



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
SPECIAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2023
FALCON CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair Rusty Hutson convened the Fairmont State University Board of Governors meeting on May 10, 2023 beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m. in the Falcon Center Conference Room, 3rd Floor Falcon Center, at 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia.

At the request of Chair Hutson, Emily Swain, Executive Assistant to the Interim President and Board of Governors, conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Jon Dodds, Richard Austin, Dr. Gina Fantasia, Deborah Prezioso, Wendy Adkins, David Goldberg, Kevin Rogers, Jay Puccio, Jennifer Kinty, Jason Henderson, Jason Pizatella, and Rusty Hutson.

Due to the nature of the meeting, members of the campus community were not present for the duration of the meeting. Therefore, it is impossible to identify a comprehensive list of who was present.

B. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to approve the agenda. Jason Pizatella seconded. The motion passed.

II. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jason Pizatella made a motion to go into Executive Session under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) to discuss matters related to the appointment of Fairmont State University's next President.

David Goldberg seconded. The motion passed.

David Goldberg made a motion to rise from Executive Session. John Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

Chairman Hutson advised that no action or votes were taken in executive session.

Chairman Hutson thanked Ken Carrick from Buffkin/Baker on his work on leading the search.

Chairman Hutson thanked the search committee for their work in narrowing down the candidates.

Chairman Hutson commended campus constituents their participation in the interview process and for providing feedback on each candidate.

Chairman Hutson thanked Jennifer Kinty, Kevin Rogers and Charles Shields for serving as tri-chairs of the search committee.

Chairman Hutson commended the Board of Governors members for their active participation on campus during the search and open forums.

Jennifer Kinty made a motion to accept the following:

The Board shall extend an offer to and hire Michael Davis as the next President of Fairmont State University, effective July 1, 2023. Moreover, I further move that the Chairman be authorized to work with outside counsel, both for the institution and for Michael Davis, to negotiate and consummate the terms of an employment contract with an expected start date and Shaw House in residence date of on or about July 1, 2023, all contingent on approval by the Higher Education Policy Commission of the State of West Virginia.

Jason Pizatella seconded.

David Goldberg advised he was pleased with the caliber of candidates and their understanding of the intricacies and changing tide of higher education. He thanked the search committee members and Chairman Hutson for leading the charge.

Jason Pizatella commended caliber of candidates and believes Dr. Davis will be integral to the future of Fairmont State University.

Dr. Gina Fantasia thanked the Board for their involvement and robust discussion in selecting the best candidate for the institution.

Jennifer Kinty thanked campus constituents for providing feedback for each candidate. She further advised that she appreciated the caliber of candidates selected.

Jon Dodds advised that he echoed the sentiment of the other Board of Governors members and appreciates the work of the committee and caliber of candidates selected.

