



**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION
PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, Dr. R. Lorraine (“Laurie”) Bernotsky was loaned by West Chester University to Pennsylvania Western University (“PennWest” or “University”) as Chief Operating Officer in October 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernotsky became Acting President and subsequently Interim President upon the retirement of PennWest’s Founding President, Dr. Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernotsky has worked tirelessly for the last twenty months to analyze the financial and operational issues facing PennWest; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernotsky has led and developed her team of dedicated professionals to address all issues with data, short and long-term thinking and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernotsky has built strong relationships with faculty, staff, and trustees with a goal toward long-term sustainability of the University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernotsky’s every action was focused on improving PennWest’s student experience; and

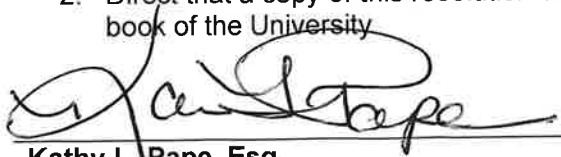
WHEREAS, Dr. Bernotsky developed, in partnership with PennWest’s various stakeholders, a long-term blueprint for university sustainability; and

WHEREAS, PennWest has selected Dr. Jon Anderson as its next president, effective July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bernotsky’s tenure with PennWest will end on June 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the PennWest Council of Trustees does hereby:

1. Express its sincere gratitude to Dr. R. Lorraine Bernotsky for her leadership, support, guidance, wisdom, camaraderie, patience, transparency, inclusivity and comprehensive understanding of institutions of higher education, including PASSHE universities, generally, and PennWest, in particular, during the last twenty months; and
2. Direct that a copy of this resolution be provided to Dr. Bernotsky and filed in the minute book of the University


Kathy L. Pape, Esq.
Chairperson

6/20/24
Date