

**Board of Governors
Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education**

Meeting Minutes

307th Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life
Harrisburg, PA

ATTENDING

Board of Governors:

Representative Tim Briggs
Jim Brugger, Designee for Senator David Argall
Dr. Quintin Bullock
Richard Caruso
Dr. Brandon Danz
William Gindlesperger
David Maser (Vice Chair)
Katie Merritt, Designee for Governor Shapiro
Representative Brad Roae
Ali Sina Sharifi (Student Member)
Dr. Kate Shaw, Designee for Secretary Mumin
Senator Judith Schwank
Dr. Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)
Samuel H. Smith (Vice Chair)
Dr. Robert Traynham
Skylar Walder, student member
Secretary Neil R. Weaver

Also, in attendance was Faculty Liaison, Dr. Tina Chiarelli-Helminiak.

Chair Cindy Shapira called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Attendance taken at the direction of Chair Shapira established that a quorum of the Board was present.

CHAIR'S REMARKS (Full remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira welcomed all in attendance, reviewed the meeting agenda and extended appreciation to the staff at the Alexander Grass Campus for hosting our meeting.

Chair Shapira welcomed and introduced new Board members Quintin Bullock, Richard Caruso, Brandon Danz, Robert Traynham, and student Ali Sina Sharifi. Shapira said about half of the Board has been appointed within the last 18 months, allowing the Board to hear and learn new perspectives. Shapira also welcomed Laurie Bernotsky and Jon Anderson in their official roles as Presidents of West Chester and PennWest Universities.

Regarding state budget negotiations, Shapira thanked the Governor and the General Assembly for investing in the State System. She also expressed appreciation to those who are advocating on behalf of PASSHE. She said these times are exciting, and efforts to redesign the system have positioned it well and ahead of the curve. The Board appreciates the dedicated work of faculty and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Full remarks in video archive)

Dr. Robyn Davis, President, APSCUF–Millersville University
Dr. Jason Hilton, President, APSCUF–Slippery Rock University
Dr. Kelly Banna, Past President, APSCUF–Millersville University
Dr. Eric Hawrelak, President, APSCUF–Millersville University
Dr. Shari Horner, Vice President, APSCUF–Shippensburg University

RESOLUTIONS (Full remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira presented resolutions to outgoing PennWest University student Board member Darrek Harshberger and Board members Dan Klingerman, Jan Yeomans, and Larry Skinner.

REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS (Full remarks in video archive)

- Dr. Ken Mash, President, APSCUF
- Frances Cortez Funk, President, SCUPA

REMARKS BY PACT (Full remarks in video archive)

- Dr. Rich Frerichs, President, PA Association of Councils of Trustees

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

- Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2024, and May 22, 2024
- Committee assignments
- Rescission of Policy 1983-16: Reimbursement of Travel Expenses for Faculty and Administrative Candidates
- Update of policies related to the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
- Update of Policy 2015-01: Veterans In-State Tuition Benefits

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR (Full remarks in video archive)

Chancellor Greenstein thanked colleagues for their public comment. Greenstein also remarked that the system redesign journey has been made possible in partnership with the state. He reflected upon the path the Board started in 2019, looking at implementing an infrastructure enabling students access to programs and services across the system. He thanked and acknowledged colleagues, including Chief Information Officer Rosa Lara who provided an update about the System's One SIS project – a replacement of 14 disparate student information systems, which offers many opportunities and benefits from program and course sharing, a standard user interface for faculty and students, expanded collaboration opportunities, and more.

RESOLUTIONS (Full remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira presented resolutions to recently retired Dr. Donna Wilson, vice chancellor and chief academic officer and recently retired West Chester University President Chris Fiorentino, granting him the status of President Emeritus. Shapira concluded by recognizing outgoing Shippensburg University student Board member Skylar Walder.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

Roll call was conducted at the request of Committee Chair Smith, and the following members were present: David Maser, Cynthia Shapira (ex-officio), and President Karen Riley.

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HEREBY APPOINTS JANEYDA ORTIZ TO THE COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES – LOCK HAVEN CAMPUS.

Voice vote of the committee. No opposition. The motion passed.

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPOINTS MARK-HANDY PHANOR OF KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SYSTEM'S ENABLING LEGISLATION, AS AMENDED.

Voice vote of the committee. No opposition. The motion passed.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

Roll call was conducted at the request of Committee Chair Gindlesperger, and the following members were present: Neil Weaver, Katie Merritt, Ali Sina Sharifi, Cynthia Shapira (ex-officio), and President Charles Patterson.

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR MOVED THAT THE BOARD DELEGATES THE RATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR THE TECHNOLOGY TUITION FEE TO THE UNIVERSITIES' COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES AND APPROVED REVISIONS TO POLICIES 1983-18-A: WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES, 1989-05-a: STUDENT FEES, AND 1999-02-A: TUITION, AS SHOWN IN BOARD MATERIALS, EFFECTIVE FALL 2025. THE TECHNOLOGY TUITION FEE FOR A UNIVERSITY WILL CHANGE AT A RATE EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TUITION APPROVED BY THE BOARD FOR THAT RESPECTIVE YEAR IF A TECHNOLOGY TUITION FEE RATE CHANGE IS NOT RECOMMENDED TO A UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES IN ANY GIVEN YEAR.

Voice vote of the committee. No opposition. The motion passed.

MOTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 PRELIMINARY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS FOR STATE SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR. UNIVERSITIES WILL FINALIZE THEIR BUDGETS FOLLOWING THE JULY BOARD ACTIONS ON APPROPRIATION ALLOCATION AND TUITION, FALL ENROLLMENT DATA, AND SUBSEQUENT DETERMINATIONS AND EXPENDITURES. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL IN OCTOBER 2024.

Voice vote of the committee. No opposition. The motion passed.

BOARD CONSIDERATION (Full remarks in video archive)

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE AND GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

ACTIONS AS PRESENTED:

- **Appointment of student trustee**
- **Appointment of student Board member**
- **Policy updates: delegation of rate approval for technology**
- **2024-25 preliminary budget**

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

NEW POLICY: UNDERGRADUATE RECRUITMENT AND FINANCIAL AID OPTIMIZATION

Sharon Minnich, Executive Vice Chancellor, and Ginger Coleman, Director of Financial Management, presented new policy 2024:01 – *Undergraduate Recruitment and Financial Aid Optimization*.

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVES NEW POLICY 2024-01: UNDERGRADUATE RECRUITMENT AND FINANCIAL AID OPTIMIZATION.

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

TUITION AND TECHNOLOGY TUITION FEE

No action taken on tuition and technology fee due the state budget not being finalized.

BOARD OFFICERS ELECTIONS

Governor Gindlesperger moderated the Board Officers Elections based upon the bylaws.

MOTION: THE BOARD REELECTED CINDY SHAPIRA AS CHAIR AND SAM SMITH AND DAVID MASER AS VICE CHAIRS.

Voice vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

For the record, Chair Shapira reported that the Board of Governors met in executive session on July 10, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and legal matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randy A. Goin, Ph.D.
Deputy Chancellor

Meeting webcast is available here: [BOG Meeting 7-11-24](#)