

**MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

May 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Required statutory notice having been given, the second quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on May 7, 2021, in the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall, and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick A. Higdon at approximately 9:00 a.m. (CT).

ROLL CALL

The following Regents were present, representing a quorum of the Board:

Regents Present:

Mr. Frederick A. Higdon, Chair
Dr. Phillip W. Bale
Ms. Linda G. Ball – via Zoom
Mr. David S. Brinkley, Secretary
Mr. Garrett Edmonds

Mr. Jason L. McKinney, Vice Chair
Ms. Julie Harris Hinson
Mr. W. Currie Milliken
Mr. George Nichols, III – via Zoom
Dr. Shane Spiller
Ms. Jan West

Others Present:

Dr. Timothy C. Caboni, President
Dr. Randy Capps, Parliamentarian
Ms. Julia McDonald, Assistant to the President and Board of Regents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were distributed to the Board for review in advance and presented for adoption:

- March 5, 2021 – First Quarterly Meeting

MOTION

Motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above, with insertion of approval of the original motion on page 3 - EX-3 (BOR Delegation of Authority), was made by Regent McKinney and seconded by Regent West.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

CONSENT AGENDA STATEMENT:

Chair Higdon announced that the committees of the Board met on April 9, 2021 and discussed each item on their respective agendas. Each committee recommended submitting their agenda items to the full Board for consent action, except for the following: FB-4 and EX-2. These items were not presented as action items at the committee meetings and shall be removed from consent agenda for a separate discussion and vote.

Page numbers reflect where the detailed agenda items are in the meeting packet and can be accessed online https://www.wku.edu/regents/meetings_archives.php

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Action Items:

- AA-1 Approval of Digital Advertising Undergraduate Certificate [pp 1-6]
- AA-2 Approval of Strategic Communications Undergraduate Certificate [pp 7-12]
- AA-3 Approval of Esports Management Undergraduate Certificate [pp 13-17]
- AA-4 Approval of Gifted Education and Talent Development Graduate Certificate [pp 18-23]
- AA-5 Approval of Emerti Recommendations [p 24]
- AA-6 Dissolution of the Department of Philosophy and Religion [p 25]

MOTION

Motion to approve items AA-1 through AA-6 was made by Regent Spiller and seconded by Regent McKinney.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Information Item:

Mr. Ganer Newman provided the Board with an overview/presentation of the Forensics Team.

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Action Items:

- FB-1 Accept for filing the Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for Nine Months Ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 [p 1 and attached report]
- FB-2 Approval of Personnel Actions [p 2 and attached reports]
- FB-3 Approval to Transfer Reserve Funds for Transit Fleet Renewal [p 3 and attached plan]

MOTION

Motion to approve items FB-1 through FB-3 was made by Regent Ball and seconded by Regent Edmonds.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

FB-4 Approval of 2020-21 Operating Budget Revision [p 4]

MOTION

Motion to approve item FB-4 was made by Secretary Brinkley and seconded by Regent Nichols.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other_____

EXECUTIVE

Action Items:

EX-1 Approval of the University 2022-2028 Six-Year Capital Plan [p 1 and attached report]

MOTION

Motion to approve item EX-1 was made by Regent Edmonds and seconded by Regent Hinson.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other_____

EX-2 Approval of Honorific Naming for the Barbara and Kelly Burch Institute for Transformative Practices in Higher Education [p 2]

MOTION

Motion to approve item EX-2 was made by Regent Bale and seconded by Regent Hinson.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other_____

Information Item:

- Chair Higdon appointing the Nominating Committee for the 2021-22 Slate of Officers:
 - Regent George Nichols, III – Chair
 - Regent Jason McKinney
 - Regent Jan West

EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into executive/closed session as provided in KRS 61.810(1) for discussion and deliberation on the future acquisition or sale of real property by the University was made by Regent Bale and seconded by Secretary Brinkley. Motion was approved and the Board entered closed session at approximately 10:48 a.m. (CT).

The Board returned to open session at approximately 11:24 a.m. (CT). Chair Higdon stated the following “The Board has now returned to open session. The discussions and deliberations during the closed session were restricted to those stated in the motion, and no formal action was taken by the Board in closed session.”

MOTION

Motion to approve the property matters discussed during closed session was made by Secretary Brinkley and seconded by Regent Milliken.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other_____

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President’s Report – Dr. Timothy C. Caboni thanked everyone for their hard work and support during a very tough year due to COVID-19 and noted accomplishments of the WKU Volleyball and Cheer Teams.

Chair Higdon asked the Board to make note of the upcoming meeting dates:

- June 18, 2021 – Special Budget Approval Meeting and Committee Meetings
 - August 5, 2021 – Retreat
 - August 6, 2021 – Third Quarterly Meeting
 - October 22, 2021 – Committee Meetings
 - December 10, 2021 – Fourth Quarterly Meeting
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ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. (CT).

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the second quarterly meeting held May 7, 2021, in the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall, and via Zoom, and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820, and 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).

Dr. Phillip W. Bale, Chair
WKU Board of Regents
Approved on _____

Ms. Linda Ball, Secretary
WKU Board of Regents
Approved on _____