

Board of Governors
Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

Meeting Minutes

294th Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2022
9:00 a.m.
PennWest California University, California, PA

ATTENDING

Board of Governors:

Robert W. Bogle	Senator Judith L. Schwank
Representative Tim Briggs	Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)
William A. Gindlesperger	Larry C. Skinner (Vice Chair)
Abigail Hancox	Samuel H. Smith (Vice Chair)
Secretary Allison Jones	Skylar Walder
Deputy Secretary Tanya Garcia	Designee Terry Trego for Senator Martin
David Maser	Janet L. Yeomans
Representative Brad Roae	

In attendance was (non-voting) Board Faculty Liaison, Dr. Amanda Morris.

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

Attendance taken at the direction of Chair Shapira established that a quorum of the Board was present.

CHAIR'S REMARKS (Full remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira welcomed everyone and extended thanks to President Pehrsson and the campus of Penn West California for hosting this first meeting of the academic year.

Chair Shapira made note of several accomplishments and opportunities the State System has experienced at the start of this academic year and outlook for the future of the System. She noted that the innovative work that will be explored to meet the changing needs of today's workforce would not be possible if not for the historic level of funding the State System received.

HOST PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (Full remarks in video archive)

President Pehrsson shared several noteworthy achievements of Penn West, the most significant: a successful Middle States accreditation affirmation.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Full remarks in video archive)

Michael Ballard, Jr., Alumni of Edinboro
Nick Marcel, Alumni of West Chester University

Chair Shapira stated for the record that the three-minute timeframe to offer public comment will be adhered to for future meetings to ensure the timely conduct of the business of the Board of Governors.

REMARKS BY PACT (Full remarks in video archive)

Dr. Rich Frerichs, PACT President, provided an update on the activities of the PACT and changes in leadership as a result of the recent university integrations.

REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS (Full remarks in video archive)

APSCUF President – Dr. Kenneth Mash

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Shapira moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

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Voice Vote. No opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

Committee Chair Smith reviewed the committee items as presented in the meeting materials. Roll call was conducted and the following committee members were present: Maser, Trego (for Martin), Hancox, Schwank, and Shapira (ex-officio).

Based on the input from the university presidents of Commonwealth, Penn West, Millersville Universities, and the Office of the Chancellor, the Committee recommended the appointment of the following students to their respective University Council of Trustees:

Justin White, Commonwealth University (Lock Haven representative)
Sonia Yost, Penn West University (Edinboro representative)
Sarah Seader, Penn West University (California representative)
Allison Ross, Millersville University

Each respective university president offered remarks and introductions of their student nominee.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SMITH MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HEREBY APPOINTS JUSTIN WHITE TO THE COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES, SONIA YOST AND SARAH SEADER TO THE PENN WEST UNIVERSITY COUNCILS OF TRUSTEES, AND ALLISON ROSS TO THE MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES.

Voice Vote of the Committee members. No opposition. The motion passed.

Committee Chair Smith provided background on the next item of business, the presidential appointment renewal. It is in the best interest of the universities and the State System to minimize uncertainty regarding executive leadership, and this action would allow presidential appointment extensions to be completed in a timely manner. Any action other than renewal would require engagement by the full Board.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SMITH MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AUTHORIZES THE EXTENSION OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY EVALUATION AS AFFIRMED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNANCE

AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD; FURTHER, THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE CHAIR AND CHANCELLOR TO FINALIZE TERMS AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO ANY APPOINTMENT EXTENSION.

Voice Vote of the Committee members. No opposition. The motion passed.

CLIMATE SURVEY UPDATE (Full remarks in video archive)

Dr. Denise Pearson, Vice Chancellor, Chief Diversity Equity and Inclusion Officer, provided an update on DEI efforts and reviewed results of the system-wide Climate Survey. Chancellor Dan Greenstein provided additional comments regarding data and survey results and next steps with the data. Additional comments were offered by several Board members and university presidents.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS (Full remarks in video archive)

The Chancellor extended thanks to the General Assembly and Governor for their leadership, trust, and investment in the State System. The historic funding will aid in the implementation of Phase 3 of System Redesign, instill confidence with higher education partners, and help meet system priorities and goals.

Chancellor Greenstein provided an overview of System Redesign Phase 3 – Reinvest and Renew — why transformation is important. He introduced the concept of innovation sessions that will be held during the upcoming meetings of the Board this year to address key areas where we know we must evolve and change.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

Committee Chair Skinner reviewed the committee items as presented in the meeting materials – Fiscal Year 2023-24 Educational and General Appropriation Request, and the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Spending Plan and Capital Budget Authorization Request. Roll call was conducted and the following committee members were present: Gindlesperger, Jones, Roae, Yeomans, and Shapira (ex-officio).

Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the appropriation request, which is reflective of the comprehensive planning process (CPP) and university financial sustainability policy requirements in which universities have engaged.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVES:

- 1. THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 E&G ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE STATE SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES AND OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR, REFLECTED IN ATTACHMENT 1.**
- 2. A FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 E&G APPROPRIATION REQUEST OF \$573,464,000.**
- 3. ADDITIONAL LINE ITEM NEW FUNDING OF \$112 MILLION TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE SYSTEM TO THE UNIVERSITIES ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF ENROLLMENTS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE GRADUATES ENTERING INTO HIGH DEMAND WORKFORCE NEEDS IN THE COMMONWEALTH. THE MAJORITY OF FUNDING WOULD BE USED BY THE UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE AID DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THESE PROGRAMS.**

Voice Vote of the Committee members. No opposition. The motion passed.

Committee Chair Skinner provided background on the consideration of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Spending Plan and Capital Budget Authorization Request.

Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the capital spending plan and capital budget authorization request as presented in the meeting materials.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVES THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN.

Voice Vote of the Committee members. No opposition. The motion passed.

BOARD CONSIDERATION (Full remarks in video archive)

CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD GOVERNORS APPROVES THE COMMITTEE ACTIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES:

- **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AUTHORIZES THE EXTENSION OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY EVALUATION AS AFFIRMED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD; FURTHER, THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE CHAIR AND CHANCELLOR TO FINALIZE TERMS AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO ANY APPOINTMENT EXTENSION.**
- **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVES:**
 - **THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 E&G ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE STATE SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES AND OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR, REFLECTED IN ATTACHMENT 1.**
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- **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVES THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN AS PRESENTED IN THE MEETING MATERIALS.**

Voice Vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

For the record, Chair Shapira noted that the Board met in executive session Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to discuss legal, contractual, and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randy A. Goin, Ph.D.
Deputy Chancellor

Meeting webcast is available here: Part 1 [BOG Meeting - Oct 2022 - YouTube](#)

Part 2 [BOG Meeting -Oct 2022 \(part 2\) - YouTube](#)