



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2026  
TEAMS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair Jason Pizatella convened the Fairmont State University Board of Governors meeting on February 25, 2026, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. via Teams.

**Note: With this meeting being conducted 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 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 via Teams were board members Jason Pizatella, Lance Puccio, Drew Paton, Dr. Jason Noland, Harrison Linkous, Jennifer Kinty, Jason Henderson, JD DeVaul, David Goldberg, John Schirripa and Dr. Angela Schwer. Wendy Adkins was absent.

Others present via Teams 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 via Teams were Alicia Kalka, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management; Jason McCoy, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Services; Jessie Sharps, Director of Communications; Keely Stiles, Assistant Director of Communications; Ashley Maxey, Director of Human Resources; Spencer Flanagan, Assistant Vice President of Student Engagement; Jill Sole, Assistant to Chief of Staff and General Counsel; Dr. Lindsey Guinn, Executive Director of Institutional Research; Renee Allison, Chief Operating Officer of Fairmont State Foundation; and Marissa Mauro, Interim 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

Lance Puccio moved to approve the agenda. John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. DECEMBER 18, 2025**

Drew Paton moved to approve the December 18, 2025, minutes. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

**B. JANUARY 20, 2026**

John Schirripa moved to approve the January 20, 2026, minutes. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

**III. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. President's Report**

President Michael Davis presented information on the following:

- Looking Back:
  - Day at the Capitol 2026 (January 23, 2026)
  - Government Relations
- Great Place to Learn:
  - Career-ready Graduates
  - Presidential Speakers
    1. Dr. Mike Lee, College of Charleston (February 12, 2026)
    2. Annick Odom, Artist in Residence (April 7, 2026)
    3. Chelsea Ruby, Secretary of Tourism (April 28, 2026)
  - Graduate Outcomes
- Great Place to Work:
  - Administrative Policies
  - University Events (Attended 46)
- Great Place to Call Home:
  - Community Events (Attended 36)
  - Communications
  - Social Media (December 20, 2025-February 17, 2026)
  - Athletic Accolades (108 student athletes named to Fall 2026 Academic All-MEC & Commissioner's Honor Role)
- Looking Ahead

- Day of Giving (February 26, 2026)

## **B. Foundation Update**

Marissa Mauro, Interim President of Fairmont State Foundation, presented information on the following:

- Fairmont State University Day of Giving (February 26, 2026)
  - Goal: \$800,000
  - falconsgive.org

## **IV. 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 February 12, 2026.

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

- Student Success & Persistence
  - Enrollment Management, Academics, and Student Affairs ongoing collaborative efforts
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Initiatives
- Student Belonging and Campus Engagement
  - Student Activities
  - Club Sports Expansion
  - Career Services- All-Majors Career Fair (March 25, 2026)
- Auxiliary Updates
  - Student Employment and Experiential Learning
- Unit: Wellbeing & Housing (Listen, Plan and Act)
  - Health, Safety & Wellbeing
  - Housing & Facilities

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

- Spring 2026 Enrollment Total University Headcount
- Spring 2026 New Students
  - Spring 2026 New Enrollment (Registered)
- University Enrollment Spring Persistence
  - Fall to Spring Overall University Persistence
  - Freshmen Cohort Retention Fall to Spring
- University Enrollment Spring Account Management
  - Spring 2026 Outstanding Balances
- Full Time Fall Undergraduate Enrollment

- Strategic Goals, Budget & Actuals
- Fall 2026 Funnel Goal Progress
- Fall 2026 Funnel Updates (First Time Freshmen)
  - Application Activity
  - Deposit Activity
- Other Divisional Information

**B. FINANCE COMMITTEE (John Schirripa, Chair)**

John Schirripa, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that the committee met on February 11, 2026

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

- FY25 Budget YTD Results (October-December)
  - E&G
  - Fund Manager Funds
  - Auxiliary Funds
- Capital Spend Down Update (As of January 31, 2026)
- FY26 Cash Reserves (October-December)

**C. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Wendy Adkins, Chair)**

Academic Affairs Committee met on February 11, 2026

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

- Academic Implementation Plan
  - Timeline
  - Five Focus Areas
    1. Academic Program Portfolio
    2. Student Academic Success
    3. Professional Support and Development
    4. Cultural Enrichment
    5. Regional Service
  - Alignment with Strategic Vision's Priorities
- 2025-2026 Academic Program Reviews
  - Non-Specialized Accredited Programs
  - Specialized Accredited Programs
  - Timeline for 2025-2026 Program Reviews
- Academic Administrator Searches
  1. Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
  2. Dean, College of Business and Aviation
  3. Dean, College of Nursing
  4. Director of Library Services

**D. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (David Goldberg, Chair)**

David Goldberg, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, advised that the Athletic Affairs Committee did not meet in February.

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

- 2026 MEC Basketball Tournament (March 4, 2026-March 8, 2026)

**E. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Drew Paton, Chair)**

Drew Paton, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, advised that the Bylaws Committee met on February 9, 2026.

Tanner James, General Counsel, provided information on the following:

- Proposed renumbering of BOG policies
  - Discussion and potential adoption will take place at next Bylaws Committee Meeting on April 6, 2026
- Public Comments
  - Proposed BOG Policy on Government Relations and Communications (no public comments received and policy adopted)
  - Proposed Amendment to BOG Policy FA-01, Tuition and Fees (1 public comment received and modification discussed)

Drew Paton moved to approve the proposed amendment to BOG Policy FA-01, Tuition and Fees. David Goldberg seconded. The motion passed.

**F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Executive Committee met on February 17, 2026.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

David Goldberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John DeVaul seconded. The motion passed.

---

Jason Pizatella  
Board of Governors' Chair

Date

---

Drew Paton  
Board of Governors' Secretary

Date