to sell property known as its Clearfield location. The location is in Clearfield Borough, Clearfield County, with a mailing address of 201 University Drive, Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830.

The entire location is comprised of five properties, three of which are owned by the University. The three university-owned properties are:

- 201 University Drive - comprising 15.13 acres with 2 buildings totaling 92,373 square feet. Founders Hall was built in 2001 and is 49,163 sq ft. and the Health Annex was built in 2009 and is 43,210 sq ft.
- Clearfield Woodland Highway - comprising 10 acres of vacant land.
- Clearfield Woodland Highway - comprising 39.06 acres of vacant land.

The remaining two properties consist of 1.47 acres owned by the Lock Haven University Foundation and include apartments; and 27.61 acres owned by the Clearfield Educational Foundation with a parking lot for the apartments.

Enrollment at the Clearfield location has declined from 177 annualized FTE students in fall 2001 to 106 in fall 2024. Half of these students are in two 2-year programs (Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), MHS Physician Assistant) and 98% live off-campus. All other programs offer only a few general education courses, and students must complete their programs at another location or online.

Fall 2025 was the final semester for new student enrollment. The fall 2024 and 2025 cohorts remain at the Clearfield location during the teach-out period. Students enrolled in the ASN and MHS PA cohort-based programs are expected to complete during this period. Students who do not complete may continue via distance education, clinical placement, and/or transition to Lock Haven, which offers identical programs and accreditation standards. Students enrolled in programs partially delivered at Clearfield may complete requirements at another Commonwealth location or through distance education.

The six faculty previously based at Clearfield will continue to teach the ASN and Physician Assistant program courses and clinical experiences. In addition to faculty, all six staff will be offered positions at other Commonwealth locations.

In preparation for this closure, Commonwealth University notified the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Commonwealth University is planning to cease operations after the spring 2027 semester and is not actively recruiting for the location.

The closure of this location will reduce the losses associated with the underutilized facility space and eliminate the short-term deferred maintenance requirements. Commonwealth University expects to realize approximately \$1 million in annual savings and eliminate more than \$3.6 million in necessary deferred maintenance on the site.

Commonwealth University has notified the Lock Haven University Foundation and the Clearfield Educational Foundation of the intent to sell the properties owned by the University. Additionally, Commonwealth University has informed the Council of Trustees. Any potential sale does not require the sale of adjacent apartment buildings or parking lots.

The total property consists of the three parcels totaling 64.2 acres, with two buildings, totaling approximately 92,373 gross square feet. The sale of the University portion of this property will require notification to and favorable resolution from the General Assembly.

**MOTION:** That the Board approves Commonwealth University's request to proceed with disposition of University-owned property and improvements, known as its Clearfield location.

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**Supporting Documents Included:** Property photos and map

**Other Supporting Documents Available:** Property disposition information

**Prepared by:** Sharon Minnich (sminnich@passhe.edu)



**Founders Hall**



**Health Annex**



## CLEARFIELD DATA

### OWNERSHIP

- Parcel 1- Founders Hall, Health Services Building, 15.13 acres – deeded to LHU (1)
- Parcel 2- Apartments, 1.47 acres – deeded to LHU Foundation (2)
- Parcel 3 - 27.61 acres, apartment parking lot – deeded to Clearfield Educational Foundation (3)
- Parcel 4 - 10 acres – deeded to LHU (4)
- Parcel 5 - 39.06 acres – deeded to LHU (5)

### GIS MAP



**Board of Governors**  
**University Success Committee Meeting**  
February 12, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Property Disposition – Witmer Health Services Building

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**UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED:** Millersville University

**BACKGROUND:** Millersville University seeks approval to transfer property known as the Witmer Health Services Building and a portion of the Hash Hall parcel. The properties are located at 28 N. George Street, in the Borough of Millersville, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. In response to sustained enrollment declines, the University conducted a space utilization and optimization study. That study recommended consolidating academic and student support functions and reducing the overall campus footprint through demolition and targeted property disposition.

The Witmer Health Services Building was constructed in 1967 as an infirmary for Millersville State College. The three-story building contains approximately 13,456 gross square feet and is situated on a 0.31-acre parcel. The building was decommissioned and vacated in June 2025, with health services relocated elsewhere on campus. No major renovations have been completed since its original construction. Demolition of the building was recommended as part of the space utilization study.

Subsequently, Student Lodging, Inc. (SLI), a university-affiliated entity that owns adjacent property, expressed interest in the site for use as a surface parking lot. The University is therefore seeking approval to transfer the areas depicted in Exhibit A (attached), which include the Witmer Health Services Building site and a portion of the adjacent Hash Hall parcel. These areas are required to satisfy applicable Borough parking ordinance requirements.

The transfer of the property to SLI, which would assume responsibility for demolition, would eliminate ongoing University costs associated with maintaining the vacant building for safety purposes and avoid future demolition expenses. The proposed transfer requires notification to, and favorable resolution of the General Assembly.

**MOTION:** That the Board approves Millersville's request to proceed with disposition of the Witmer Health Services Building and the adjacent area as identified above.

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**Supporting Documents Included:** Site Plan – Exhibit A

**Other Supporting Documents Available:** Property disposition information

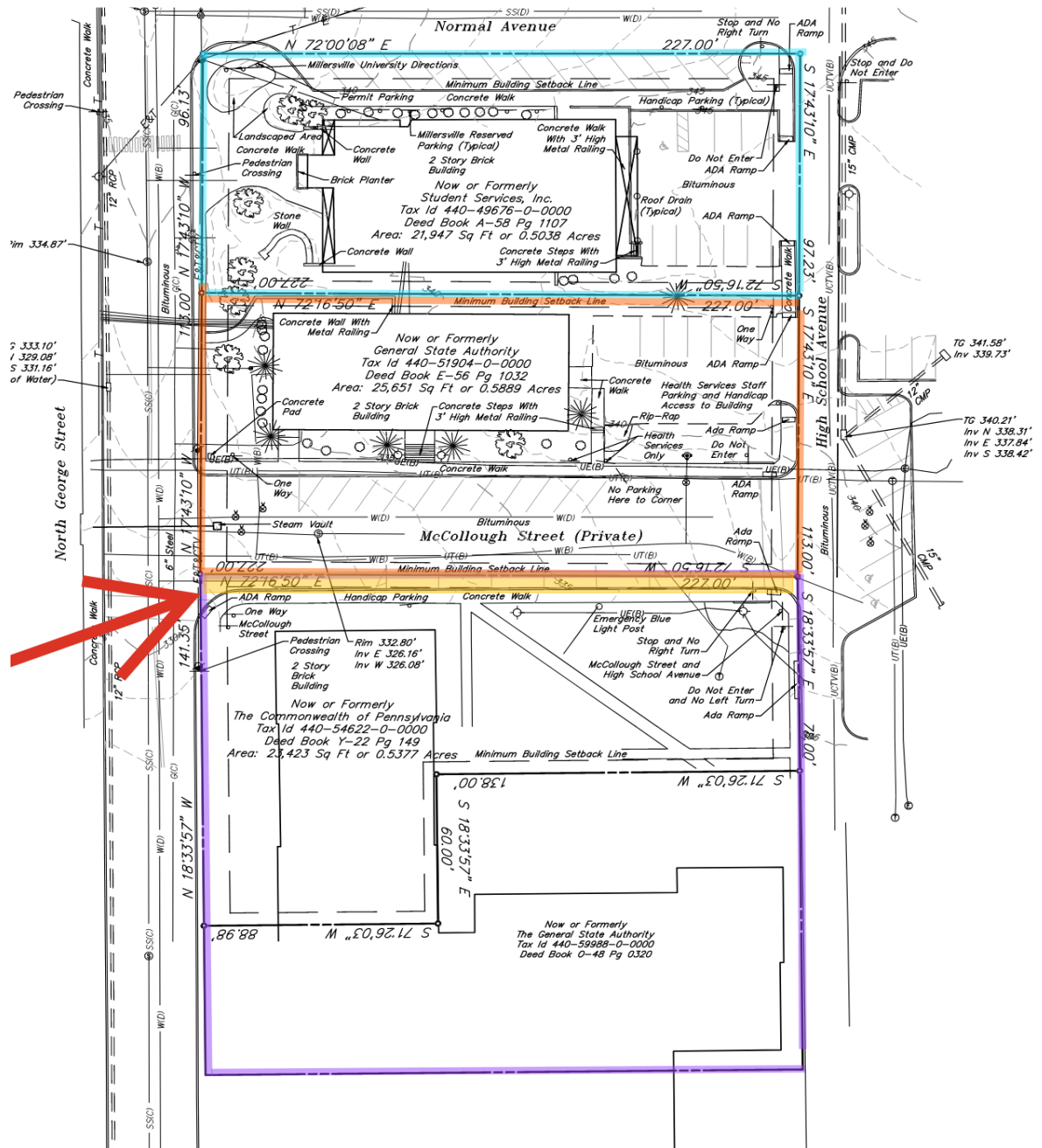
**Prepared by:** Jeff Amos (jamos@passhe.edu)



**Witmer Health Services (Witmer Infirmary)**  
**28 N George Street, Millersville, PA 17551**



## Exhibit A



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- Student Services, Inc. owned (Chryst)
  - GSA Owned (Witmer and most of McCollough St.)
  - GSA Owned (Hash parcel and a sliver of McCollough)
  - Area outside of Witmer Parcel that SLI will need to satisfy parking requirements (Could this be a perpetual easement from DGS?)