

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

July 29, 2022 | 9:30 a.m. | Zoom Video Conference

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Appointment to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board**
- III. Approval of Annual Reauthorization of Four-Year Degree-Granting Institutions**
- IV. Approval of Interim Presidential Compensation**
- V. Additional Board Action and Comment**
- VI. Adjournment**

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ITEM: Approval of Appointment to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board

INSTITUTIONS: All

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the appointment of Dr. Beverly Boggs to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board.

STAFF MEMBER: Brian Weingart

BACKGROUND:

The Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board is a body statutorily charged to provide financial aid expertise and policy guidance to the Commission and Council on matters related to federal, state, and private student financial aid resources and programs.

The Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board consists of seven members. Three members are appointed by the Commission, two members by the Council, one member by the West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities, and one member by the West Virginia School Counselor Association. Members are appointed for three-year terms and are eligible to succeed themselves for one additional consecutive term.

The statute provides that members appointed by the Commission and the Council shall possess a broad knowledge of state and federal higher education student financial aid programs and have experience in administering these programs, preferably at the system or campus level.

The Commission approves membership to this Board. Currently, there is a vacant position where a board member had served the maximum amount of time allowed. Dr. Beverly Boggs has been recommended and is able to serve a three-year term that began July 1, 2022. Dr. Beverly Boggs is the Director of Financial Aid and Assistant Vice President of Enrollment at Marshall University.

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ITEM: Approval of Annual Reauthorization of Four-Year Degree-Granting Institutions

INSTITUTIONS: Alderson Broaddus University and Bethany College

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the annual reauthorization for Alderson Broaddus University and Bethany College.

STAFF MEMBER: Randall Brumfield

BACKGROUND:

Series 52, Legislative Rule, Annual Reauthorization of Degree-Granting Institutions, establishes a process for the Commission to annually reauthorize degree-granting institutions in West Virginia offering baccalaureate degrees and above. Institutions are required to provide all information “necessary to assess the performance of the institution and to determine whether the institution continues to meet the minimum standards for conferring degrees.”

At its meeting on June 10, 2022, the Commission sought additional review of private institutions whose Composite Financial Index score was below 1.0. The Commission took this action to gather additional information to help ensure those institutions are positioned to continue to meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff.

Alderson Broaddus University and Bethany College provided annual audit reports, actual and projected enrollment data, discounted tuition recipient rates, and other information related to personnel updates and student services. These institutions submitted this information by the Commission’s July 15 deadline.

Upon review of the information submitted by the institutions, Commission staff determined that Alderson Broaddus and Bethany can receive unqualified annual reauthorization. Each institution appears to be closely monitoring its financial performance and responding to cost constraints without compromising critical services to students. Neither have reduced instructional or student support capacity while continuing to service debts without incident, as both institutions appear to have financial positions that allow them to sustain business operations for the 2022-23 reauthorization cycle without disruption.

The Commission will continue to monitor the ability of both institutions to deliver reliable service to students and shall gather follow-up information as needed related to financial

performance and operational stability. Ongoing reporting and feedback will help provide assurance of business continuity for the next academic year in addition to better informing the subsequent 2023 reauthorization review.

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ITEM: Approval of Interim Presidential Compensation

INSTITUTION: Fairmont State University

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the compensation contract for Dr. Dianna Phillips as Interim President of Fairmont State University as proposed by the institutional board of governors.

STAFF MEMBER: Kristin Boggs

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 18B-1B-4(a)(15), the Commission must approve the total compensation package from all sources for presidents of institutions under its jurisdiction proposed by institutional governing boards.

Fairmont State University

At its meeting on July 15, 2022, the Fairmont State University Board of Governors (Board) approved the appointment of Dr. Dianna Phillips as its interim president. Subsequently, the Board approved the total compensation package for Interim President Phillips 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.