



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2026
TEAMS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair Jason Pizatella convened the Fairmont State University Board of Governors meeting on August 20, 2026, beginning at approximately 9:03 a.m. via Teams.

Note: With this meeting being via Teams only, 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 for the meeting via Teams were board members Jason Pizatella, Drew Paton, Jonathan Board, Dr. Jason Noland, Craig Jennings, Jason Henderson, JD DeVaul, Wendy Adkins, Lance Puccio, Dr. Angela Schwer and Bryson Rigglesman. None were 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; Greg Rose, Chief Financial Officer; George Wolf, Vice President of Enrollment Management; Dr. Allen Bedford, Provost; Greg Bamberger, Vice President of Athletics; Dr. Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Success; and Paul Steinhaus, Chief Information Officer. Also present via Teams 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. Gina Fantasia, Professor of Business; Jill Sole, Assistant to Chief of Staff and General Counsel; Dr. Lindsey Guinn, Executive Director of Institutional Research; Bryan Spitzer, Athletic Director; Rhonda Kuhn, Assistant Vice President of Finance & Accounting; Jesse Isner, Chief Financial Officer of Fairmont State Foundation; 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; Deb Hemler, Interim Dean of the College of Science & Technology; Caitlin Jividen, University Social Worker; Abby Franks, ACC Service Coordinator; and Marion Holmes, Senior Director First Year Experience Connection.

A. 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.

B. Approval of Agenda

Drew Paton moved to approve the agenda. Wendy Adkins seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 25, 2026

Lance Puccio moved to approve the June 25, 2026, minutes. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

III. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. President's Report

President Michael Davis presented information on the following:

- Looking Back: On the Road with Fairmont State (July 13-16)
- Great Place to Learn
 - First Flight
 - Program Analytics
 - Institutional Accreditation (Review April 5-April 6)
 - Honorary Degrees
 - Going forward will bring to the Full Board any new honorary degrees according to Administrative Policy 1102
- Great Place to Work
 - New VP of Finance & Administration/CFO- Greg Rose
 - Implementation Planning
- Great Place to Call Home
 - University Events- Attended 44
 - Community Events- Attended 20
 - Presidential Communications
 - Athletic Accolades
 - Danielle Cutri, MEC Women's Sports Coach of the Year
 - Colton Stoneking, MEC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- Looking Ahead: August-October 2026

B. Foundation Update

Jesse Isner, Chief Financial Officer of Fairmont State Foundation, presented information on the following:

- Fundraising Overview (2023-2026)
 - Number of Gifts
 - Gifts Received
 - Gifts Committed
 - Total Gifts
- Day of Giving (February 25, 2027)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Lance Puccio, Chair of the Enrollment, Housing & Student Life Committee, stated the committee met on August 6, 2026.

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

- New Fall UG Recruitment Progress
- Transfer/Readmit Enrollment Progress
- Retention of Current Undergraduate Students
- Graduate Student Enrollment
- Student Account Management Efforts
- Progress Toward Strategic Objectives

Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Success, presented information on the following:

- Student Success and Engagement
- Student Belonging & Campus Engagement
- Auxiliary Services
- Housing & Residence Life
- Student Wellbeing Services

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Jason Henderson, Chair)

Jason Henderson, Chair of the Finance Committee, provided a brief overview from the August 5, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting.

Greg Rose, Chief Financial Officer, presented information on the following:

- Unaudited Revenue and Expenses (Operating/Non-Operating)
- Area for Review: Tuition and Fees Revenue
- Current Cash Balances
- Reserve Levels in comparison to other West Virginia Public Institutions
- Re-Prioritization of the WV HEPC Deferred Maintenance Project List
 - Initiated after the August Finance Committee Meeting to support Bryant Place Phase I and Phase II shower replacement project and the parking garage elevator and fire alarm system update projects through the HEPC \$11.6 Deferred Maintenance Grant.
 - Addition of the Bryant Place Shower Project to the submitted HEPC project list has been endorsed by HEPC.
 - Overall HEPC funding will remain the same, projects and project budgets will be updated.
 - Final approval and award are subject to decision by the Governor's Office

Jason Henderson moved to approve the re-prioritization of the WV HEPC deferred maintenance project list. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

C. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Wendy Adkins, Chair)

Allen Bedford, Provost, stated the committee did not meet in August because there was nothing new to report. Report will be given at the October BOG meeting.

Wendy Adkins, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, did not have anything new to report.

D. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Drew Paton, Chair)

Drew Paton, Chair of Athletic Affairs Committee, stated the committee met on August 4, 2026.

Greg Bamberger, Vice President of Athletics, presented information on the Athletic Implementation Plan.

- Timeline (August 2026-July 2029)
- Objective 1
- Objective 2
- Objective 3
- Objective 4
- Objective 5
- Budget Summary

Drew Paton moved to approve the Athletic Implementation Plan. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

Drew Paton, Chair of Athletic Affairs Committee, also provided a report on the following:

- Fall Sports Expectations
- Facility Updates
- Changes to MEC Championship sites
- Future Facility Naming Decisions

E. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Jonathan Board, Chair)

Jonathan Board, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, stated the committee met on August 3, 2026.

Tanner James, University General Counsel, provided information on the proposed repeal of BOG Policies GA-18, “Erosion and Sediment Control” and GA-19, “Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination.”

- Reclassifying BOG Policies GA-18 and GA-19 from Board policies to Administrative policies
- Upon conclusion of the public comment period, the Full Board will vote on the repeal of both policies

Jonathan Board moved to approve the repeal of BOG Policy GA-18, “Erosion and Sediment Control” for public comment. JD DeVaul seconded. The motion passed.

Jonathan Board moved to approve the repeal of BOG Policy GA-19, “Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination” for public comment. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

Tanner James, University General Counsel, provided information on the proposed adoption of the Intercollegiate Athletics Policy.

- Intercollegiate Athletics Policy allows Board final approval of any addition or removal of any athletic program.

Jonathan Board moved to approve the adoption of the Intercollegiate Athletics Policy. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

Jonathan Board also provided a report on the following:

- Board Policy HR-19, “Progressive Discipline and Separation from Employment”-no public comments received

- Board Policy FA-06, “Reduced Tuition and Fees for WV Residents 60 Years of Age or Older”- one public comment received, which did not warrant further action.

F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Pizatella provided a report from the August 11, 2026, meeting.

- Executive Committee discussed potential amendment to BOG policy BG-02, “Board of Governors’ Operating Procedures, to align with W.Va. Code §18B-2A-1(d)(5)
- Future discussion at the October Bylaws Committee meeting and potentially the Full Board Meeting
- No decisions were made in the Executive Session from the committee meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

President Davis shared that the fall semester is off to a great start.

VI. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Drew Paton moved to approve going into executive session, pursuant to:

- West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(9) to consider matters involving or affecting the purchase, sale or lease of property, and other matters involving commercial competition, which if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the state.

Jonathan Board seconded. The motion passed.

Drew Paton recused himself from executive session.

Craig Jennings moved to approve to rise from executive session. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed

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

VII. APPROVAL: VOTE ON THE PROPOSED SALE OF 214 MERCHANT STREET, FAIRMONT, WV

Craig Jennings moved to approve the sale of 214 Merchant Street Fairmont, WV and to authorize the Board Chair to effectuate the sale in compliance with all provisions of W.Va Code for Public Higher Ed Institutions. JD DeVaul seconded. The motion passed.

Drew Paton recused himself and did not participate in the discussion of, vote on, and approval of the sale of 214 Merchant Street, Fairmont, WV.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Drew Paton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig Jennings seconded. The motion passed.

Jason Pizatella
Board of Governors' Chair

Date

Drew Paton
Board of Governors' Secretary

Date