

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING**

LOCATION: Erickson Alumni Center or
Zoom Link

DATE: September 11, 2026

TIME: 10:15 a.m.

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VII.	POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER AUTHORITY IN WEST VIRGINIA CODE §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), and (b)(12) to discuss potential and deliberative priorities for the University; potential legislative priorities; personnel contract(s); other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University; and a legal update from the General Counsel.	<i>Hutson</i>

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VIII.	DISCUSSION EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)	<i>Hutson</i>
IX.	COMMITTEE REPORTS • Report from the Academic Affairs and Accreditation Committee (Luck) • Report from the Divisional Campus Committee (Mattox) • Report from Strategic Plans and Initiatives Committee (Cary) • Report from the Finance, Facilities, and Revitalization Committee (Ruby)	<i>Hutson</i>
X.	CONSENT AGENDA • Entry of Institutional Undergraduate Fee Waivers and Institutional Graduate and Professional Fee Waivers • HSC Steps 3rd Floor Expansion • HEPC Deferred Maintenance Budget Reallocations • HSC Academic Building • Campus Master Plan • School of Dentistry Renovation Phase 2 • School of Dentistry Clinic Renovation • Renaming of Nursery School Building • Authority to convey land located in Raleigh County to the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways	<i>Hutson</i>
XI.	INFORMATION ITEM (WRITTEN ONLY) • Report of Real Property Transactions • Technical Update (address change) for BOG Rules 1.6 and 1.7.	<i>Hutson</i>
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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Meeting of August 27, 2026

A meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held via zoom on August 27, 2026 via zoom.

Board members in attendance included: Bray Cary, Elmer Coppoolse, Lesley Cottrell, Scott Crichlow, Michael D'Annunzio, Patrice Harris, Terry Hauser, Susan Lavenski, Oliver Luck, James Martin, Kenneth Mason, Robert Reynolds, Steve Ruby.

DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Robert Reynolds who served as Chair for the meeting at 1:05 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine attendance and a quorum established.

The Vice Chair asked for a motion that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the following discretionary committee memberships, chairs and other appointments and read the names for the record.

Academic Affairs and Accreditation

Oliver Luck, Chair
Kevin Craig
Dr. Patrice Harris
Terry Hauser
Susan Lavenski
Paul Mattox
Scott Crichlow

Audit

Robert Reynolds, Chair
Elmer Coppoolse
Kevin Craig
Dr. Patrice Harris
Oliver Luck
Kenny Mason
Charles Wilfong
Scott Crichlow
Dianne Stewart

Divisional Campus Committee

Paul Mattox, Chair

Dr. Patrice Harris

Terry Hauser

James Martin

Charles Wilfong

Lesley Cottrell

Colin Street

Finance and Facilities and Revitalization

Steve Ruby, Chair

Bray Cary

Michael D'Annunzio

Rusty Hutson

Oliver Luck

James Martin

Kenny Mason

Robert Reynolds

Lesley Cottrell

Governance

James Martin, Chair

Bray Cary

Terry Hauser

Kenny Mason

Steve Ruby

Lesley Cottrell

Rusty Hutson (ex-officio)

Strategic Plans and Initiatives

Bray Cary, Chair

Elmer Coppoolse

Kevin Craig

Michael D'Annunzio

Susan Lavenski

Steve Ruby

Charles Wilfong

Dianne Stewart

Colin Street

OTHER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Honorary Degree Committee: Kevin Craig

WVU Hospitals Board of Directors: Michael D'Annunzio

WVU Health System Board of Directors: Michael D'Annunzio

WVU Alumni Association Board of Directors: James Martin

WVU Foundation Investment Committee: Kenny Mason

WVU Foundation Finance Committee: Steve Ruby

Elmer Coppoolse moved approval and Bray Cary seconded the motion. The slate was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Reynolds asked for a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION and General Counsel read the citations: UNDER AUTHORITY IN WEST VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 6-9A-4 (b)(9) and (b)(12) to discuss potential strategic initiatives relating to strategic priorities for the University real estate interests and other related deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University.

The motion was made by Bray Cary and seconded by Steve Ruby.

Following the conclusion of Executive Session Elmer Coppoolse moved that the Board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Steve Ruby and passed.

Upon returning to general session, Vice Chair Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the real estate authorization as discussed in executive session. The motion was made by Bray Cary and seconded by Elmer Coppoolse and voted for unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this committee, Steve Ruby moved that this meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Bray Cary, passed, and the committee meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 19, 2026

The two hundred fortieth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on June 19th, 2026 in Morgantown, WV, in person and via zoom webinar. Board members in attendance/participating via zoom included Chair Rusty Hutson and members Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Lesley Cottrell, Elmer Coppoolse, Scott Crichlow, Kevin Craig, Michael D’Annunzio, Dr. Patrice Harris, Terry Hauser, Susan Lavenski, Oliver Luck, James Martin, Paul Mattox, Steve Ruby, Colin Street, Dianne Stewart and Charles Wilfong. Board member Robert Reynolds was absent and excused.

Other participants included:

President Michael Benson;
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;
Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing, Heather Richardson;
Senior Deputy Athletics Director, Rob Alsop;
Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;
Incoming Chief Financial Officer, Chris Kabourek;
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Paul Kreider;
Incoming Provost, Dr. Beverly Wendland;
Vice Provost, Mark Gavin;
Vice President of Enrollment Management, Fabrizio D’Aloisio;
President, Government Relations and Collaboration, Travis Mollohan;
Vice Provost, Mark Gavin;
Associate Vice President of Talent and Culture, Mario Barge;
Executive Director of Strategic Priorities within Strategic Communications and Marketing, Katie Farmer;
Vice President, Student Life, Gary G. Furbee, II;
Director of Internal Audit, Bryan Shaver;
Associate Provost for Curriculum and Assessment, Louis Slimak;
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, Evan Widders;
Vice President and Chief of Staff, Erin Newmeyer;
Executive Director of Strategic Communications, Shauna Johnson;
Executive Officer, Jennifer Fisher; and
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the Press also attended.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rusty Hutson at 8:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Ruby moved that the board approve the minutes for the April 17, 2026 board meeting. This motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT MICHAEL T. BENSON

President Benson provided the following report:

Let's start by taking a moment to appreciate what a great time it is to be a Mountaineer.

We have so many reasons to celebrate.

We successfully closed out a successful year, on many fronts, for WVU Athletics — including the historic run for the Mountaineers in the College World Series.

In many ways, our Athletics teams serve as our “front door,” and that “front door” has been wide open for months now — bringing national attention to West Virginia's University demonstrating who we are as an institution.

WVU Athletics success drives reputation, brand identity, and impact across the state and nation, and around the world.

“Take Me Home, Country Roads” — the song and the feelings it brings to each of us — is built into our brand. Here is a look at the WVU Athletics numbers specifically related to the song we all know so well.

Through sports, we show the state and nation what it means to be a Mountaineer. The same keys to success on the field — hard work, grit, determination, perseverance — can be applied off the field.

As we move forward, the benefits the University receives from Athletics will require a range of continued investments from all of us.

First Super Regional in Morgantown followed by first trip to College World Series.

WVU Baseball dominated social media during NCAA postseason play.

Here are some examples of the most popular social media posts, including the one from our Athletic Director Wren Baker, sharing ESPN video of the signing of “Take Me Home, Country Roads” in Omaha after the Troy rematch game. NOT SHOWN

Our paid and earned media is off the charts.

Overall, general WVU news mentions increased by more than 60% during the May 24 to June 18 time period, compared with the equivalent previous time period which included Commencement.

And baseball was just the topper for an amazing year.

The women’s basketball team made it to the NCAA Second Round, hosted at the Hope Coliseum in front of record crowds.

Finished the season with a 28-7 overall record to mark the third-most wins in a season in program history.

Collected the program’s second Big 12 Conference Tournament Championship.

The success extends across Athletics programs.

The Mountaineer rifle teams 2026 NCAA title is the program’s second straight and nation-best 21st.

Both the men’s and women’s soccer teams competed in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The men’s basketball team won the Crown Tournament in Ross Hodge’s first year.

This past weekend, the track and field team competed in the NCAA Outdoor Championships where three All Americans were named.

On the academics side, we have sent thousands of new WVU Alumni out into the world.

Commencement ceremonies were held May 15-17 at the Hope Coliseum.

Here are some of the numbers:

Ceremonies: 9

Congratulatory Handshakes: More than 3,980

Total Degrees Awarded: More than 4,240

Honorary Degrees: 4 (Syd Peng, Beth Walker, Arthur Gabriel, Tom Jones)

Each Commencement season highlights the outcomes of the life-changing experiences we provide here at West Virginia University — with Mountaineer graduates who are prepared to serve others and lead in West Virginia and the world.

We regularly talk about our “thousands” of graduates, and I’ve talked with so many of them personally that I wanted to provide a breakdown of some of the specifics for degree programs.

Our graduates come from all fields, and they have been educated and trained to serve West Virginia and the world.

Included among the graduate are students prepared to go to work with the following degrees:

78 mechanical engineers

87 lawyers

31 forensic examiners

67 accountants

70 elementary school teachers — and this graduating class will be larger next year

130 nurses

99 medical doctors

40 pharmacists

Next week, we’ll release the full spring graduate list along with our President’s and Dean’s lists. I hope you’ll join me in congratulating our students on their academic successes.

We are making progress on several key hires.

Vice President for Research

Incoming Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Beverly Wendland is chairing the search committee.

The search committee is working with Isaacson, Miller, a full-service search firm, to help recruit, vet and fill this position.

A survey was conducted near the end of the spring semester to gather input to support the search.

A listening session was also held in May.

Chief Information Officer

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Chris Kabourek is chairing the search committee.

The search committee is also working with Isaacson, Miller.

A listening session was held earlier this month to gather input to support the search.

College of Law Dean

Josh Hall, Milan Puskar Dean of the John Chambers College of Business and Economics, is chairing the search committee.

The search will pick up in earnest this fall.

This role, leading West Virginia's flagship, land-grant, R1 University is a tremendous responsibility.

The full scope of that has been demonstrated time and time again as I've traveled to all 55 West Virginia counties with key staff members on our "Welcome Home Tour."

We often say "people make our points" at WVU, meaning the value of the work we're doing each day is exemplified by our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

That same sentiment can be applied to all of West Virginia.

We're grateful to the many people who hosted us along the way, those who:

- made time to share their expertise,
- connected us with real examples of the University's land-grant mission in action,
- took us into areas others may have missed,
- and showcased their heartfelt pride in the Mountain State.

In all, we:

- covered more than 6,700 miles of highways and windy, country roads,
- visited more than 180 historical, cultural, and educational locations,
- met thousands of state residents, students, and other University supporters.

After living in several other states and countries, I have been continually struck by the warmth and authenticity of West Virginians who are deeply invested in building their communities for better futures.

Thank you to those of you who joined us on our recent tour. For those of you who could not make, here's a look at our time on the road. [video played]

All of this will stay with us as we lead West Virginia University into its next bold era.

In less than a month, I'll mark my first anniversary as the president of West Virginia University and I could not be prouder of all we've accomplished together across the WVU System.

This summer, we are taking the next steps in implementing our Strategic Compass, putting the plan into action, and we're focused on "what's next" for West Virginia University so stay tuned.

Thank you all for your support.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION FROM FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

Lesley Cottrell and Scott Crichlow, BOG faculty representatives, presented an annual report – in which they covered the follow topics:

Faculty Composition Full-time: 904 • Part-time: 318 • Total: 1,222 Women: 584 • Men: 638 Student-to-faculty ratio: 19:1

Research Highlights \$264M sponsored expenditures (FY2025) Federal agencies: \$132M 80+ research programs at CED

Student Success Record fall-to-spring retention: 93.8% 45% of graduates with no debt Average debt: \$19,712

Community Impact 130,000+ hours of student service 6,354 individuals served through CED 7,205 training participants

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Faculty Senate & Governance Shared governance across academics, faculty affairs, student affairs, and university planning with 15+ active committees.

Teaching & Student Success 23,643 students (18,206 undergrad; 5,437 grad) Record retention: 93.8% fall-to-spring

Research Highlights & Funding \$264M sponsored expenditures (FY2025) Federal agencies: \$132M

Service & Community Impact 130,000+ hours of student service 6,354 individuals served through CED

They also covered faculty composition and 5-year trends

Appointment Variations Across Academic Units

Faculty Senate: Mission, Purpose and Committees

- Mission Facilitate meaningful faculty participation in the establishment of university policies and in the formulation of procedures for their implementation. Uphold shared governance that balances maximum participation in decision making with clear accountability.
- Purpose Represent faculty interests across academics, research, and service. Provide support to the President and governing boards while ensuring faculty voice in institutional governance.
- Shared Governance Faculty have shared responsibility for academic standards, faculty affairs, student affairs, organizational structure, and fiscal management of the institution.

A Faculty Senate Representation Overview

Faculty Contributions Across the Mission

Teaching Highlights: Enrollment, Advising and Student Success

Health Sciences Opportunities + Affordability Context

Research Highlights: Funding, Focus and Faculty Impact
Service and Community Impact

Center Highlight: WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities (WVU CED) Concise board-level summary

Areas of Emphasis June 2026 WVU System Access to quality health care

- Works with RNI on de-escalation for individuals on the autism spectrum and connects behavioral health training to community practice.

- Health & wellness Adaptive physical activity innovations support movement, wellness and inclusion across the lifespan.
- Transitions Family navigation supports the move from Birth to Three to school age and helps close service coordination gaps while families wait. Employment
- Employment training helps West Virginians with disabilities return to work

Key Takeaways

- Faculty drive momentum Record retention (93.8%), strong instruction and visible student support systems are delivering measurable results across all campuses. 2
- Access is improving WVU Guarantee and relatively low debt (\$19,712 avg) strengthen affordability conversations for West Virginia families.
- Research remains a differentiator \$264M sponsored expenditures and strong federal portfolio in health, energy and technology drive innovation.
- Shared governance matters Faculty Senate committees help align policy, curriculum and institutional change during transformation.
- One WVU impact Morgantown, WVU Tech and Potomac State faculty contribute to student success, workforce development and statewide service.
- Board opportunity: Sustain gains through investment in faculty success, advising, experiential learning and accessibility innovation.

REPORT FROM THE INTERIM PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIR

Paul Kreider offered the following remarks:

Good morning, everyone! I'm happy to be here with you today for my final Board of Governors meeting as an administrator at West Virginia University.

I must say I have been blessed to be part of this amazing institution for 15 years – a place I will always call home.

For my final Provost's Report, I have some highlights I'd like to share that demonstrate why WVU is such a special place.

Commencement

Last month, I had the privilege of participating in seven commencement ceremonies for our Morgantown campus.

I stood on the stage over the three days and celebrated with more than 3,900 graduating students.

Our Honorary Degree recipients – Arthur Gabriel, Tom Jones, and Justice Beth Walker – and our Presidential Honorary Degree recipient Syd Peng represent the best and brightest of West Virginia and West Virginia University and serve as an inspiration to our newest graduates.

Udall Scholarship

And speaking of best and brightest...

I want to acknowledge Colin Street - a triple major in political science, environmental and energy resources management and multidisciplinary studies – and the University's first Udall Scholar since 2021.

The Morgantown native is only the seventh Udall Scholar in WVU history – and honor that recognizes college sophomores and juniors committed to leadership, public service and issues related to the environment.

As a Scholar, Colin is among 65 students in the United States to be awarded \$7,500 to use toward his education.

Goldwater Scholars

Also, for the first time, West Virginia University has four recipients of the Goldwater Scholarship this year – the nation's premier undergraduate scholarship in mathematics, engineering and natural sciences that supports students with a strong commitment to research careers.

Caden Ginter, a junior physics and computer science dual major from Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Mason Powell, a sophomore earth and environmental science major from Canaan Valley; Cloe Ratliff, a Morgantown native and junior dual major in biology and psychology; and Camndon Reed, a junior robotics and computer engineering dual major from Watertown, Massachusetts, will each receive \$7,500 annually for up to two years of undergraduate study to further their research.

Our students' selection for the Goldwater Scholarship is both an extraordinary honor and a powerful affirmation of their exceptional talent and their deep commitment to advancing knowledge and pursuing research careers that will shape the future.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

I also want to recognize four outstanding students who have joined the ranks of the nation's top emerging researchers after earning prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.

All four students are or will be pursuing research-based master's or doctoral degrees.

This year's winners are:

- Daniel Campa, of Morgantown, who will be helping family farmers build climate resiliency;
- Colin Krisulevicz, of Salisbury, Maryland, who will be supporting local agriculture with specialty crops;
- Rebecca Ozbolt, of Akron, Ohio, who will be focusing on controlling carbon levels with soil microbes; and
- Samuel Stalnaker, of Atwater, California, and Cowen, West Virginia, who will be advancing space propulsion with lasers.

Fellows are provided professional development opportunities, in addition to a three-year annual stipend of \$37,000 and a \$16,000 education allowance for tuition.

Congratulations to these students and their faculty mentors who helped these students achieve their goals.

Teaching Conference

Of course, finding ways to continually support our faculty and instructors through professional development opportunities is one of our top priorities.

At the end of the spring semester, the Teaching and Learning Center launched its first annual Scholarly Teaching Conference at West Virginia University with a combination of virtual sessions and in-person sessions.

The inaugural conference resulted in 31 peer reviewed conference papers, which have been published as open-access scholarship with the assistance of WVU Libraries and are now indexed and searchable. In the first week after the conference, papers were already accessed by readers in Singapore, India, Scotland, Spain, England, and Canada. Initially intended for WVU participants only, the Center received over 200 registrations from instructors at a range of institutions, across WV and then also Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, and Missouri.

The Center and the Office of the Provost look forward to building on the success of this year's conference and expanding its reach in coming years.

Office of Global Affairs

Another unit on campus that has done tremendous work this year is the Office of Global Affairs.

This past academic year, the Office of Global Affairs' Education Abroad unit traveled 526 undergraduate students for academic course credit and awarded more than \$100,000 in Global Affairs Scholarships for outbound study abroad programs. Groups of students and faculty recently returned from Africa and Thailand, and students are currently participating in summer programs throughout Europe, Australia, and Taiwan.

The office continues to provide extensive support to our international students on WVU campuses as well.

The Intensive English Program launched a new online academic writing course in Spring 2026 for students at the branch campuses who need additional English language support. The staff conducted interviews and approved 14 international graduate teaching assistants for work in the classroom, significantly reducing the time and money it used to take departments to onboard these students.

Also, the International Student Services unit provides daily support to our international students – processing over 3,000 requests during the fall and spring semesters this past year alone. The team also helped ensure 618 graduating students received approval for Optional Practical Training, a program that allows international F-1 visa students to work full-time for 12 months following completion of their degree.

Fundraising Successes

It's also important as we inch toward the close of the fiscal year to take note of the significant fundraising successes of our colleges. I wanted to mention some highlights to you - the majority of academic colleges and campuses have well surpassed their stated goals.

It is clear our academic leaders, along with their development staff have brought home the bacon this fiscal year, and we are grateful to them for their incredible work, as much as we are grateful to our alumni and supporters for their gifts to WVU.

Undergraduate Research

But just because it's summer, doesn't mean the work or support stops.

The Office of Undergraduate Research recently launched the 2026 Summer Undergraduate Research Experience or SURE.

SURE is designed for students interested in graduate school and research or creative work within their discipline or a related discipline. Participants complete research at the University for 8 weeks during the summer under the direction of a WVU faculty research mentor and a graduate or post-doctoral mentor.

This summer, 66 SURE participants will conduct, attend workshops and present their discoveries at the Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium on July 23.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Hutson requested a motion to move into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code, Section (b)(9) and (b)(12) to discuss potential strategic initiatives relating to financial priorities for the University; confidential and deliberative information on draft FY27 budgets; the potential investment of public funds and other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University; and a legal update from the General Counsel. Oliver Luck so moved, which motion was seconded by Charles Capito and passed. Following the discussions in Executive Session, Kevin Craig moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Scott Bray and passed.

Chair Hutson stated that during Executive Session the Board received a series of preliminary, deliberative, and, in certain respects, confidential updates and that no actions or votes were taken during Executive Session.

DIVISIONAL CAMPUS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Paul Mattox provided this report.

The Divisional Campus Committee met via Zoom on June 17, 2026.

We met primarily in Executive Session to discuss potential strategic initiatives relating to academic, strategic, and enrollment priorities for the divisional campuses and other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University.

More specifically, in executive session the Divisional Campuses Committee received comprehensive reports from West Virginia Institute of Technology (WVU Tech) and Potomac State College related to Facility Needs and Deferred Maintenance needs and plans. The reports included both short-term and long-term needs with associated estimated costs.

No actions or votes were taken during Executive Session.

After the session, the meeting was adjourned.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Steve Ruby provided this report.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Finance, Facilities, and Revitalization Committee met earlier this week on June 11th via Zoom.

We met in Executive Session to discuss potential strategic initiatives relating to financial, administrative, athletic, and academic priorities for the University; confidential and deliberative information on draft FY27 budgets; potential corporate collaborations; the potential investment of public funds and other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University.

During Executive Session, the Committee received a series of preliminary, deliberative, and in certain respects confidential financial and strategic updates, including progress of FY27 planning and priorities and planning for tuition and fee rates, which included

review of impacts from potential federal financial aid changes. The Committee also received updates on the dining vendor contract, key Athletics projects and initiatives, and also was provided written reports on current revenue partnerships and financial aid matters.

No actions or votes were taken during Executive Session.

The budget presentation and attendant tuition and fee schedules presented today were reviewed by the Finance Committee over multiple meetings and will be before the full board for consideration today.

That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

STRATEGIC PLANS AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Elmer Coppoolse provided this report.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Strategic Plans and Initiatives Committee met yesterday on June 18th via Zoom.

We met in Executive Session to discuss potential strategic initiatives relating to strategic priorities for the University, including enrollment tactics and strategies, online program strategies, potential artificial intelligence initiatives; corporate collaborations; and other related deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University.

During Executive Session, the Committee received an update from Vice President for Enrollment Management Fabrizio D'Aloisio regarding enrollment strategies and tactics. The Committee also received an update on strategic matters related to online programming, actions being considered for institutional AI initiatives; marketing strategies, and strategic planning initiatives. The Committee also received reports on key research partnerships and commercialization.

No actions or votes were taken during Executive Session.

That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Charles Capito provided this report.

We primarily met in Executive Session to discuss potential and deliberative strategic initiatives relating to academic priorities for the University and other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University. Specifically, in Executive Session the committee received an update from the Office of the Provost related to Annual Academic Unit Review, the metrics used in those reviews and how the process informs the financial health of programs, areas for program improvements, and areas for potential change. The Committee also heard the high-level results from the recent BOG Five Year Review. No actions or votes were taken during Executive Session. We rose from executive session in order to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned. We note program review information is on the consent agenda in today's meeting.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Reynolds was unable to attend today's meeting so another board member presented his Audit Report.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We held an Audit Committee meeting on June 10, 2026 via Zoom.

First, we heard from Chris Kabourek, the University's new Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer. Chris reported that CliftonLarson, our external financial auditors, has completed its agreed-upon procedures and issued its written report. There were no findings on this review, which was of procedures previously agreed to, including selected bank account reconciliations, as well as checks and deposits greater than \$1 Million and capital asset testing of additions greater than \$2 Million against the University's capitalization policy.

CLA also reviewed items such as liability for compensated absences and various fluctuations in revenues and expenses. Again, there were no findings of concern from that work.

Next, Chris reported that Forvis Mazars has been engaged to audit the WVU Research Corporation's 403(b) defined contribution plan and assist with the related employee

benefit plan annual filing compliance, which includes preparation of Form 5500 and other required returns for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Third, CliftonLarsonAllen has been engaged to audit the WVU and WVU Research Corporation financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Interim fieldwork began in May 2026, and that process is underway. We are working with CLA and our internal teams to stay on schedule and support an efficient year-end audit process.

Finally, CLA has also been engaged to conduct the WVU Research Corporation Single Audit of Federal Awards for FY 2026. This work is part of the normal federal compliance audit process, and we will keep the Committee updated as the audit progresses.

The committee also met in Executive Session. During Executive Session, we received a confidential and privileged report regarding legal matters from the University's General Counsel.

Next, we received a report from the Director of Internal Audit discussing confidential and ongoing audit investigations and reports, as well as an overview of the proposed annual audit plan. No votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

When we rose from Executive Session into Public Session, the committee voted to approve the Internal Auditor's annual audit plan as discussed in the Executive Session.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.

FY2027 BUDGET, TUITION, AND FEES

Christopher Kabourek Vice President and Chief Financial Officer provided the following overview:

FY2027 Budget: Investing in WVU's Future with Purpose

West Virginia University's proposed FY2027 operating budget reflects a focused plan to invest in the people, programs, facilities, and student experience that support the University's land-grant mission and long-term competitiveness. The proposed budget establishes a baseline operating budget of approximately \$1.349 billion. It is designed to advance WVU's academic, research, health sciences, student success, and service missions while maintaining a continued focus on affordability, accountability, and responsible stewardship of resources.

The budget directs new resources toward several core priorities: • Employee Compensation The budget includes \$12 million to support faculty and staff compensation. WVU's employees are central to the quality of the University's academic programs, research enterprise, student experience, health care partnerships, and statewide service mission.

Campus Infrastructure and Deferred Maintenance The budget includes \$8 million in dedicated funding for deferred maintenance and campus infrastructure. These investments support the continued modernization of WVU's learning, research, working, and student spaces

Health Sciences and Workforce Needs The budget includes targeted investments in Health Sciences, including Medicine and Nursing, to support high-priority clinical training pipelines and help address West Virginia's health care workforce needs budget, Tuition & Fees, Room and Board

Academic Excellence and Student Outcomes The budget includes additional investment in the College of Business to support student professional development, career placement, and program strength in areas important to the state and regional economy.

Enrollment and Student Recruitment The budget includes targeted resources for marketing and enrollment outreach to support student recruitment and better communicate the value of a WVU education.

Strategic Flexibility The budget maintains resources to allow University leadership to respond to emerging needs, operational pressures, and priority opportunities during the fiscal year. To support these investments and address inflationary and operating cost pressures, the budget uses a balanced funding approach that includes available institutional resources and a modest adjustment to baseline tuition.

On the Morgantown campus, undergraduate tuition will increase by \$156 per semester for West Virginia residents and \$912 per semester for non-residents. Graduate tuition will increase by \$180 per semester for residents and \$945 per semester for non-residents. WVU remains committed to affordability and value. In the most recent year, the University distributed a record \$440.9 million in total financial aid. Forty-four percent of recent graduates completed their degrees with no federal student loan debt, and for those who borrowed, average debt was 34% lower than the public national average. As West Virginia's land-grant flagship university, WVU serves more than 26,000 students systemwide, supports 570 student athletes, and reaches students, families, businesses, and communities across all 55 counties. The University also remains a major economic engine for the state, generating an estimated \$3.1 billion in annual economic impact. The FY2027 budget reflects WVU's continued commitment to investing in students,

supporting employees, strengthening academic and health care programs, improving campus infrastructure, and serving the people of West Virginia. It provides a responsible path forward while positioning the University for long-term strength and competitiveness.

In addition, we are seeking approval of the following fees as detailed in the fee schedules: 1. University Tuition and Fees 2. Program Fees – Laptop Fees 3. Administrative Fees a. Student Health Insurance b. Athletics Revenue Share Support Fee 4. Instrument and Materials Fees 5. Room Fees 6. Board Fees (Meal Plans) 7. Apartment Rates 8. Online Fees

See below for summary of proposed changes per semester unless noted:

University Tuition and Fees WVU charges each student University tuition and University fees (collectively, “Tuition and Fees”). WVU is committed to a tuition and fee structure that continues to be of great value to both resident and non-resident students while also allowing the institution to fulfill its financial obligations. WVU also charges students a differential college tuition based on their college of record. For FY2027, WVU Morgantown proposes to raise residential undergraduate University tuition and fees by \$156 per semester and non-residential University tuition and fees by \$912 per semester. Similarly, for graduate students, WVU proposes to raise residential University tuition and fees by \$180 per semester and non-residential University tuition and fees by \$945 per semester. There is not an increase in University fees for undergraduate or graduate students for FY2027. College tuition varies in dollar amount, but most colleges propose increases ranging from \$0 to \$234. These tuition increases are necessary to cover increased costs due to inflation.

For FY2027, WVU PSC/Keyser and WVUIT/Beckley propose to increase residential undergraduate University tuition and fees by \$108 and \$144 per semester, respectively and non-residential University tuition and fees by \$468 and \$672, respectively per semester. WVU PSC/Keyser proposes to increase its Metro Rate by \$312 per semester. WVUIT/Beckley is proposing to increase its Metro Rate by \$396 per semester. There is no increase in University fees at these campuses. The HEPC will set the WV Invest rate later this month. WVU PSC/Keyser is proposing to increase its Associate Degree University tuition and fees by \$84, \$420 and \$264 for residential, non-residential and Metro rates, respectively.

Program Fees There are no increases in Program Fees on the WVU, WVU MEMBERS ONLY Regular Board Meeting Materials - Budget, Tuition & Fees, Room and Board 60 Tech or WVU Potomac State campuses. Changes in WVU HSC Laptop Fees range from \$72 to \$156 for continuing programs. All other program fees remain the same. 3.

Administrative Fees Student Health Insurance has increased for the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters by \$81, \$126, and \$52, respectively, on the WVU Morgantown and WVU Beckley campuses. Beginning in FY2027, students on the Keyser campus will be included in the insurance program. All three campuses will assess the same rates. WVU Morgantown is proposing to increase the Athletics Revenue Share Support fee by \$125 per semester. All other administrative fees remain the same.

Instrument and Materials Fees The WVU HSC Instrument and Materials Fees change ranges from (\$260) to \$906.

Room Fees WVU, Increase ranging from \$127 to \$247 WVU Keyser and WVUIT, Increases from \$80 to \$175 6.

Board Fees (Meal Plans) WVU, Increases between \$10 to \$98 WVU PSC, Increases between \$14 to \$107 WVUIT, Increases between \$11 to \$114

Apartment Rates Since at least 2016 for WVU Morgantown, the Board has approved monthly cap rates (on a per bed per month basis) which establish the maximum amount of rent the University is authorized to charge for each of its apartment types. Rent is charged per bed and will not exceed monthly cap rates, but may be lower. Published rental rates actually charged by the University vary depending upon location, demand, leasing incentives, and other factors. The proposed cap rates for FY2028 are increasing an average of \$46.

Online Fees - Continuing the price structure, on-campus students who take a mix of online and on-campus courses will be charged tuition and fees based on his/her residency. All online programs are assessed University Tuition and College tuition charged at the resident college on-campus rate or based upon a Market-based price. In addition, students will be charged an online fee of \$50/credit (associates), \$75/credit (bachelors), or \$100/credit (graduate/professional). When comparing 2026-2027 undergraduate tuition per year across Big 12 and regional peers, WVU remains competitively positioned for both resident and non-resident tuition, even after the proposed tuition and fee increases.

Following a brief discussion among board members, Steve Ruby moved that the board accept and approve the budget, tuition and fees, as presented. This motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

SELECTION OF WVU BOARD OFFICERS FOR JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027

Next on the agenda is the election of our Board officers for 2026-2027.

In accordance with West Virginia Code and the Section 3.02 of the Board's By-Laws, we must elect our officers – Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary- in June of each year.

Nominating Committee's Charge/Authority

Our By-Laws, specifically Section 5.04, authorizes me as Board Chair to appoint all committees. On this, I took the additional step and proposed a committee and received unanimous approval of the Nominating Committee's composition during our April meeting.

The Nominating Committee members are Bray Cary, Charlie Capito, and Oliver Luck, as the chair. The Nominating Committee's charge was to recommend individuals for the 2026-2027 Board officer – Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary- for consideration by the full Board at this meeting. As the Nominating Committee's role is only advisory, we will also open the floor for nominations by the full Board to be considered in addition to the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

Oliver chaired the Nominating Committee, so I will ask him to provide the Nominating Committee's report, including the Committee's recommendations for 2026-2027 Board officers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT BY COMMITTEE CHAIR (LUCK):

The Nominating Committee met on June 4, 2026. In public session, I invited nominations for officer positions. Individuals nominated were as follows:

- Chair: Rusty Hutson
- Vice Chair: Bob Reynolds
- Secretary: Paul Mattox

No additional nominations were made, and the recommendations were unanimously approved by the Committee to be presented to the full Board.

Chair Hutson stated that since he was nominated to continue as Board Chair for next year, to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest, he asked Oliver Luck to lead the discussion on the nomination and selection of Board Officers.

Following a discussion among board members, Chair Hutson agreed to serve as chair, Robert Reynolds agreed to serve as Vice Chair and Paul Mattox agreed to serve as

Secretary for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. That being the case, Chair Hutson called for a vote on this slate of officers, which passed with a unanimous vote from eligible board members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Next, Chair Hutson asked if there are any items on the Consent Agenda that a member would like to pull for separate consideration. He also asked if there were any questions regarding any remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

Terry Hauser requested that the approval of the Undergraduate and Graduate Program Review Recommendations be pulled for separate discussion and vote by the board. Following a discussion among board members, there was a modified motion that these agenda items be approved, minus the item to ask the School of Agriculture and Food Systems to put together an attrition plan. The Chair called for a show of hands on this matter among board members who were eligible to vote and by a show hands, nine members voted yes, with three members voting no – with the modified motion being approved.

Chair Hutson requested a motion to approve remaining items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. Oliver Luck so moved, which motion was seconded by Michael D’Annunzio and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Amending the Bond Authorizing Resolutions of the West Virginia University Board of Governors for the financing of the bond issuance as previously discussed in executive session, Phases III and IV of the Modernization Plan and improvements to the University’s steam facilities to add the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer as an “Authorized Officer.”

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the amendment of the prior Bond Authorizing Resolutions for the financing of the bond issuance as previously discussed in executive session, Phases III and IV of the Modernization Plan and improvements to the University’s steam facilities to add the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer as an “Authorized Officer.”

2. Authorization for management to finalize a one-year contract extension with dining vendor

Resolved: The West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes management to finalize a one-year contract extension with dining vendor.

3. Amending Purchase Agreement for Old Main and adjacent land in Montgomery, WV

Resolved: That pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the University to amend the current purchase agreement to reduce the sale price from \$75,000 to \$1.00. The Board further authorizes the eventual sale to be carried out through an affiliate of the University.

4. Sale of Real Property in Montgomery, WV

Resolved: That pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the sale of two tennis courts situated adjacent to the Old Main building in Montgomery, West Virginia, to Old Main Loft Apartments, LP (“OMLA”) or its assigns for \$3,000. The Board further authorizes the eventual sale to be carried out through an affiliate of the University.

5. FY27 HEPC Supplemental Deferred Maintenance Grant

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the project, as presented.

6. Appointment to County Extension Committees

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the nominees and alternates for positions on the County Extension Service Committees in West Virginia, as presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no questions or concerns expressed by any board member pertaining to the Information Items contained within today’s agenda.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board Steve Ruby moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Elmer Coppoolse and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Paul Mattox, Secretary

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Meeting of September 11th, 2026

ITEM: Milan Puskar Stadium West Tower Project

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Regular Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: Approve Full Project for Construction; Authorization to Solicit Financing Options

STAFF MEMBER: Wren Baker
Vice President and Director of Athletics

BACKGROUND: The Board of Governors previously approved authorization to complete the full construction design documents for the West Tower project. As the design phase nears completion, project planning and pre-construction activities are progressing to position the project for construction. Initial demolition activities are anticipated to begin in December 2026.

WVU Athletics is requesting approval to proceed with the execution of any remaining agreements necessary to advance the project, including construction contracts and related project commitments, and to move forward with full construction of the West Tower.

The West Tower project represents a significant investment in the University's athletics infrastructure, enhancing facilities and supporting long-term strategic objectives. The total approved project budget is \$156 million, which includes design, construction, project contingencies, and associated project costs.

In addition, WVU is requested authorization to solicit financing options relating to the project and will return to the Board of Governors to seek final approval of the financing plan.

Approval of this request will allow WVU Athletics to maintain the established project schedule and proceed with the implementation of the West Tower project as planned.

Schedule: Construction December 2026 – July 2028

Budget: \$156,000,000

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Meeting of September 11th, 2026

ITEM: Milan Puskar Stadium West Tower Project

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: Approve Amendment to Agreement with Learfield

STAFF MEMBER: Wren Baker
Vice President and Director of Athletics

BACKGROUND: WVU has an agreement with Learfield through June 30, 2035, whereby WVU has licensed certain rights relating to WVU Athletics, specifically certain of the following, radio networks, play-by-play, coaches call-in shows, and daily reports; publication and written materials; advertising and promotional signage; television shows and television game play-by-play; at event impact, hospitality, miscellaneous opportunities, and digital platforms, and advertising and sponsorship shales, subject to certain exclusions and limitations.

Pursuant to the Agreement, Learfield pays to WVU a guaranteed commission with an opportunity to additional royalty payments upon the meeting of certain thresholds.

WVU Athletics and Learfield have been in discussions to restructure the current agreement, maintaining the same date of termination, with changes to enhance alignment and facilitate revenue growth, as discussed during the Executive Session of the WVU Board of Governors Committee on Finance.

WVU Athletics is seeking approval from the Board of Governors to finalize negotiations and enter into an amendment to the agreement with Learfield, consistent with previous discussions.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Meeting of September 11, 2026

- ITEM:** Entry of Institutional Undergraduate Fee Waivers and Institutional Graduate and Professional Fee Waivers
- INSTITUTIONS:** West Virginia University – Morgantown, West Virginia University – Beckley (West Virginia University Institute of Technology – Beckley), and West Virginia University – Keyser (Potomac State College of West Virginia University)
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION:** Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors enter the attached report of the Institutional Undergraduate Fee Waivers for FY 2024-2025, at West Virginia University – Morgantown, West Virginia University – Beckley (West Virginia University Institute of Technology – Beckley), and West Virginia University – Keyser (Potomac State College of West Virginia University), into its minutes.
- Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors enter the attached report of the Institutional Graduate and Professional Fee Waivers for Fall, 2024, Spring, 2025, and Summer, 2025 at West Virginia University into its minutes.
- STAFF MEMBER:** Mark Gavin, Vice Provost
- BACKGROUND:** State code §18B-10-5 regarding Undergraduate Schools establishes the rules for tuition and fee waivers and stipulates that “The awarding of undergraduate fee waivers shall be entered into the minutes of the meetings of the governing board.” State code §18B-10-6 regarding Professional and Graduate Schools establishes the rules for tuition and fee waivers and stipulates that “The awarding of graduate and professional school fee waivers shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting of each governing board.” In compliance with these laws, the West Virginia University Board of Governors is asked to enter the attached reports for (a) Institutional Undergraduate Fee Waivers for FY 2024-2025, at West Virginia University – Morgantown, West Virginia University – Beckley (West Virginia University Institute of Technology – Beckley), and West Virginia University – Keyser 127 Regular Board Meeting Materials - Consent Agenda Items (Potomac State College of West Virginia University), and (b) Institutional Graduate and Professional Fee Waivers for Fall, 2024, Spring, 2025 and Summer, 2025, into the minutes for this meeting.

West Virginia University 2025-26 Waiver Report

	Fall 2025								
	Number of Students			Number of Credit Hours			Dollar Value		
	Resident	Non-resident	Total	Resident	Non-resident	Total	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Employees	98	30	128	465	150	615	\$ 281,312	\$ 161,224	\$ 442,536
Graduate Assistants (RA/SA/TA)	259	998	1,257	2,299	8,908	11,207	\$ 1,364,840	\$ 14,661,532	\$ 16,026,372
Graduate Student Merit Waivers	95	168	263	373	693	1,066	\$ 230,642	\$ 1,130,912	\$ 1,361,554
Fellowships	50	50	100	427	425	852	\$ 254,492	\$ 677,812	\$ 932,304
Total	502	1,246	1,748	3,564	10,176	13,740	\$ 2,131,286	\$ 16,631,480	\$ 18,762,766

	Spring 2026								
	Number of Students			Number of Credit Hours			Dollar Value		
	Resident	Non-resident	Total	Resident	Non-resident	Total	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Employees	92	23	115	449	107	556	\$ 267,604	\$ 114,156	\$ 381,760
Graduate Assistants (RA/SA/TA)	248	948	1,196	2,179	8,466	10,645	\$ 1,298,684	\$ 13,963,584	\$ 15,262,268
Graduate Student Merit Waivers	85	146	231	434	676	1,110	\$ 258,058	\$ 1,113,872	\$ 1,371,930
Fellowships	46	45	91	396	398	794	\$ 236,016	\$ 634,920	\$ 870,936
Total	471	1,162	1,633	3,458	9,647	13,105	\$ 2,060,362	\$ 15,826,532	\$ 17,886,894

	Summer 2026								
	Number of Students			Number of Credit Hours			Dollar Value		
	Resident	Non-resident	Total	Resident	Non-resident	Total	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Employees	61	16	77	203	61	264	\$ 62,084	\$ 32,888	\$ 94,972
Graduate Assistants (RA/SA/TA)	153	697	850	458	1,248	1,706	\$ 163,823	\$ 965,928	\$ 1,129,751
Graduate Student Merit Waivers	23	58	81	61	115	176	\$ 24,672	\$ 58,272	\$ 82,944
Fellowships	35	36	71	136	60	196	\$ 51,240	\$ 41,352	\$ 92,592
Total	272	807	1,079	858	1,484	2,342	\$ 301,819	\$ 1,098,440	\$ 1,400,259

Number of Credit Hours			Dollar Value		
Resident	Non Resident	Total	Resident	Non Resident	Total
7,880	21,307	29,187	\$ 4,493,467	\$ 33,556,452	\$ 38,049,919

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 11, 2026

ITEM: HSC Steps Expansion 3rd Floor

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: Approve Project

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Kabourek
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND: The David & Jo Ann Shaw Simulation Training and Education for Patient Safety (STEPS) Center supports interprofessional healthcare training for students and clinicians across the Health Sciences schools and WVU Medicine. Since opening in 2009, annual learner use has grown from about 5,000 to nearly 32,000 encounters, and the existing facility is now operating near capacity. A proposed 5,600-square-foot expansion will add immersive simulation rooms, clinical skills labs, exam rooms, and collaborative learning space, allowing 20–25% more training sessions each year. This investment will expand WVU’s educational infrastructure, strengthen West Virginia’s healthcare workforce pipeline, and help improve patient care across the region. This project will consist of a complete buildout of existing shell space within the HSC North 3rd Floor level.

Schedule: Begin Construction – Oct/Nov 2026
Complete Construction – May 2027

Budget \$3,184,000

Funding: STEPS Foundations Funds
WVU Foundation Funds
HSC School of Medicine Foundation Funds

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Date: September 11, 2026

ITEM: HEPC Deferred Maintenance Grant; Budget Reallocations

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: Approve Budget Reallocations

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Kabourek,
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND: WVU is nearing completion with a portfolio of deferred maintenance projects funded through grants from the Governor’s office and administered by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC). In November 2023, WVU was awarded 10 grants for various deferred maintenance categories totaling \$46,567,979 for projects in Morgantown, Keyser and Beckley. To date, over 85% of the grant funds have been expended. All project work is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2026. WVU would like to transfer surplus grant funds from completed projects that came in under budget to other approved projects in a different grant. The unspent funds will be reallocated to existing priority projects already approved as part of the grant. The grant rules require Board of Governors approval to reallocate funds between individual grants. The proposed reallocations are listed in Table 1 on the following page. The reallocations result in net zero change to the overall total of the grants and funds are not being transferred between campuses.

Schedule: Complete all project work by December 31, 2026.

Budget: \$46,567,979

Funding: WV HEPC Grant

Table 1. HEPC Deferred Maintenance Grant – WVU Funding Reallocations for BOG approval

Campus	Grant Description	Grant #	Current Budget	Proposed Changes	Comment	Revised Budget
WVU	Steam	2400001283	\$ 4,800,000	\$ (385,000)	Decrease	\$ 4,415,000
WVU	Utilities	2400001284	\$ 8,325,000	\$ 450,000	Increase	\$ 8,775,000
WVU	Life Safety	2400001286	\$ 8,984,552	\$ (120,000)	Decrease	\$ 8,864,552
WVU	Facilities	2400001289	\$ 8,205,000	\$ 55,000	Increase	\$ 8,260,000
WVU Tech	Utilities & Electrical	2400001290	\$ 390,179	\$ -	No change	\$ 390,179
WVU Tech	Roofs	2400001287	\$ 889,100	\$ -	No change	\$ 889,100
WVU Tech	Facilities	2400001285	\$ 4,947,012	\$ (16,089)	Decrease	\$ 4,930,923
WVU Tech	Heating & Cooling	2400001291	\$ 1,165,709	\$ 16,089	Increase	\$ 1,181,798
PSC	Roofs	2400001288	\$ 981,427	\$ (8,000)	Decrease	\$ 973,427
PSC	Multiple Campus Upgrades	2400001293	\$ 7,880,000	\$ 8,000	Increase	\$ 7,888,000
		TOTALS	\$ 46,567,979	\$ -		\$46,567,979

Required Board Member Signature (for submission to HEPC):

ATTEST: As a member of the Board, I attest the WVU Board of Governors approved this item on September 11, 2026 at the Regular Board Meeting as part of the Consent Agenda.

Print Name: _____ Signature _____ Date: _____

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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ITEM: New Health Sciences Center Education Building

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: Approve project budget for Design Phases

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Kabourek
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND: WVU HSC has proposed a new facility to support the continued growth of Health Sciences education by providing modern instructional environments, collaborative student spaces, simulation space, and flexible academic space to meet current and future program needs. The proposed project is anticipated to be a new standalone academic building of approximately 120,000 gross square. The project design will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 is Programming and Conceptual design, and will establish the project scope, program requirements, and preliminary budget. This will include development of a comprehensive space program, evaluation of potential building sites, conceptual design options, preliminary cost estimates, and a project schedule. The selected team shall also provide conceptual renderings to support stakeholder engagement and fund raising. Upon completion of Phase 1, the project will advance to Phase 2- Full Design and Preconstruction Services.

Schedule: Complete Phase 1 Programming and Concept: January 2027
Completion of Phase II Design: December 2027
Target Completion Construction: July 2029

Budget: Phase 1 and 2 design and preconstruction work is budgeted at \$9M. The anticipated total project cost is approximately \$90 million.

Funding: The State of West Virginia has committed \$30 million to this project, an additional \$30 million is expected to be secured through federal Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). The balance of the project will be supported through a combination of university funding and private philanthropic contributions.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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ITEM: WVU Campus Master Plan

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: Approve Project

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Kabourek
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND: The University will retain a consultant team to develop a comprehensive Campus Master Plan that will serve as a roadmap for campus development over the next five to ten years. The plan will align the University's physical development with its Strategic Compass and provide a framework for future capital investment, space planning, and campus growth across the Morgantown, Beckley, and Keyser campuses. The masterplan will be broken into a discovery phase and a targeted implementation phase.

The scope of work will include:

- Strategic facilities planning to support priority academic programs, research activities, and evolving space needs.
- Campus-wide space use and utilization planning, including detailed analyses and space plans for the Health Sciences Center and Mountainlair.
- Student life and housing facilities planning.
- Regional campus planning.
- High-level review of campus utilities and infrastructure.
- Open space, landscape, transportation, parking, and campus connectivity planning.

A request for proposals has been advertised, and a mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on August 5, 2026, and attended by more than 30 firms.

Schedule: Consultant Selection/Award: September 2026
Total duration: 18-24 months

Budget: \$2,000,000

Funding: FY27 and FY 28 Capital Pool

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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ITEM: School of Dentistry Renovation – Phase Two

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: Approve Project

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Kabourek
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND: The School of Dentistry completed Phase One in June 2026, which included relocating its clinics back to the Health Sciences Center (HSC). This move supports comprehensive patient care and enhances collaboration within a state-of-the-art learning environment. The School has received a federal appropriation of \$15 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to fund Phase Two of the project.

Phase Two will renovate approximately 29,152 square feet of dental clinic space on the first floor of HSC North and South. Key areas to be modernized include clinic space for Endodontics, Periodontics/Prosthodontics, Oral Surgery, General Practice Residency, along with Resident Rooms, the Dean's Office Suite, and a new reception area at the school's main entrance. These spaces will be outfitted with new dental equipment, furniture, casework, ceilings, lighting, and finishes, creating a modern, efficient, and patient-centered facility. Phase Two also includes significant upgrades to the building's sanitary waste piping, HVAC, mechanical, and electrical systems. To ensure proper financial management and reporting of the HRSA appropriation, the Phase Two renovation will be executed as a separate project. The previously approved \$2 million design budget is not included in the proposed project budget outlined below.

Schedule: Construction February 2027 – June 2028
Substantial Completion – June 2026

Budget: \$21,700,000

Funding: \$15,000,000: HRSA Grant
\$4,700,000: Central Funds
\$2,000,000: School of Dentistry – Foundation

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Meeting of September 11th, 2026

ITEM: School of Dentistry – Main Clinic Renovation

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: Approve Project

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Kabourek
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND: The WVU School of Dentistry has been awarded a \$5 million grant from the State of West Virginia to support strategic capital improvements. Approximately \$4.7 million of this funding has been designated for the renovation of the School's Main Clinic at the HSC.

The Main Clinic is a vital component of the School's clinical and educational mission. It consists of 48 dental operatories that provide comprehensive oral healthcare services to the public while serving as a primary training environment for dental students and residents, who gain supervised clinical experience in patient care.

The clinic was last renovated in 2008. Much of the existing equipment has passed its useful life, and the clinical environment no longer aligns with current expectations for dental care delivery, infection control, operational efficiency, or patient experience.

The proposed project will replace aging equipment and implement targeted facility upgrades and aesthetic enhancements to modernize the clinic. These improvements will increase operational efficiency, enhance the patient experience, and support the School's continued commitment to providing high-quality oral healthcare. The renovated clinic will also ensure an appropriate, state-of-the-art clinical learning environment for students and residents.

Schedule: Construction: April 2027 – December 2027

Budget: \$4,700,000

Funding: West Virginia State Appropriations

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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ITEM: Renaming of WVU Nursery School

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: Approve renaming of the building to Sycamore Place.

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Kabourek
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND: As of the 2026–27 academic year, the WVU Nursery School transitioned to a full-day early education model and was renamed the WVU Early Learning Institute. Because the program has changed in both name and function, “WVU Nursery School” is no longer an appropriate name for the building it occupies.

The proposed name, “**Sycamore Place**,” follows University naming conventions by avoiding a name tied to the building’s current occupant or use, allowing the name to remain appropriate if the building’s use changes in the future. The name also recognizes a historic sycamore tree that once stood in front of E. Moore Hall. Renaming the building will help distinguish the WVU Early Learning Institute from the neighboring childcare facility and provide clearer directions for families and visitors.

Schedule: None

Budget: None. Costs associated with the name change will be minimal and addressed through a separate project that includes signage and other physical alterations associated with the program change.

Funding: None

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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ITEM: Authority to convey 2,640 square feet of land located in Raleigh County, West Virginia to the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: That pursuant to BOG Finance and Administration Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the University to convey 2,640 square feet of land located in Raleigh County, West Virginia to the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways in exchange for \$1,700.

STAFF MEMBER: Stephanie D. Taylor, Vice President and General Counsel

BACKGROUND: The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways ("DOH"), is constructing a new multi-lane bridge along Route 16 in Amigo, West Virginia, to replace the existing single-lane bridge crossing Devil's Fork. To accommodate the project, DOH has requested that the University convey approximately 2,640 square feet of undeveloped land to expand the existing highway right-of-way and has offered \$1,700 as just compensation. Pursuant to West Virginia law, the conveyance is subject to approval by the West Virginia Board of Public Works, and the deed is subject to approval as to form by the Attorney General.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of September 11, 2026

ITEM: Report of Real Property Transactions –
Fourth Quarter of FY 2026

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board

RECOMMENDATION: Informational

STAFF MEMBER: Drew Brubaker

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to Section 2.3 of BOG Finance and Administration Rule 5.1, a report of all leases and transfers of real property shall be presented to the Board at least quarterly.

Real Property Transactions (e.g., Leases and Easements)

- Attached is a two-part report summarizing the real property agreements which were executed or became effective in the previous fiscal quarter.



REPORT OF REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS* – PART 1: Q4, FY26, FROM WVU TO A THIRD PARTY

Date of Agreement	Type of Agreement*	Lessee / Grantee / Licensee	Location	Term End	Space / Description
07/13/2026	Confirmatory Easement	Hope Gas, Inc.	Chestnut Ridge Road, Morgantown, WV	Perpetual	Easement to permit access by Hope Gas.
08/10/2026	Gas Pipeline Easement	Hope Gas, Inc.	Chestnut Ridge Road, Morgantown, WV	Perpetual	Easement for installation of gas pipeline.

* Unless otherwise noted, WVU Finance and Administration BOG Rule 5.1 did not require prior authorization or approval by the Board.

REPORT OF REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS* – PART 2: Q4, FY 26, TO WVU FROM A THIRD PARTY

Date of Agreement	Type of Agreement*	WVU Program	Planned Use	Lessor / Grantor	Location	Term End	Space / Description
06/18/2026	(WVU-A074) Facilities Use Agreement	WVU Extension	Academic	Calhoun County Livestock Program	80 Spring Run Road, Arnoldsburg, WV	09/24/2026	Short-term use of agricultural facility in Calhoun County, WV.
07/01/2026	(WVU-316) Lease Amendment	WVU School of Pharmacy	Residential	Charleston Medical Center Housing Corporation	3000 Staunton Avenue Charleston, WV	06/30/2027	Residential apartment for School of Pharmacy students in Charleston.
07/01/2026	(WVU-317) Lease Amendment	WVU School of Pharmacy	Residential	Charleston Medical Center Housing Corporation	3000 Staunton Avenue Charleston, WV	06/30/2027	Residential apartment for School of Pharmacy students in Charleston.
07/01/2026	(WVU-354) Lease Agreement	Institute for Rural and Community and Rural Health	Residential	Re Investments, LLC	93 Bunker Hill Road Logan, WV	Ongoing until terminated	Residential housing unit used for student housing in Logan, WV.

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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of September 11, 2026

ITEM: Notification of Technical Updates/Contact Information Change in BOG Governance Rule 1.6, Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Misconduct, Stalking, Retaliation, and Relationships and Rule 1.7, Child Protection.

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Only

STAFF MEMBER: James Goins, Jr., Executive Director of Compliance & Title IX Coordinator

BACKGROUND: Given organizational changes, some technical edits were necessary to two Board of Governors' rules. Specifically, the physical address of the unit needed to be updated as well as websites in Board of Governors' Governance Rules 1.6 and 1.7. Both rules provide that the Title IX Coordinator may update contact information for specific University units or outside entities without going through the formal rulemaking process.

Accordingly, on July 9, 2026, both rules were updated on the Board's website and notations were made in the revision history header of each rule indicating the specific changes.