

Fairmont State University Board of Governors – Executive Committee
Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 9:00am
Teams
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dr. Michael Davis, Dr. Brian Selmeski, Jason Pizatella, Lance Puccio, Drew Paton, John DeVaul, Craig Jennings, Dr. Jason Noland, Tanner James, George Wolf, Janna Bredeson, Christy Burner, Spencer Flanagan, and Cheryl Lewis

Absent: none

Call to Order

Chair Jason Pizatella called the June 16th Executive Committee meeting to order at approximately 9:02 am.

Christy Burner, Director of Sponsored Programs/Executive Director of Fairmont State University's Research & Development Corporation, presented information on the following:

Fairmont State University Research & Development Corporation

- Purpose: advance Fairmont State University's sponsored programs, innovation, and economic development mission.
- Will operate as a 501(c)(3) entity
- Created in 1990 but was never active until now.
- First Affiliation Agreement for the Research & Development Corporation
- Benefits:
 - Increase operational flexibility
 - Enhance competitiveness for external funding
 - Improve support for information technology transfer
 - Strengthen economic development efforts
 - Risk management and financial stewardship
- Officers
 - Chair: Dr. Robert Niichel
 - Vice-Chair: Dr. Brian Selmeski
 - Secretary: Derek Nuzum
 - Treasurer: Dr. Allen Bedford
 - Executive Director: Christy Burner
 - Director of Administration: Amantha Cole

Drew Paton moved to approve the recommendation to the Full Board of the adoption of the Fairmont State University Research & Development Corporation Affiliation Agreement, giving Chair Pizatella authority to sign the agreement after the June 25th BOG meeting. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

Executive Session

Lance Puccio made a motion to go into executive session, pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A),(b)(9) and (b)(12) to discuss:

1. A privileged and confidential report from General Counsel regarding pending litigation and personnel matters.
2. 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.

Drew Paton made a motion to rise from the executive session. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Pizatella advised that no decisions were made, or votes taken in the executive session.

Adjournment

Chair Pizatella adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:28 am.

Jason Pizatella, Committee Chair

Date