



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 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 August 27, 2025, beginning at approximately 9:01 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, Jason Noland, Harrison Linkous, John Schirripa, Angela Schwer, Jason Henderson, Jennifer Kinty, and JD DeVaul. Wendy Adkins and David Goldberg 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 Greg Bamberger, Director of Athletics. John Nisbet, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration/CFO was present via Teams. Also present were Dr. Alicia Kalka, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management; Jason McCoy, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Services; Luke Kopp, Assistant Vice President for Student Wellbeing & Housing; Spencer Flanagan, Assistant Vice President For Engagement & Activities, Dr. Amanda Metcalf, Dean of the College of Education, Health, and Human Performance; Dr. Deb Hemler, Interim Dean of the College of Science and Technology, Dr. Gina Fantasia, Professor of Business; Jill Sole, Assistant to Chief of Staff and General Counsel; Jesse Isner, Chief Financial Officer of Fairmont State

Foundation; and Renee Allison, Chief Operating Officer 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

David Goldberg moved to approve the agenda. Jennifer Kinty seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2025

Jennifer Kinty moved to approve the June 25, 2025, minutes. John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 BOARD OF GOVERNORS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

David Goldberg moved to approve the 2025-2026 Board of Governors Committee Membership. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. President's Report

President Michael Davis presented information on the following aspects of the Academic Year in Review (2024-2025):

- Governance and Planning
- Campus Engagement
- Community Engagement
- Government Relations
- Communications
- Advancement & Finance
- Recruiting & Enrollment
- Academics
- Athletics
- Academic Year 2025-2026 - Looking Ahead

B. Foundation Update

Renee Allison, Chief Operation Officer of the Foundation, presented information on the following:

- Wrap-up of Fiscal Year 2025
- Day of Giving (February 26, 2026)

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

Lance Puccio, Chair of the Enrollment, Housing & Student Life Committee, advised that the committee met on August 14, 2025.

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

- Residence Life
- Student Outreach & Support (SOS)
- Soar Shop
- Print Store
- Fall Welcome Overview
- Engage Data

Dr. Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Affairs, provided information on the Student Affairs Implementation Plan.

- Objective 1: Expand student participation 20% by Spring 2028
- Objective 2: Enhance students' use of services to meet essential needs 25% by Spring 2028
- Objective 3: Improve student satisfaction with housing and on-campus dining services 25% by Spring 2028
- Objective 4: Boost sense of belonging 20% by Spring 2028
- Objective 5: Increase the percentage of graduates who secure full-time employment or enroll in graduate school within 6 months of graduation 25% by Spring 2028

John Schirripa moved to approve the Objectives' focus areas, as proposed in the Student Affairs Implementation Plan. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

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

- Fall Recruitment Update 2025
- Fall FTF Recruitment Goal Progress
- Out of State Recruitment Strategic Initiative
- Student Success Team Activities
- Registered Returning Student Comparison
- Percentage of Eligible Returning Students
- Retention Goal Return Rate Progress
- First Time Freshman Cohort Retention Rates

- Weekly Retention Undergraduate Trend and Forecast
- Undergraduate Fall Forecast & Strategic Impact
- Graduate College Registration Progress
- Other Divisional Updates

George Wolf, Vice President of Enrollment Management provided information on the Enrollment Management Implementation Plan.

- Objective 1: Increase total headcount enrollment from \$3,249 in Fall 2024 to 3,887 in Fall 2027
- Objective 2: Increase undergraduate net tuition revenue from \$10M in Fall 2024 to \$11M by Fall 2027
- Objective 3: Reduce gaps between student importance/satisfaction score variables against top peers 25% by Summer 2028
- Objective 4: Increase the fall-to-fall first-time freshman retention rate from 68% in Fall 2024 to 73% by Fall 2027
- Objective 5: Increase six-year graduation rates by 3% from Spring 2025 to Spring 2028

Jennifer Kinty moved to approve the Objectives' focus areas, as proposed in the Enrollment Management Implementation Plan. John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

VI. FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Schirripa, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that the committee met on August 13, 2025.

John Nisbet, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration/CFO, provided information on the following aspects of the FY25 Budget YTD Results:

- E&G
- Fund Manager
- Auxiliary

VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Wendy Adkins, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, advised that the Academic Affairs Committee met on August 13, 2025.

Dr. Allen Bedford, Provost, provided information on the following:

- Academic Program Review
- APR-Self Study Guidelines
- 2025-2026 Program Review Council Members
- 2025-2026 Academic Program Reviews
- Academic Program Portfolio
- Regional Academic Service

- Operational Alignment & Effectiveness

VIII. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

David Goldberg, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, advised that the Athletic Affairs Committee met on August 12, 2025.

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

- Implementation Plan Development
- Title IX Education
- Program Highlights
- Personnel Updates
- Budget & Revenue Projections
- Conference/NCAA Updates

IX. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Drew Paton, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, advised that the Bylaws Committee met on August 11, 2025.

John Schirrupa moved to approve a review of draft amendment to BOG Policy 56 and to vote to issue Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Jennifer Kinty seconded. The motion passed.

David Goldberg moved to approve the discussion of a potential BOG Policy for Government Relations and Communications and to vote to direct President to initiate the evaluation and draft process pursuant to BOG Policy 1.1. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

David Goldberg moved to approve the discussion of a potential BOG Policy for Faculty and Staff Emeriti and to vote to direct President to initiate the evaluation and draft process pursuant to BOG Policy 1.1. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Pizatella advised that the Executive Committee met on August 19, 2025, in Executive Session.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jennifer Kinty moved to approve going into executive session, pursuant to:

- WV Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) and (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.

- (2) Matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University.
- (3) Modification of the President's contract.

Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer Kinty moved to approve to rise from executive session. JD DeVaul seconded. The motion passed.

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Drew Paton moved to approve the President's Amended and Restated Contract of Employment. Jennifer Kinty seconded. The motion passed.

Next Board of Governors meeting is October 22, 2025

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

John Schirripa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Kinty seconded. The motion passed.

Jason Pizatella
Board of Governors' Chair

Date

Drew Paton
Board of Governors' Secretary

Date