



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2025
BOARD ROOM, 3RD FLOOR FALCON CENTER
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, FAIRMONT, WV
TEAMS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair Jason Pizatella convened the Fairmont State University Board of Governors meeting on December 18, 2025, beginning at approximately 8:34 a.m. in the Board Room, 3rd Floor Falcon Center, at 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia, and via Teams.

Note: With this meeting being conducted in person and via Teams, there was no way to ascertain all other participants but the following Fairmont State Board of Governors members and Fairmont State University administrators, staff, and faculty participating via Teams or present included:

At the request of Chair Pizatella, Cheryl Lewis, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors, conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Jason Pizatella, Lance Puccio, Drew Paton, Dr. Jason Noland, and Harrison Linkous. Wendy Adkins, Jennifer Kinty, Jason Henderson, JD DeVaul, David Goldberg, John Schirripa and Dr. Angela Schwer were present via Teams. No members were absent.

Others present were President Michael Davis and President's Executive Leadership Team members Dr. Brian Selmeski, Chief of Staff; Tanner James, General Counsel; Dr. Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Success; George Wolf, Vice President of Enrollment Management; Dr. Allen Bedford, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs; Greg Bamberger, Director of Athletics; Paul Steinhaus, Chief Information Officer; and John Nisbet, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration/CFO. Also present were Jill Sole, Assistant to Chief of Staff and General Counsel; Dr. Lindsey Guinn, Executive Director of Institutional Research; and Dr. Anne Bolyard, President of Fairmont State Foundation.

B. Public Comment

Chair Jason Pizatella acknowledged that no public comments were submitted to the BOG members through the public comment email. Cheryl Lewis, Assistant to the

President and Board of Governors, confirmed that there were no public comments submitted.

C. Approval of Agenda

Due to time constraints of BOG members, Chair Jason Pizatella announced that we will be rearranging the order of the agenda to begin with the committee reports.

Drew Paton moved to approve the agenda as amended by Chair Pizatella. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2025

John Schirripa moved to approve the October 22, 2025, minutes. Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ENROLLMENT, HOUSING & STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (Lance Puccio, Chair)

Lance Puccio, Chair of the Enrollment, Housing & Student Life Committee, advised that the committee met on December 4, 2025.

Dr. Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Affairs, provided information on the following:

- Student Success & Persistence
 - First-Year Experience & First-Gen Falcons programming
 - Datha & Gene 1st Generation Fellows
 - Enhanced residence life programming
 - Strengthened basic needs support (The Nest & CARE/Well-Being Teams)
 - Revamping Sport Club program
 - Improved cross-campus partnerships
- Student Belonging and Campus Engagement
 - Event Attendance Report (By Check-Ins)
 - Student Activities
 - Career Services
 - Veteran Affairs
 - Campus Recreation
- Health, Safety & Well-Being
 - Student Outreach and Support
 - Student Health Center
- Housing & Facilities
 - Housing Survey Launch & Response Trends
 - Thanksgiving & Winter Break Operations

- Facilities Updates & Infrastructure Improvements
- Fall 2025 Occupancy Update
- Spring 2026 Application Activity
- 2026-2027 Room Renewal Now Open
- Thanksgiving Break Housing
- Spring 2026 Registration Partnership
- Auxiliary Updates
 - Soar Store
 - Print Shop

George Wolf, Vice President of Enrollment Management provided information on the following:

- Spring 2026 Enrollment Snapshot
 - Headcount Registration
 - Fall to Spring Term Retention/Return Rate
 - Loss to Graduation
 - Potential Spring Term Undergraduate Attrition
 - Student Account & Financial Management
- Spring 2026 Registration Headcount
- Current Spring FTF Retention & Undergraduate Return Rate
- Spring 2026 Recruitment Progress
- Fall Recruitment Activity
 - Campus Visit Activity
 - Off Campus Recruitment Events
 - College Fairs & High School Visits
- Fall 2026 Inquiry Development
- Fall 2026 Funnel Goal Progress
- Fall 2026 Application Progress
- Strategic Initiatives Activity Summary

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Schirripa, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that the committee met on December 3, 2025.

John Nisbet, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration/CFO, introduced Suttle & Stalnaker, who presented the audit.

Jennifer Kinty moved to approve the FY25 Audit Presentation. David Goldberg seconded. The motion passed.

John Nisbet, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration/CFO, provided information on the following:

- FY25 Budget YTD Results
 - E&G
 - Fund Manager

- Auxiliary
- Capital Projects Update
- FY25 Cash Reserves (July-Oct)
- 2026-2027 Tuition and Fees Proposal
- 2026-2029 Room & Board Proposal

Lance Puccio moved to approve the 2026-2027 Tuition and Fees Proposal. Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

C. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

David Goldberg, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, advised that the Athletic Affairs Committee met on December 2, 2025.

Greg Bamberger, Athletic Director, provided information on the following:

- Fall Sport Update
 - Post-Season Honors
 - Mountain East Conference Athletes of the Week
- Winter Sport Update
- Academic Success Rates
- Social Media Activity

D. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Drew Paton, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, advised that the Bylaws Committee met on December 1, 2025.

Drew Paton moved to approve the issuance of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the proposed BOG Policy “Government Relations and Communications,” and if no public comments are received, to adopt policy without further vote. John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

Drew Paton moved to approve the issuance of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the proposed amended BOG Policy FA-01 “Tuition and Fees” and if no public comments are received, to adopt amended policy without further vote. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

Drew Paton moved to approve the potential amendment of BOG Policy 64 “Progressive Discipline and Separation from Employment” and initiate the evaluation and draft process pursuant to BOG Policy 1.1 JD DeVaul seconded. The motion passed.

E. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

President Michael Davis advised that the Academic Affairs Committee met on December 3, 2025.

Dr. Allen Bedford, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, presented information on the following:

- Academic Implementation Plan
- Master Academic Plan
- Micro-credentials Update
- 2025-2026 Academic Program Reviews
 - Special Case: Engineering Management
 - Timeline for 2025-2026 Program Reviews

F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Pizatella advised that the Executive Committee met on December 9, 2025.

Dr. Brian Selmeski, Chief of Staff, presented an update on the Strategic Vision and Implementation Planning.

Dr. Lindsey Guinn, Executive Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness, presented the Institutional Research & Effectiveness Implementation Plan.

- Timeline
- Mission Alignment
- Lead and Supporting Units
- Objective 1 and Key Results
- Objective 2 and Key Results
- Objective 3 and Key Results
- Objective 4 and Key Results
- Objective 5 and Key Results
- Budget Summary

Drew Paton moved to approve the Institutional Research & Effectiveness Implementation Plan. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. President's Report

President Michael Davis presented information on the following:

- A Great Place to Learn
 - Nursing Pinning (December 12, 2025)
 - Fall Commencement (December 13, 2025)
- Presidential Engagement (October 22, 2025-December 17, 2025)
 - Presidential Events
 - Alumni & Advancement
 - Athletics
 - Community, Business & Government
 - Shared Governance

- Student
- Upcoming Presidential Engagement
- A Great Place to Call Home
 - Presidential Communication (October 22, 2025-December 17, 2025)
 - Community Falcon Flyer
 - 2025 Website Traffic
 - Social Media Audiences & Content
- A Great Place to Work
 - Classification & Compensation Study
 - Administrative Policies
- Athletic Accolades
- Holiday Video

B. Foundation Update

Dr. Anne Bolyard, President of Fairmont State Foundation, presented information on the following:

- FY2026 Successes and Milestones
 - FY 2026 Goal: Overall \$3.7M
 - Gifts Received: \$946,240
 - Pledges: \$1,569,000
 - Financial Milestones (July 1, 2025-November 30, 2025)
- Fairmont State University Day of Giving (February 26, 2026)
 - Goal: \$800,000

V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Lance Puccio moved to approve going into executive session, pursuant to:

- WV Code §6-9A-4(b)(9) to discuss:

(1) matters involving or affecting the purchase, sale, or lease of property which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University.

Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

Lance Puccio moved to approve to rise from executive session. Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Pizatella advised that no action or votes were taken in executive session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Lance Puccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

Jason Pizatella Board of Governors' Chair	Date
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Drew Paton Board of Governors' Secretary	Date
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