

**Pennsylvania Western University
Council of Trustees, Special Meeting**

Monday, February 5, 2024
10:30 a.m.
Meeting held via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

The Council of Trustees at Pennsylvania Western University met in special session on Monday, February 5, 2024, via Zoom. The meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

Upon calling the Council to order, Chair Pape announced that the proceedings of the PennWest University Council of Trustees are recorded. Public disclosure to those in attendance via verbal announcement and written public notice avoids any violation of the Pennsylvania Wire Tapping Act. The meeting was livestreamed for public viewing via YouTube.

ATTENDING

Council of Trustees:

P	Mark Bellini	P	Barry Niccolai
P	JD Dunbar	P	Donna Oberlander
P	Danny Jones	P	Kathy Pape
P	Patricia Kennedy	P	Larry Pickett
P	Rachel Kister	P	Sarah Seader
P	Barbara Logue	A	Neil Weaver
P	Larry Maggi	P	Sonia Yost

Attendance was taken at the direction of Chair Pape and established that a quorum of the Council was present.

Also present were:

Lorraine Bernotsky, Interim President	Scott Heinerichs, Special Assistant to the President
Susanne Fenske, Vice President for Student Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness	Fawn Petrosky, Vice President for Finance
Jim Fisher, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	Kelly Repinski, Vice President for University Affairs and Advocacy
Sarah Freed, Interim Vice President for Enrollment	Eric Guiser, Senior Associate Vice President for Human Resources
James Geiger, Vice President for Advancement	Molly Passmore, University Legal Counsel

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COUNCIL CHAIR REMARKS (Full report in video archive)

Chair Pape shared that PennWest had received a waiver from the Office of the Chancellor to make the presidential search committee broader to reflect and reach the three campuses. Members of the search committee were announced. Chair Pape then stated that the search committee will work with Greenwood Asher and Associates in accordance with PASSHE policy and guidelines and read Council's charge.

The following motion was made by Trustee Kennedy and seconded by Trustee Dunbar. During the discussion on the motion Trustee Seader noted that the three students who were included on the Committee were appointed by the Student Government presidents for each campus and were not elected by a vote of the respective student government boards. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE AND COMMENCING THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Trustee Bellini moved and Trustee Seader seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Meeting webcast is available [here](#).