

Board of Governors

Special Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 20, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Boyd Conference Room

Members Present: Mr. Charlie Cole, Chair; Mr. Shannon Remines, Vice-Chair; Mr. Bill Cole; Mr. Mike Hastings – via phone; Mr. Anthony Tolley; Mr. Darrin Martin; Dr. Deirdre Guyton-via phone; Mr. Jack Sheffler; Mr. Randy Price; Ms. Cathy Deeb; Mrs. Rebecca Peterson; Mr. Gabriel Nesmith

Guests: Mr. Brent Benjamin, EVP; Sarita Rhonemus, Interim Provost; Susan Shrader; Carol Cofer; Julie Orr; Jerry Wood; Tim McKenzie; Amy Atwell; Vanessa Godfrey; Sandra Wynn; Karen Grogan; Tabitha Young; Angela Lambert; Amanda Matoushek; William Bennett; Joe Beckett; Ron Shidemantle; Rodney Montague; Darrell Thompson; Terene Stiltner

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 an interim president. Time is critical as a response to the HLC report is pressing. He extended a thank you to Dr. Guyton and Ms. Moricle for their effort in setting up the Thanksgiving luncheon.

Executive Session

- Vice Chair Remines made a motion to move into executive session – Mr. Bill Cole seconded the motion, the board moved into executive session at 4:03 PM.
- Mr. Tolley made a motion to exit executive session at 5:35 PM – Mr. Nesmith second. Committee exited executive session.

Actions Emanating from Executive Session:

- Chair Cole brought forth the matter to vote on the acceptance Robin Capehart's Resignation effective December 21, 2023. Mr. Bill Cole motioned the acceptance, Mr. Sheffler seconded. A majority of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative. All were in favor. The motion carried.
- Chair Cole brought forth the matter of nominations for the Interim President opening. Mr. Tolley nominated Dr. Darrin Martin. Chair Cole asked if any other nominations to come forward, no others were put forth. Chair Cole closed nominations.
- Chair Cole brought forth the motion to accept the appointment of Dr. Darrin Martin as Interim President of Bluefield State University effective immediately. Mr. Tolley motioned the acceptance, Mr. Remines seconded. Dr. Martin and Dr. Guyton abstained from voting since both were candidates for the position. A majority of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative. All were in favor. The motion carried.

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Chair Cole congratulated Dr. Martin on his appointment and thanked Dr. Beckett and Dr. Guyton for their time and interest in this position.

Adjournment:

With no further discussion, Mr. Nesmith made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM

The next regularly scheduled BSU Board of Governors meeting will take place on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 4 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Jeanne Moricle, Board Liaison