

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

Meeting Minutes

284th Meeting
Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Via Zoom
10:32 a.m.

ATTENDING

Board of Governors:

Robert W. Bogle
Representative Timothy P. Briggs
William A. Gindlesperger
Secretary Allison Jones (Designee)
Senator Scott Martin
David M. Maser (Vice Chair)
Marian D. Moskowitz
Deputy Secretary Tanya I. Garcia (Designee)
Representative Brad Roae

Alexander Roberts
Senator Judith L. Schwank
Zakariya Scott
Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)
Larry C. Skinner
Samuel Smith (Vice Chair)
Stephen L. Washington, Jr.
Neil R. Weaver
Janet L. Yeomans

In attendance was (non-voting) Board Faculty Liaison, Jamie L. Phillips.

Chairwoman Shapira called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

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

CHAIR'S REMARKS ([Full remarks in video archive](#))

Among her remarks, Chairwoman Shapira offered a special welcome to three new members of the Board of Governors, Mr. Robert Bogle, Mr. Alexander Roberts and Ms. Zakariya Scott, who each provided brief introductions. Chair Shapira thanked all who worked on the integrations plans this past year. To allow sufficient time for public comment, the order of business for today was changed to accommodate all those who planned to speak on the proposed implementation plans for the integration of the West and Northeast universities.

REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS (Full remarks in video archive)

APSCUF President – Dr. Jamie Martin
SCUPA President – Dr. Todd Spaulding

REMARKS BY PACT PRESIDENT (Full remarks in video archive)

PACT President – Mr. Jack Wabby

PUBLIC COMMENT (Full remarks in video archive)

A number of speakers provided comments on the proposed integration plans.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Meeting Minutes April 15, 2021
- Meeting Minutes April 28, 2021
- Meeting Minutes June 30, 2021

Voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned briefly for lunch at 11:34 a.m. and resumed at 12:15 p.m.

BOARD CONSIDERATION
(Full remarks in video archive)

Chancellor Greenstein presented an overview of the integrations plans, why integration is needed, and summarized the public comments that were received during the 60-day comment period from various stakeholder groups. The Chancellor addressed questions and comments from the Board of Governors. Remarks were offered from Presidents of integrated and non-integrated universities.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (Full remarks in video archive)

The Chairwoman noted that parliamentary procedures would be suspended to provide Governors an opportunity to speak freely and engage in a roundtable discussion before a motion is made regarding the proposed implementation plans to integrate the West and Northeast universities.

THE CHAIRWOMAN MOVED THAT THE RULES OF PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW FOR SUFFICIENT DISCUSSION FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS WITHOUT THE HINDERANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES. SUSPENSION OF RULES WILL LAPSE AFTER EACH BOARD MEMBER WHO WISHES TO SPEAK WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

Voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairwoman called on each Governor to offer their comments on the proposed implementation plans.

CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE UPDATED WEST AND NORTHEAST IMPLEMENTATION PLANS AS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD; FURTHER WITH THIS ACTION, THE BOARD EXPRESSLY PROHIBITS THE CLOSURE OF THE CAMPUSES AT BLOOMSBURG, CALIFORNIA, CLARION, EDINBORO, LOCK HAVEN AND MANSFIELD.

Roll Call vote. The motion passed. No opposition.

After the vote, Chairwoman Shapira called on Faculty Liaison to the Board of Governors, Dr. Jamie Phillips, to provide comments on behalf of the faculty, and Governor Stephen Washington to provide comments on behalf of the students.

A 10-minute break was held beginning 2:57 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS (Full remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira discussed the need for consistency in leadership as we move forward with the integrations in the West and Northeast, now that the implementation plans have been approved.

CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPOINT DR. DALE-ELIZABETH PEHRSSON AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND DR. BASHAR HANNA AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND AUTHORIZES THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND CHANCELLOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. EACH APPONTMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2021, AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A PERMANENT PRESIDENT IS NAMED FOR EACH OF THE INTEGRATED SETS OF UNIVERSITIES.

Voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE
(Full remarks in video archive)

Committee Chair David Maser reviewed Committee items as presented in the meeting materials. Roll call was conducted and the following committee members were present: Governors Moskowitz, Briggs, Designee Garcia, Skinner, Washington, and Shapira.

Dr. Donna Wilson, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, provided a review of the proposed revisions to Policy 1999-01-A: *Student Transfer*.

COMMITTEE CHAIR MASER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVES REVISIONS TO POLICY 1999-01-A: *STUDENT TRANSFER* AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD DOCUMENTS.

Voice Vote of Committee members. The motion passed.

COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION
(Full remarks in video archive)

Dr. Denise Pearson, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, provided an update and progress report on the framework and priorities approved by the Board of Governors in April.

STATE SYSTEM FOUNDATION UPDATE

(Full remarks in video archive)

Ms. Cynthia Pritchard, CEO and President, Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Foundation, provided an overview of the Foundation's efforts to-date and the strategic vision in aligning its efforts with the priorities of the State System.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Governors met in Executive Session on July 14, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:04 a.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 4:21 p.m. and will reconvene tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. for another executive session with the public board meeting following at 10:00 a.m.

Day 1 of the meeting webcast is available here: [BOG Meeting 7-14-21 - YouTube](#)

284th Meeting (continued) Thursday, July 15, 2021

**Via Zoom
10:00 a.m.**

The Board of Governors reconvened at 10:00 a.m. and moved into Committee sessions of the Board.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

([Full remarks in video archive](#))

Committee Chair, Sam Smith, reviewed the Committee's charge of appointing student council of trustee members, and Board student members. Roll call was conducted and the following committee members were present: Governors Martin, Schwank, Shapira. Not present was Governor Maser.

Based on input from their respective university presidents and from the Office of the Chancellor, the appointments of the following students are hereby recommended:

- Evan Santos, Kutztown University
- Julia Burcin, Bloomsburg University

COMMITTEE CHAIR SMITH MOVED THAT THE FULL BOARD APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIA BURCIN, BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY AND EVAN SANTOS, KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY, TO THEIR RESPECTIVE UNIVERSITY'S COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES.

Voice Vote. Motion passes.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE

(Full remarks in video archive)

Committee Chair Skinner reviewed the Committee's item for consideration. Roll call was conducted and the following committee members were present: Governors Gindlesperger, Rep. Roae, Secretary Jones, Yeomans, Shapira. Not present was Governor Weaver.

Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chancellor Greenstein each provided an overview of the distribution of one-time funding (SERS and one-time federal appropriation) in addition to the allocation of state appropriation for FY 2021-2022.

Additional discussion and questions were posed by several Committee and Board of Governors.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED THAT THE FULL BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE SYSTEM'S FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL APPROPRIATION AS REFLECTED IN ATTACHMENT 1.

Voice Vote. Motion passes.

BOARD CONSIDERATION

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

Chief Counsel, Andrew C. Lehman, and Compliance Counsel Attorney Susanne Williamson provided an overview of the changes to the Board Policy, 2009-03: *Non-Discrimination*, which were made to clarify legally protected categories through legislative or case law changes. It also requires the Office of the Chancellor to provide a template policy that can be adapted or adopted by individual universities, thus providing for best practices among the universities.

CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE REVISION OF POLICY 2009-03: NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD DOCUMENTS.

Voice Vote. Motion passes unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS (Full remarks in video archive)

- 10a Student Success Transfer Policy
- 11a Student Trustee Appointments
- 12a Fiscal Year 2021-22 Educational & General Appropriation Allocation

CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE FULL BOARD APPROVE THE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS, 10A, 11A, AND 12A AS RECOMMENDED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES.

Voice Vote. Motion passes unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Governor Jan Yeomans moderated this portion of the meeting for the election of officers as outlined in the Board of Governors bylaws, which calls for the annual election of officers at the third quarterly meeting of each calendar year.

GOVERNOR YEOMANS MOVED THAT THE OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE 2021-22 YEAR BE AS FOLLOWS:

- CHAIR: CYNTHIA SHAPIRA
- 1ST VICE CHAIR: DAVID MASER
- 2ND VICE CHAIR: SAM SMITH

Hearing no other motions for officers, a voice vote was conducted. The motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

ATTEST: _____

Randy A. Goin, Jr. Ph.D.
Deputy Chancellor

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