FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2026
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 June 25, 2026, beginning at approximately 9:02 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, Drew Paton, Jonathan Board, Dr. Jason Noland, and Craig Jennings. Jason Henderson, JD DeVaul, Wendy Adkins, Lance Puccio and Dr. Angela Schwer were present via Teams. John Schirripa and Harrison Linkous 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; George Wolf, Vice President of Enrollment Management; and Dr. Allen Bedford, Provost. Greg Bamberger, Director of Athletics; Dr. Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Success; and Paul Steinhaus, Chief Information Officer were present via Teams. Also present were Dr. Alicia Kalka, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management; Luke Kopp, Assistant Vice President for Student Wellbeing & Housing; Spencer Flanagan, Assistant Vice President For Engagement & Activities; Dr. Samantha Godbey, Director of Civics Institute; Dr. Susan Ross, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs; Dr. Julie Reneau, Interim Dean of Education; Dr. Gina Fantasia, Professor of Business; Jill Sole, Assistant to Chief of Staff and General Counsel; Ally Quigley, Social Media Strategist; Dr. Lindsey Guinn, Executive Director of Institutional Research; Dan Mondragon, Men's Basketball Coach; Bryan Spitzer, incoming Athletic Director; Jason McCoy, Assistant Vice President of

Enrollment Services; Rhonda Kuhn, Assistant Vice President of Finance & Accounting; and Marissa Mauro, President of Fairmont State Foundation. Others present via teams were Ashley Maxey, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Abbey Zink, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs; Christy Burner, Director of Sponsored Programs; Adam White, Assistant Athletic Director of Compliance/Legal; Monica Cochran, Director of Procurement; and Dr. James Matthews, Interim Dean of College of Liberal Arts.

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

Jason Pizatella stated the Board of Governors meeting agenda will be more focused moving forward, encouraging members to attend the committee meetings where specific details will be presented.

Drew Paton moved to approve the agenda. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 23, 2026

Drew Paton moved to approve the April 23, 2026, minutes. JD DeVaul seconded. The motion passed.

B. June 12, 2026, Special Meeting

Drew Paton moved to approve the June 12, 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:
  - Commencement, Saturday, May 9th
  - Video of Locust Avenue Properties (Purchase approved June 12, 2026, at the Special BOG Meeting)

- Great Place to Learn
  - Faculty Emeriti
  - Faculty Tenure & Promotion
  - Presidential Speaker Series:
    - Closing of 2025-2026
    - 2026-2027 lineup
  - Hosting International Competition: American Society of Civil Engineers' 2026 Civil Engineering Student Championships June 25-27
- Great Place to Work
  - Dependent Tuition Waiver (Effective Fall 2026)
  - Dr. Samantha Godbey
    - Generation Next: 40 Under 40 State Journal
    - The Galentine Award
  - Employee Appreciation Day
  - Faculty Awards
  - Staff Awards
  - Parental Leave Committee (recommendation to the Board of Governors by October 2026)
  - Administrative Policies
  - Implementation Planning
- Great Place to Call Home
  - University Events
  - Community Events
  - Presidential Communications
  - Athletic Accolades
  - Athletic Personnel
    - Dan Mondragon, Men's Basketball Coach
    - Sami Lusk, Women's Wrestling Coach
    - Bryan Spitzer, Athletic Director
- Looking Ahead: On the Road with Fairmont State (July 13-16, 2026)

B. Foundation Update

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

- FYTD Fundraising Overview
  - Fundraising Goal FY 2026
    - Goal $3,700,000
    - Exceeded Goal by $579,047
  - Total Gifts and Number of Gifts (FY 2016 to FYTD 2026)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Lance Puccio, Chair of the Enrollment, Housing & Student Life Committee, provided a report from the June 11, 2026, meeting. He reported on the following:

Enrollment Management

- Fall Undergraduate Recruitment and Application Trends
- Orientation and Registration Progress
- Student Retention and Graduation Rates
- Graduate Enrollment
- Strategic and Operational Initiatives
- Focused Retention and Enrollment Forecasts
    - Undergraduate Strategic Trend & Forecast

Student Affairs

- Student Success and Persistence
- Auxiliary Updates
- Alumni Relations
- Wellbeing and Housing
- Student Outreach and Support Office and Accessibility Services

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE (John Schirripa, Chair)

Rhonda Kuhn, Assistant Vice President of Finance and Accounting, provided a report from the June 11, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting. She reported on the following:

- FY2026 Year-to-Date Financial Update
    - E&G (General Fund)
    - Fund Manager (Academics) Fund
    - Auxiliary Fund
    - Restricted Funds & Cash Position
- FY27 Operating and Capital Budgets

Drew Paton moved to approve the FY27 Operating and Capital Budget.

Drew Paton withdrew his motion to approve the FY27 Operating and Capital Budget, to first discuss the FY27 Salary Increase, which is included in the Operating Budget.

- FY27 Salary Increase
    - Fairmont State University Board of Governors approved 3% salary increase to all employees except President Michal Davis, effective June 27, 2026.

Drew Paton moved to approve the FY27 Operating and Capital Budget. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

Craig Jennings moved to approve the FY27 3% Salary Increase to all employees except President Davis, as noted for part-time employees. Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Pizatella thanked John Schirripa, Chair of Finance Committee, who recently resigned as of June 30, 2026, for all of his hard work and service.

C. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Wendy Adkins, Chair)

Wendy Adkins, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, provided a report from the June 10, 2026, meeting.

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

- 2025-2026 Academic Program Reviews
  - Programs without Special Accreditation
    - Communication Arts, B.A.

      Wendy Adkins moved to approve the continuation of the B.A. in Communication Arts program without special accreditation at the current level of activity with action being taken as specified by the Provost Office. Jonathan Board seconded. The motion passed.

    - Spanish, B.A.

      Wendy Adkins moved to approve the continuation of the B.A. in Spanish program without special accreditation at the current level of activity with action being taken as specified by the Provost Office. Jonathan Board seconded. The motion passed.

    - Psychology, B.S.

      Wendy Adkins moved to approve the continuation of the B.S. in Psychology program without special accreditation at the current level of activity with action being taken as specified by the Provost Office. Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

    - National Security & Intelligence, M.A.

      Wendy Adkins moved to approve the continuation of the M.A. in National Security & Intelligence without special accreditation at the current level of activity with action being taken as specified by the Provost Office. Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

- Exercise Science, B.S.

  Wendy Adkins moved to approve the continuation of the B.S. in Exercise Science without special accreditation at the current level of activity with action being taken as specified by the Provost Office. Jonathan Board seconded. The motion passed.

- Programs with Special Accreditation
  - Education, B.A.

    Wendy Adkins moved to approve the continuation of the B.A. in Education program with special accreditation at the current level of activity with action being taken as specified by the Provost Office. Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

  - Master of Healthcare Administration

    Wendy Adkins moved to approve the continuation of the Master of Healthcare Administration program with special accreditation at the current level of activity with action being taken as specified by the Provost Office. Jonathan Board seconded. The motion passed.

- Academic Affairs Implementation Plan
  - Objectives
    - Objective 1: Academic Portfolio
    - Objective 2: Academic Student Success
    - Objective 3: Work Environment
    - Objective 4: Cultural Enrichment
    - Objective 5: Regional Service
  - Budget Summary
    - Strategic Investments
    - External Funds
    - Incremental Operating Funds

President Davis stated the 2027-2029 future initiatives in the Budget Summary will come back to the Full Board for approval.

Wendy Adkins moved to approve the Academic Implementation Plan. Drew Paton seconded. The motion passed.

D. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Jason Pizatella, BOG Chair, provided a report on the June 9, 2026, Athletic Affairs Committee meeting. He provided information on the following:

- Spring Sports Update
- Personnel Updates
- Restructuring of the Division of Athletics
- Summary of Athletic Affairs Implementation Plan

E. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Drew Paton, Chair)

Drew Paton, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, provided a report on the June 8, 2026, meeting. He provided information on the following:

- Public Comments for the proposed Faculty & Staff Emeriti Policy

  Drew Paton moved to accept the Bylaws Committee's recommendations regarding three public comments adjudicated in the Bylaws Committee meeting for Faculty & Staff Emeriti Policy. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

  One public comment not adjudicated during the Bylaws Committee meeting was discussed by the full board but its suggestion was not adopted, leaving Emeriti to be nominated by a committee.

- Proposed amendments to BOG Policy HR-19, Progressive Discipline and Separation From Employment

  Drew Paton moved to approve the proposed amendments to BOG Policy HR-19, Progressive Discipline and Separation From Employment and initiate the public comment period, stipulating that if no public comments are received then the amendments will become effective automatically upon expiration of the public comment period. Jonathan Board seconded. The motion passed.

- Proposed amendments to BOG Policy FA-06, Tuition and Fee Waiver for 65 and Older

  Drew Paton moved to approve the proposed amendments to BOG Policy FA-06 Tuition and Fee Waiver for 65 and Older to comply with House Bill 5011 and initiate the public comment period, stipulating that if no public comments are received then the amendments will become effective automatically upon expiration of the public comment period. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

- Potential amendment to BOG Policy FA-04, Travel

Drew Paton moved to approve initiating the amendment process for BOG Policy FA-04, Travel, pursuant to BOG Policy GA-01. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

- Potential repeal of BOG Policies GA-18, Erosion and Sediment Control, and GA-19, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

  Drew Paton moved to approve initiating the repeal process for BOG Policies GA-18, Erosion and Sediment Control, and GA-19, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, pursuant to BOG Policy GA-01. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

- Potential adoption of an Intercollegiate Athletics Policy

  Drew Paton moved to approve initiating the policy adoption process for an Intercollegiate Athletics Policy pursuant to BOG Policy GA-01. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

F. NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Wendy Adkins, Chair)

Wendy Adkins, Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided a report from the June 18, 2026, meeting.

Nominating Committee recommended 2026-2027 BOG Officers:

- Jason Pizatella, Chair
- Lance Puccio, Vice-Chair
- Drew Paton, Secretary

Craig Jennings moved to approve the 2026-2027 BOG Officers. Jonathan Board seconded. The motion passed.

G. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Jason Pizatella, Chair)

Chair Pizatella provided a report from June 16, 2026, meeting.

Drew Paton moved to approve the BOG Chair’s signature for the Fairmont State University Research & Development Corporation Affiliation Agreement. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Pizatella discussed the 2026-2027 Committee Assignments, effective July 1, 2026:

- Drew Paton, Athletic Affairs Committee Chair
- Jonathan Board, Bylaws Committee Chair
- Jason Henderson, Finance Committee Chair

Drew Paton moved to approve the 2026-2027 Committee Assignments. Jonathan Board seconded. The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Pizatella stated there was no need for an Executive Session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Jonathan Board made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

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Jason Pizatella Date
Board of Governors' Chair

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Drew Paton Date
Board of Governors' Secretary