

Board of Governors
Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education
Meeting Minutes
316th Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2026
11:00 a.m.
Via Remote Technology

ATTENDING:

Board of Governors:

Representative Tim Briggs
Dr. Quintin Bullock
Richard Caruso
Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver
Dr. Brandon Danz
William Gindlesperger
Abigail Hancox, student member
Jude Husein, Designee for Senator Art Haywood
Dr. Lynette Kuhn, Designee for Carrie Rowe
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)
Secretary Neil Weaver

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

Chair Cindy Shapira called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS

With the academic year at its midpoint, Chair Shapira highlighted students' progress toward graduation and their development into future leaders and professionals for Pennsylvania. She noted that fulfilling this mission requires stable resources, and recent state investments have helped keep higher education accessible, affordable, and high quality. This year's progress includes increased Pell, transfer, and first-generation student enrollment, along with record high retention. *(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 *(Full remarks in video archive)*

- Dr. Jessica Hughes, Millersville University
- Dr. Jill Craven, Retiree, Millersville University

UPDATE FROM STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION *(Full remarks in video archive)*

- Dr. Kate Shaw, Executive Director

CONSENT AGENDA *(Full remarks in video archive)*

- Meeting minutes – October 16, 2025 and December 3, 2025
- Meeting Calendar
- Committee Assignments

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

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE *(Full remarks in video archive)*

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 COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH DISPOSITION OF UNIVERSITY-OWNED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS, KNOWN AS ITS CLEARFIELD LOCATION.

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

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH DISPOSITION OF THE WITMER HEALTH SERVICES BUILDING AND THE ADJACENT AREA AS IDENTIFIED.

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

REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Chris Fiorentino reported that he had an opportunity to visit all of our campuses. He emphasized the work being done to support the mission of the System is powerful and important. Amidst the challenges, he asked that we don't lose sight of this incredible work being done by the system, its universities, faculty and staff. He reported that we are graduating 18,000 students each year and there are 13,000 students in high-demand professions with 80% of them staying in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. PASSHE students are well prepared to perform the jobs that support the Commonwealth and he is proud to be a part of our System, Chancellor Fiorentino introduced Ms. Natalie Cartwright to present the Evaluation of the Financial ROI of Higher Education. *(Full remarks in video archive)*

BOARD CONSIDERATION *(Full remarks in video archive)*

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE ACTIONS AS PRESENTED:

- Property disposition – Clearfield location, CU
- Property disposition – Witmer Health Services Building, MU

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTE: Due to the continuing statewide budget impasse in July, the Board delegated final approval of the 2025-26 allocation to the Executive Committee, which approved the allocation on November 19, 2025. No further action was required by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Randy A. Goin, Ph.D.
Deputy Chancellor

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