

Board of Governors

Special Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 21, 2024

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Boyd Conference Room

Members Present: Mr. Charlie Cole, Chair – Google Meet; Mr. Shannon Remines, Vice-Chair; Mr. Bill Cole; Mr. Mike Hastings; Mr. Anthony Tolley; Mr. Jack Sheffler; Mr. Randy Price; Ms. Cathy Deeb; Mrs. Rebecca Peterson; Mr. Tim McKenzie; Mr. Luke Roberts, Mr. Ed Toman

Guests: Mr. Brent Benjamin, EVP

Welcome, Vice-Chair's Remarks, and Call to Order: Mr. Charlie Cole:

Chair Cole determined that a quorum was established, then he called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the Boyd Conference Room. He welcomed attendees at the meeting and that we were gathered to appoint Bluefield State's new President. He thanked Ms. Deeb for being the Chair of the Presidential Search committee and all the hard work over the past 8 months. He also thanked Mr. Tolley for all the assistance he provided Ms. Deeb as a member of the committee. And thanked all the candidates that were selected and interviewed for the Presidential position.

Executive Session

- Chair Cole entertained a motion to move into executive session– Mr. Price made the motion, Mr. Remines seconded the motion, the board moved into executive session at 4:02 PM. Chair Cole asked General Counsel and Board Liaison to remain to answer any legal/administrative questions. Then they were excused.
- Mr. Bill Cole made a motion to exit executive session at 4:51 PM – Mr. Remines second. Committee exited executive session.

Actions Emanating from Executive Session:

- Chair Cole brought forth the motion to accept the appointment of Dr. Darrin Martin as President of Bluefield State University effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Sheffler motioned the acceptance, Mr. Roberts seconded. A majority of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative. All were in favor. The motion carried.
- Chair Cole congratulated Dr. Martin on his appointment.
- Chair Cole directed General Counsel to make the appropriate notifications on Dr. Martin's nomination.
- Board approval to delegate to the Executive Committee the negotiation of the President Martin's new Contract and to authorize the Chair or his designee to extend as necessary the terms of President Martin's interim contract until the HEPC approves the President Martin's contract. Mr. Remines made the motion and Mr. Price seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

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Other Business:

- Chair Cole will call Dr. Martin and Chancellor Tucker.
- Chair Cole directs Brent Benjamin to see that employees and students are notified and that an appropriate press release is generated.
- Chair Cole directs Brent Benjamin to have contract extension executed and filed with HEPC.
- Chair Cole directs Brent Benjamin to forward official notification to HEPC regarding selection decision and request scheduling of contract consideration before the HEPC.

Adjournment:

With no further discussion, Mr. Tolley made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheffler. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM

Minutes submitted by: Jeanne Moricle, Board Liaison