

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION**

By Zoom Videoconference

**July 23, 2020
1:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Temporary Suspension of ACT/SAT Requirements for Undergraduate Admission

III. Possible Executive Session under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4

A. Confirmation of Presidential Appointment and Approval of Presidential Compensation for West Virginia State University

IV. Additional Board Action and Comment

V. Adjournment

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**West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
Meeting of July 23, 2020**

ITEM: Approval of Temporary Suspension of ACT/SAT Requirements for Undergraduate Admission

INSTITUTIONS: All

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves temporary suspension of Section 4.4 of Series 23, Procedural Rule, Standards and Procedures for Undergraduate Admission at Four-Year Colleges and Universities requiring submission of an ACT/SAT score prior to admission to a West Virginia public college or university.

STAFF MEMBER: Corley Dennison

BACKGROUND:

Since the declaration of a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus, regularly scheduled sessions for taking the ACT or SAT test have been cancelled. This has placed a burden on some students in completing the test and submitting an admissions test score as part of the admissions package in a timely fashion. Therefore, it is recommended that during the state of emergency, the Commission suspend the enforcement of section 4.4 of Series 23, Procedural Rule, Standards and Procedures for Undergraduate Admissions to Four-Year Colleges and Universities.

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ITEM: Confirmation of Presidential Appointment and Approval of Presidential Compensation

INSTITUTIONS: West Virginia State University

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission confirms the appointment of Dr. Nicole Pride as President of West Virginia State University and approves her compensation as proposed by the West Virginia State University Board of Governors.

STAFF MEMBER: Kristin Boggs

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 18B-1B-4(a)(17), the Commission must confirm the appointment of presidents of the institutions of higher education under its jurisdiction. Further, pursuant to West Virginia Code § 18B-1B-4(a)(18), the Commission must approve the total compensation package from all sources for presidents of institutions under its jurisdiction proposed by institutional governing boards.

West Virginia State University

At its meeting on July 22, 2020, the West Virginia State University Board of Governors (Board) approved, subject to the approval of the Commission, the appointment of Dr. Nicole Pride as its president. Subsequently, the Board approved the total compensation package for President Pride as set forth in your materials.

This request comports with the provisions of Series 5 of the Commission's rules, *Guidelines for Governing Boards in Employing and Evaluating Presidents*; therefore; it is recommended that the Commission approve the proposed compensation package as submitted.