

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

**Meeting Minutes**

286<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

2:00 p.m.  
Millersville University's Ware Center, 42 N. Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

**ATTENDING**

**Board of Governors:**

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

Zakariya Scott  
Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)  
Larry C. Skinner  
Samuel Smith (Vice Chair)  
Stephen L. Washington, Jr.  
Neil R. Weaver  
Tara Williams (Secretary Jones Designee)  
Janet L. Yeomans

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

Chairwoman Shapira called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. (due to technical issues, the meeting began later than the scheduled time of 2:00 p.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)

Chair Shapira welcomed everyone and extended thanks to Millersville University for hosting the first in-person meeting since the pandemic began. She provided an overview of the agenda items that will be considered at this meeting, and noted that the order of agenda items would be changed slightly to provide sufficient time for discussion.

**REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS** (Full remarks in video archive)

APSCUF President – Dr. Jamie Martin

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Meeting Minutes July 14-15, 2021
- Meeting Minutes September 22, 2021
- Standing Committee Assignments
- Board of Governors Meeting Calendar for 2022-2024

Voice Vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **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 Briggs, Designee Garcia, Skinner, Washington, and Shapira.

Dr. Donna Wilson, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, provided a brief overview of the proposed revisions to Policy 1993-01-A: *General Education*.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR MASER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE REVISIONS TO POLICY 1993-01-A: GENERAL EDUCATION AS SHOWN IN THE BOARD DOCUMENTS.**

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

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### **WELCOME REMARKS BY HOST UNIVERSITY**

(Full remarks in video archive)

Millersville University President, Dr. Daniel Wubah, offered remarks on behalf of the students, faculty, staff, trustees, and Millersville university community.

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### **RESOLUTION** (Full remarks in video archive)

Chairwoman Shapira read a resolution recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of former Student Board member, Mr. Alexander Fefolt, who recently graduated and is no longer a member of the Board.

Resolution accepted by acclamation.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania President, Dr. Michael Driscoll, offered remarks and acknowledged Mr. Fefolt's contributions as a student of Indiana University.

Mr. Fefolt was virtually present and thanked the Governors for all their support during his time as a student member of the Board of Governors.

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## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

(Full remarks in video archive)

Dr. Denise Pearson, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, provided a progress report on the State System's DEI Strategic Framework and commended the work of all involved at the campus level. Board's Faculty Liaison, Dr. Jamie Phillips, also provided comments and commended the leadership of Dr. Pearson and her work with the Committee.

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## **DISCUSSION - PASSHE AND THE POWER OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION**

(Full remarks in video archive)

Chancellor Daniel Greenstein and Dr. Katherine Akers, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advanced Data Analytics, provided an overview of employment outcomes for PASSHE students upon graduation. The presentation was a prelude to the discussion on the State System priorities and impacts on student success, in support of the investment in public higher education. Dr. Akers noted that the interactive dashboard is live and available on the System website.

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## **RECESSED**

The meeting recessed at 4:03 p.m.

Day 1 of the meeting webcast is available here: [BOG Meeting 10-13-21 - YouTube](#)

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**286<sup>th</sup> Meeting (continued)**  
**Thursday, October 14, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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## **RECONVENED**

The Board of Governors reconvened at 9:00 a.m. and moved into Committee sessions of the Board.

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

## **CHANCELLOR REMARKS** (Full remarks in video archive)

Chancellor Daniel Greenstein provided an overview of the System Redesign progress and priorities to date, next steps, and funding requests to position the System in the implementation of strategies to expand opportunities for students and drive growth and economic impact for Pennsylvania.

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## **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: Vice Chair, Weaver; Governors Gindlesperger, Designee Williams for Secretary Jones, Rep. Roae, Scott, Yeomans, Shapira.

Ms. Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Educational and General Appropriation request.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE:**

- 1. THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 E&G ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE STATE SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES AND OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR, REFLECTED IN ATTACHMENT 1.**
- 2. A FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 E&G APPROPRIATION REQUEST OF \$550 MILLION.**
- 3. CONTINUED ADVOCACY FOR INCREASES FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FOR DIRECT SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND FOR UNIVERSITY DEBT RELIEF.**

Voice Vote of Committee members. The motion passed.

Ms. Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Spending Plan and Capital Budget Authorization.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN AS PRESENTED.**

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

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## **BOARD CONSIDERATION**

(Full remarks in video archive)

### **MOTION: CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO POLICY 1993-01-A: *GENERAL EDUCATION* AS PRESENTED BY THE STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE, ITEM 10a.**

Voice Vote. No opposition. Motion Passed.

### **MOTION: CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE, ITEM 14a.1:**

- 1. The fiscal year 2021-22 E&G annual operating budgets for the State System universities and Office of the Chancellor, reflected in Attachment 1.**

Voice Vote. No opposition. Motion passed.

**MOTION: CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE, ITEM 14a.2:**

2. A fiscal year 2022-23 E&G appropriation request of \$550 million.

Voice Vote. No opposition. Senator Martin abstained due to a conflict of interest in his role as Chair of the Senate Education Committee, and serving on the Appropriations Committee.  
Motion passed.

**MOTION: CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE, ITEM 14a.3:**

3. Continued advocacy for increases from the Commonwealth for direct support to students and for university debt relief.

Voice Vote. No opposition. Senator Martin abstained due to a conflict of interest in his role as Chair of the Senate Education Committee, and serving on the Appropriations Committee.  
Motion passed.

**MOTION: CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE, ITEM 14b., THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN AS PRESENTED.**

Voice Vote. No opposition. Motion passed.

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## **UNIVERSITY INTEGRATIONS UPDATE**

(Full remarks in video archive)

Ms. Sharon Minnich, Executive Vice Chancellor, provided a quarterly update and progress report on the university integration plans to date, since the Board's approval of the initial plans in July 2021.

Chancellor Greenstein reviewed the leadership and governance strategy that will occur during the integration transition to ensure adequate representation in each of the regions, effective July 2022.

President Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson presented the new name for the Western integrated schools, *Pennsylvania Western University*.

**MOTION: CHAIRWOMAN SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE NAME PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE INSTITUTION RESULTING FROM THE WESTERN INTEGRATION TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022, THE PROPOSED**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE INTEGRATION, PENDING APPROVAL BY THE MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.**

Voice Vote. No opposition. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

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

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