

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

Monday, May 6, 2024
1 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

The Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University met in special session on Monday, May 6, 2024, via Zoom. The meeting began at 1 p.m.

ATTENDING

Council of Trustees:

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

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

Also present were:

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	Mike Ferguson, University Legal Counsel
James Geiger, Vice President for Advancement	Molly Passmore, University Legal Counsel
Eric Guiser, Senior Associate Vice President for Human Resources	

Chair Pape announced that the Council of Trustees met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COUNCIL CHAIR REMARKS (Full report in video archive)

Chair Pape shared that PASSHE Policy 183-12-A and Procedures/Standard Number 2021-50 delineate the process and procedure for selecting a president. She then noted the steps the Council of Trustees had taken to comply with Policy 183-12-2 and related standard.

She also noted that on February 5, 2024, the Council of Trustees approved the Presidential Search Committee, tasked with presenting to the Council of Trustees the names and dossiers of two candidates for the presidency of PennWest. The Committee included representation from each campus and included faculty, staff, students, alumni, and trustees.

As part of the process the Committee reviewed 35 applications and conducted interviews with 11 candidates. Notably, over 40% of the candidates interviewed were from underrepresented populations. Following the interviews, the Committee invited three candidates to visit PennWest's campuses.

Following campus forums and stakeholder feedback, the Committee forwarded to the Council of Trustees the names and dossiers of two presidential candidates. The Council of Trustees met with both candidates and deliberated on their qualifications, experience and fit with PennWest culture.

The following motion was made by Trustee Maggi and seconded by Trustee Niccolai. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PASSHE POLICY 1983-13-A AND PROCEDURES/STANDARD NUMBER 2021-50, FORWARD THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT FOR PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY TO CHANCELLOR DANIEL GREENSTEIN FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD GOVERNORS.

- 1. DR. JON ANDERSON**
- 2. DR. PHILIP CAVALIER**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Trustee Kennedy moved and Trustee Bellini seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously after a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Meeting webcast is available [here](#).