

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

June 16, 2023

I. Call to Order

Chairman Andrew A. Payne convened a meeting of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (Commission) on June 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the David K. Hendrickson Conference Center, Room 1220, Building 2000 of the West Virginia Regional Technology Park, 2001 Union Carbide Drive, South Charleston, West Virginia, and by Zoom videoconference and conference call. The following Commission members participated: James W. Dailey; James Denova, Michael J. Farrell; Andrew A. Payne; David L. Roach, Ex-Officio, State Superintendent of Schools; and Donna L. Schulte. Other participants included university representatives, Chancellor Sarah Armstrong Tucker, and Commission staff.

Chairman Payne secured a quorum and welcomed all participants to the meeting.

II. Chairman's Report

A. Oath of Office

Chairman Payne administered the Oath of Office to new member James Denova and welcomed him to the Commission.

B. Election of Officers

Commissioner Dailey recommended the following slate of officers:

Chairman: Andrew A. Payne
Vice Chairman: Michael J. Farrell
Secretary: Diane Lewis Jackson

Chairman Payne entertained a motion to approve the slate of officers for the upcoming year.

Commissioner David Roach moved to approve the nominated candidates to serve as officers of the Higher Education Policy Commission from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Sarah Armstrong Tucker reported that Commission staff have been working on a number of special projects, including rule changes for the implementation of the first statewide dual enrollment program effective this fall. The Division of Finance and Facilities is working on a process for distributing approximately \$209 million in

funding for deferred maintenance. Later this month, the GEAR UP program is hosting the GEAR UP U! Summer Academy on the campus of Marshall University, with more than 200 middle school students expected to attend this four-day college prep academy.

Chancellor Tucker proceeded to welcome Misty Price as the new Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities. She then thanked Dr. Cynthia Persily for her invaluable service as the Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences, and wished her well in her role as Cabinet Secretary of the newly created Department of Human Services. In addition, Dr. Tucker recognized Commissioner James Denova and stated that she looks forward to working with him.

IV. Consent Agenda

Chairman Payne entertained a motion to approve items A through E on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following items:

- A. Approval of minutes from the December 16, 2022 and March 8, 2023 Commission meetings.
- B. Approval of 2024 meeting schedule.
- C. Approval of appointments to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board.
- D. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 WVNET budget.
- E. Approval of fiscal year 2024 Higher Education Policy Commission division operating budgets and higher education system initiatives.

Commissioner Denova seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. Approval of Provisional Reauthorization of Alderson Broaddus University

Chairman Payne announced that action on the provisional reauthorization of Alderson Broaddus University is postponed until additional information regarding the university's financial status is secured.

VI. Approval of Annual Reauthorization of Four-Year Degree-Granting Private Institutions

Vice Chancellor Corley Dennison gave an overview of the proposed annual reauthorization of four-year degree-granting private institutions.

Commissioner Dailey moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves

annual reauthorization for Appalachian Bible College, Bethany College, Catholic Distance University, Davis and Elkins College, Future Generations University, University of Charleston, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Wheeling University, American Public University, Salem University, and Strayer University.

Commissioner Denova seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VII. Approval of Master of Business Administration

Vice Chancellor Dennison gave an overview of the proposed Master of Business Administration as requested by the institution.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Master of Business Administration at Glenville State University for implementation in fall 2023. This approval expires two years from the date of Commission approval if the program is not fully implemented.

Commissioner Denova seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VIII. Approval of Institutional Eligibility for the Promise Scholarship

Ms. Tana Pendell, Financial Aid Manager, gave an overview of the proposed institutional eligibility for the Promise Scholarship.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves Huntington Junior College to become an eligible institution for the Promise Scholarship starting with the 2023-24 award year.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IX. Review of Tuition and Fees

Vice Chancellor Misty Price provided a detailed summary of tuition and fees for the 2023-2024 academic year. She noted that none of the institutions exceeded the threshold that requires approval by the Commission.

X. Approval of Institution Capital Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024

Vice Chancellor Price gave an overview of the proposed institution capital assessments for Fiscal Year 2024.

Commissioner Schulte moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the institution capital assessments for Fiscal Year 2024 as shown in Table 2 of the

agenda book.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XI. Review of Institutional Operating and Capital Budgets and Approval of Institutional Capital Budgets

Vice Chancellor Price provided an overview of the institutional operating and capital budgets.

Commissioner Schulte moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Fiscal Year 2024 institutional capital budgets.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XII. Approval of Presidential Compensation for West Liberty University

Kristin Boggs, General Counsel, gave an overview of the proposed presidential compensation for the new president of West Liberty University.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the compensation contract for Dr. Timothy Borchers as President of West Liberty University as proposed by the institutional board of governors.

Commissioner Denova seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XIII. Approval of Amendments to Commission Rules

General Counsel Boggs provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the following Commission rules:

A. Series 5, Legislative Rule, Employing and Evaluating Presidents

Commissioner Schulte moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves amendments to Series 5, Legislative Rule, Employing and Evaluating Presidents to be filed with the Secretary of State for the 30-day public comment period and if no substantive comments are received, that the Commission extends its final approval.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Series 6, Legislative Rule, Higher Education Adult Part-time Student (HEAPS) Grant Program

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the amendments to Series 6, Legislative Rule, Higher Education Adult Part-time Student (HEAPS) Grant Program, to be filed with the Secretary of State for a 30-day public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, extends its final approval.

Commissioner Denova seconded the motion. Motion passed.

C. Series 7, Legislative Rule, West Virginia Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-state Student Excellence (PROMISE) Scholarship Program

Commissioner Schulte moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the amendments to Series 7, Legislative Rule, West Virginia Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-state Student Excellence (PROMISE) Scholarship program, to be filed with the Secretary of State for a 30-day public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, extends its final approval.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

D. Series 19, Procedural Rule, Guidelines for College Courses for High School Students

Commissioner Denova moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the proposed amendments to Series 19, Procedural Rule, Guidelines for the Offering of Early Enrollment Courses for High School Students, to be filed as an Emergency Rule with the Secretary of State in accordance with W. Va. Code § 18B-14-4.

Further Resolved, That the Commission approves the proposed amendments to Series 19, Procedural Rule, Guidelines for the Offering of Early Enrollment Courses for High School Students, to be filed with the Secretary of State for a 30-day public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, extends its final approval.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

E. Series 28, Legislative Rule, West Virginia Engineering, Science and Technology Scholarship Program

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the amendments to Series 28, Legislative Rule, West Virginia Engineering,

Science and Technology Scholarship Program, to be filed with the Secretary of State for a 30-day public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, extends its final approval.

Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F. Series 42, Legislative Rule, West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program

Commissioner Dailey moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the amendments to Series 42, Legislative Rule, West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program, to be filed with the Secretary of State for a 30-day public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, extends its final approval.

Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. Motion passed.

G. Series 58, Legislative Rule, Nursing Scholarship Program

Commissioner Denova moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves amendments to Series 58, Legislative Rule, Nursing Scholarship Program, to be filed with the Secretary of State for the 30-day public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, extends its final approval.

Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XIV. Executive Session Under the Authority of W. Va. Code § 6-9A-4 to Discuss Personnel Issues

Executive session was not held.

XV. Additional Board Action and Comment

A. Annual Chancellor's Evaluation

Results from the evaluation of Chancellor Tucker indicate that the Higher Education Policy Commission is highly satisfied with her job performance. She is praised for her communication skills, caring for students, and the partnerships she has created with the state colleges and universities along with business and industry. Commissioners gave her high marks for getting several key initiatives through the legislative process in the past year including funding for deferred maintenance and the dual enrollment pilot project. She was commended for her vision and leadership.

XVI. Adjournment

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

Andrew Payne

Andrew A. Payne, Chairman

Diana Lewis Jackson

Diana Lewis Jackson, Secretary