

**Board of Governors
Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education**

Meeting Minutes

298th Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2023
9:00 a.m.
Alexander Grass Campus

ATTENDING

Board of Governors:

Senator David Argall
Robert W. Bogle
Representative Tim Briggs
Deputy Secretary Steve D'Ettorre, alternate designee for Gov. Shaprio
Deputy Secretary Kate Shaw, Designee for Secretary of Education, Dr. Khalid Mumin
William A. Gindlesperger
Abigail Hancox
Darrek Harshberger
Allison Jones
Daniel Klingerman
David M. Maser
Representative Brad Roae
Senator Judith Schwank
Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)
Larry C. Skinner (Vice Chair)
Samuel H. Smith (Vice Chair)
Skylar Walder
Secretary Neil R. Weaver
Janet L. Yeomans

Also, in attendance was 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 thanked the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg for supporting the system with the use of their campus, which was formerly the PASSHE headquarters.

Chair Shapira thanked all who took part in the workshops, which included presentations from national leaders about how PASSHE can support faculty as they seek to meet the needs of students.

Chair Shapira recognized the hard work and dedication of the students, faculty, and staff among the PASSHE universities, extended congratulations to those graduating, and additional comments on upcoming retirements, East Stroudsburg presidential inauguration and other system events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REMARKS BY PACT (Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees)

(Full remarks in video archive)

Dr. Rich Frerichs, PACT President and Vice Chair, Millersville University Council of Trustees

REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS (Full remarks in video archive)

AFSCME - David Henderson, Executive Director, AFSCME Council 13

SPECIAL PRESENTATION (Full remarks in video archive)

David Maser, Chair of the Student Success Committee, and West Chester University President Christopher Fiorentino, introduced this year's winner of the Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence, Ms. Jocelyn Brown of West Chester University.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2023
- Standing Committee Assignments
- Bond refinancing

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR AND STAFF (Full remarks in video archive)

Chancellor Greenstein and respective staff offered remarks on several initiatives:

- **Insights on Innovation - Supporting Faculty Development** – Dr. Donna Wilson, Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, opened the session with introductions and remarks from several faculty among the PASSHE universities who achieved certifications through online coursework with ACUE (Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education).
- **Status of DEI Review of System-Level Policies** – Dr. Denise Pearson, Vice Chancellor and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, provided an update on the Policy Review Committee's progress in reviewing all board policies through an equity lens. Twenty two policies were reviewed in the pilot phase, and the remaining policies are expected to be reviewed and forward recommendations by summer 2024. It was suggested to prioritize remaining policies to ensure a thorough and expedient review of those of a more sensitive nature for compliance.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

Roll call was conducted at the request of Committee Chair Smith and the following members were present: Maser, Jones, Hancox, Schwank and Shapira (ex-officio). Chair Smith reviewed the student trustee appointments as presented in the meeting materials.

Based on input from the university presidents of Commonwealth University, East Stroudsburg University, Indiana University, Penn West University, Slippery Rock University, and the Office of the Chancellor, the Committee recommended the appointment students to their respective University Council of Trustees:

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HEREBY APPOINTS JESSICA DODGE TO THE COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES, DAMALI JACKSON TO THE EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES, RACHEL KISTER TO THE PENNWEST UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES AND CIERRA MITCHELL TO THE SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES.

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

BOARD CONSIDERATION (Full remarks in video archive)

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE ACTION OF THE GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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

2023-24 AND TENTATIVE 2024-2025 BASIC TUITION AND TECHNOLOGY FEE RATES
(Full remarks in video archive)

Chancellor Greenstein presented information on what Pennsylvania needs to meet the educational demands of job growth and sustainability in high demand areas and the costs associated to meet those demands for the coming years. A discussion and analysis of the various appropriation levels was discussed in great detail, and their impacts on the system and universities overall in order to meet the needs of educating the citizens of Pennsylvania and enable universities to grow credentialing in high demand areas.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, CHAIR SHAPIRA DEFERRED THE BOARD'S ACTION ON THE TUITION AND TECHNOLOGY FEE RATES UNTIL THE JULY 2023 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING.

This action would allow time for the Commonwealth's budget process to be completed and provide the necessary figures for the system to determine an adequate tuition rate for the board consideration.

RATIFICATION OF POA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND SPFPA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (Full remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira briefly summarized the bargaining agreement and memorandum of understanding for the respective collective bargaining units of the PASSHE Officers Association (POA) and Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America (SPFA), as presented in the meeting materials.

**MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS RATIFY:
(1) THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE PASSHE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION;
(2) THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION, SECURITY, POLICE AND FIRE PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA;
AND AUTHORIZES THE CHANCELLOR AND THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.**

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

EXTENSION OF CHANCELLOR'S APPOINTMENT (Full remarks in video archive)
Chair Shapira offered remarks and noted the accomplishments of Chancellor Dan Greenstein over the past five years, which has positioned the system to serve more Pennsylvanians from every walk of life, and gained national recognition.

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, HAVING COMPLETED ITS EVALUATION OF THE CHANCELLOR, EXTENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF CHANCELLOR DANIEL GREENSTEIN FOR THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AND AUTHORIZES THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

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

RESOLUTION

Chair Shapira welcomed to the meeting Dr. Tanya Garcia, who recently rotated off the Board and concluded her service as Deputy Secretary of Education and Commission of Higher Education. Dr. Garcia offered remarks and thanked everyone for their support during her time on the board.

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD:

WHEREAS DR. TANYA GARCIA WELL AND FAITHFULLY SERVED THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

WHEREAS IN HER ROLE SHE REPRESENTED THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AS HIS VOICE ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS DURING CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TIMES INCLUDING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC AND THROUGH ALL ASPECTS OF SYSTEM REDESIGN; AND

WHEREAS SHE WAS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE, PERSPECTIVE, AND INSIGHTS THAT ENHANCED THE WORK OF THE BOARD AND ADVANCED THE MISSION OF THE STATE SYSTEM;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HONORS DR. TANYA GARCIA FOR HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF OF THE STATE SYSTEM, AND WISHES HER HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE NEXT CHAPTER OF HER LIFE.

Resolution approved by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

For the record, Chair Shapira noted that the Board met in executive session on April 19, 2023, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on April 20, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to discuss contractual and personnel matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randy A. Goin, Ph.D.
Deputy Chancellor

Meeting webcast is available here: [BOG Meeting April 2023 - YouTube](#)