



Board of Trustees

Governance and Nomination Committee

July 21, 2023

Minutes

Via Zoom in accordance with Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20 dated March 12, 2020

A live stream of the meeting for public viewing also took place on YouTube.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY: Committee Chair Melissa Alvarado, Secretary Dr. Robert Martin, and Trustees Madeline Landrau, Chris Montemayor, and William Reichelt, and Board Chair Ali Salehi, ex-officio member

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Vice Chair Theresa Jasmin

TRUSTEE GUESTS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY: Trustees Paul Boudreau [joined at 10:20 AM], Daniel Currier, George Gilmer, and Dr. Gloria Williams [joined at 10:23 AM]

Also participating remotely were Westfield State University President Dr. Linda Thompson, and Chief of Staff Dr. Michael Freeman.

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 AM by Committee Chair Alvarado. A roll call was taken of the committee members participating as listed above and it was announced that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

Committee Chair Alvarado shared the proposed changes to committees since the last Board meeting, causing a bylaw change which this committee needs to discuss and approve. Chair Salehi expressed his wish to create an independent committee for Advancement, Marketing, and External Relations. President Thompson shared the hope to launch a capital campaign for the campus, plans for celebrating 185 years next year, and the need to identify a brand that the entire University endorses. More support is needed for financial aid for the best students and the best faculty.

MOTION made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Landrau, as follows: The Governance and Nomination Committee recommends approval to the full Board to amend the Westfield State University's Board of Trustees Bylaws as presented.

There being no discussion, ROLL CALL VOTE passed motion unanimously with Trustees voting in the affirmative: Martin, Landrau, Montemayor, Reichelt, Alvarado, and Board Chair Salehi.

There being no further business,

MOTION made by Trustee Alvarado, seconded by Trustee Landrau, to adjourn.
There being no discussion, ROLL CALL VOTE passed motion unanimously with Trustees voting in the affirmative: Martin, Landrau, Montemayor, Reichelt, Alvarado, and Board Chair Salehi.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Attachments presented at this meeting:

- a. Draft Motion – Bylaw Amendments
- b. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Secretary's Certificate

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Westfield State University Board of Trustees Governance and Nomination Committee meeting held on July 21, 2023.

Dr. Robert Martin, Secretary

Date