

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

February 16, 2022

I. Call to Order

Chairman Andrew A. Payne convened a special meeting of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission on February 16, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., by teleconference and Zoom video. The following Commission members participated: Christina Cameron, Ex-Officio; James W. Dailey; Michael J. Farrell; Diane Lewis Jackson; and Andrew A. Payne. Other participants included state college and university representatives, Chancellor Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Commission staff, and others.

Chairman Payne secured a quorum and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

II. Approval of Eligibility Requirements, Annual Award Amount, and Summer Awards for the Promise Scholarship Program

Mr. Brian Weingart, Senior Director of Financial Aid, gave an overview of the proposed items for approval.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves proposed eligibility requirements, the annual award amount, and summer awards for the Promise Scholarship Program

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Distribution Plan for the West Virginia Higher Education Grant

Mr. Weingart provided an overview of the proposed item for approval.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Distribution Plan for the West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program.

Commissioner Lewis Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Conveyance by Deed of Property within the West Virginia Regional Technology Park to the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

Ms. Kristin Boggs, General Counsel, provided an overview of the proposed item for approval.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission accepts the offer of the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways to transfer to it certain rights in approximately 3.95 acres of property at the West Virginia Regional Technology Park in exchange for \$225,000.

Further Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission authorizes the Chancellor to execute the deed and any other legal documentation necessary to effectuate this transfer.

Commissioner Lewis Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. Additional Board Action and Comment

Chancellor Tucker mentioned that she will discuss with the campus presidents how to increase the enrollment of adult students.

Chancellor Tucker commented on the success of the Academic Showdown competitions among the State high schools; she encouraged Commissioners and members of the audience to attend the upcoming session on Saturday, February 19, at West Virginia State University, and the final competition on March 25 at the Culture Center. She added that sessions were held at Marshall University, Shepherd University and Concord University, and that due to unforeseen circumstances, the competition at West Virginia University was cancelled.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Dailey moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Andrew A. Payne, Chairman



Diana Lewis Jackson, Secretary