

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

Meeting Minutes

304th Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life
Harrisburg, PA

ATTENDING

Board of Governors:

Senator David Argall
Representative Tim Briggs
William Gindlesperger
Abigail Hancox
Katie Merritt, Designee for Governor Shapiro
David M. Maser (Vice Chair)
Dr. Kate Shaw, Designee for Secretary of Education, Dr. Khalid N. Mumin
Representative Brad Roae
Senator Judith Schwank
Dr. Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)
Larry C. Skinner
Samuel H. Smith (Vice Chair)
Skylar Walder
Secretary Neil R. Weaver
Janet L. Yeomans

Also, in attendance was Faculty Liaison, Dr. Tina Chiarelli-Helminiak.

Chair Cindy Shapira called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 all in attendance and extended appreciation to the staff at the Alexander Grass Campus for hosting us.

REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS (Full remarks in video archive)

- Dr. Ken Mash, President, APSCUF, provided brief remarks.
- Dr. Todd Spaulding, Vice President, SCUPA, provided brief remarks.

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF PACT (Full remarks in video archive)

- Dr. Rich Frerichs, President, PACT, provided brief remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Full remarks in video archive)

- Kellie Schroat, Member, PA Joint Board, provided brief remarks.
- Patti Hurta, Member, PA Joint Board, provided brief remarks.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2023
- Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2023
- Meeting calendar
- Student member re-appointment

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

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

- Chancellor Greenstein reflected on the state system history.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

Roll call was conducted at the request of Committee Chair Skinner, and the following members were present: Secretary Neil Weaver, William Gindlesperger, Katie Merritt, Representative Brad Roae, Skylar Walder, Janet Yeomans, Cynthia Shapira (ex-officio), and Charles Patterson (non-voting liaison).

Committee Chair Skinner reviewed the committee items as presented in the meeting materials. Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the fiscal year 2023-24 capital spending plan and capital budget.

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN, AS REFLECTED IN ATTACHMENT 1.

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

Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Venango property disposition.

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE PENNWEST REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH THE DISPOSITION OF THE VENANGO PROPERTY.

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

Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Phillipsburg property disposition.

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE PENNWEST REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH THE DISPOSITION OF THE PHILLIPSBURG PROPERTY.

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

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: David Maser, Abigail Hancox, Senator Judith Schwank, Cynthia Shapira (ex-officio), and Kenneth Long.

Committee Chair Smith reviewed the committee items as presented in the meeting materials. Chair Smith presented a brief overview of the student trustee selection process and President Hanna presented a brief introduction of Marvins Ravix for consideration of the position of student trustee.

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR SMITH MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPOINTS MARVINS RAVIX TO THE COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES.

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

Dr. Randy Goin, Deputy Chancellor, presented an overview of Policy 2009-01: *Criminal Background Investigations*.

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR SMITH MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE CHANGES TO POLICY 2009-01 AS PRESENTED IN THE BOARD MATERIALS.

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

BOARD CONSIDERATION (Full remarks in video archive)

CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE AND GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE ACTIONS AS PRESENTED:

- o Capital spending plan and capital budget authorization request
- o Venango and Phillipsburg property dispositions
- o Student trustee appointment
- o Updates to Policy 2009-01

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE RATIFICATION OF THE SCUPA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

PASSHE FOUNDATION UPDATE (Full remarks in video archive)

Dr. Shelley Schearer, president and CEO of the PASSHE Foundation, presented an update.

SERVICE RESOLUTIONS (Full Remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira presented a service resolution to Bishop Audrey Bronson, former Board of Governors, honoring her contributions and service to the State System:

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS: Dr. Audrey Bronson led a life to service to others, beginning at the age of 14 when she began preaching and continuing into adulthood when she founded The Sanctuary of the Open Door in West Philadelphia almost fifty years ago.

WHEREAS she served our students as a professor of psychology at Cheyney University and later as a trustee of that university, and

WHEREAS she served the entire state system and the people of the Commonwealth as a member of the Board of Governors;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors honors the life and memory of Bishop Audrey Bronson and recognizes her lifelong commitment of service to the people of the Commonwealth.

Resolution approved by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

For the record, Chair Shapira noted that the Board met in executive session on January 10, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. – 9:30, January 24, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. – 9:30, and February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 to discuss contractual and legal matters.

Faculty Liaison, Dr. Tina Chiarelli-Helminiak presented a final matter before the board regarding burnout among workers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randy A. Goin, Ph.D.
Deputy Chancellor

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