



Board of Trustees

Governance and Nomination Committee

October 23, 2024, 8:30 AM

Minutes

President's Boardroom, Horace Mann Center

A live stream of the meeting for public viewing also took place on YouTube.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Committee Chair Melissa Alvarado, Vice Chair Theresa Jasmin, Secretary Tessa Lucey, and Trustees- Chris Montemayor, Michael O'Rourke, William Reichelt, and Board Chair Ali Salehi, ex-officio member

OTHER TRUSTEES PRESENT: Daniel Currier, Geroqe Gilmer and Gloria Williams.

Also present and participating was Westfield State University President, Dr. Linda Thompson, Chief of Staff, Dr. Michael Freeman; Provost, Dr. William Salka Vice President of Administration & Finance, Stephen Taksar; Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Dr. Kevin Hearn; Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Lisa McMahon; and General Counsel, Melinda Phelps.

Committee Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM and a roll call was taken of the committee members participating as listed above. It was announced that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

MOTION made by Trustee Reichelt, seconded by Trustee Montemayor, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024 meeting.

There being no discussion, **ROLL CALL VOTE** passed motion with majority with Trustees voting in the affirmative: Jasmin, Montemayor, Reichelt and Alvarado with O'Rourke abstaining.

Committee Chair Melissa Alvarado introduced newly appointed Trustee Michael O'Rourke. She gave a brief background of his resume as an alumna of the university, and his current and past appointments .

President's Evaluation

Board Chair Salehi's and Vice Chair Alvarado are finalizing the evaluation of Dr. Thompson's third year as President of Westfield State University. A comprehensive 360 evaluation is required to encompass the 3-year period. The Executive Committee interviewed over 50 people confidentially. Also, the entire Board completed a set of questions anonymously and forwarded the answers to the Assistant of Board of Trustees. Once the information is compiled, the Executive Committee will have a chance to review the report, then the review will be sent to the full Board for discussion and determination.

There being no further business,

MOTION made by Trustee Montemayor, seconded by Trustee O'Rourke, to adjourn.

ROLL CALL VOTE passed motion unanimously with Trustees voting in the affirmative:
Jasmin, Montemayor, O'Rourke, Reichelt, Alvarado.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 AM.

Attachments presented at this meeting:

- a. Draft Minutes of April 25, 2024, Meeting

Secretary's Certificate

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Westfield State University Board of Trustees Governance and Nomination Committee meeting held on October 23, 2024.

Tessa Lucey, Secretary

Date