

**West Liberty University
Board of Governors**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
October 2, 2025**

In Attendance: Rich Lucas, Mike Baker, Tom Cervone

Others in Attendance: Tim Borchers, Cyndi Galloway, Jacob Manning

Unable to Attend: David McKinley

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM

1. Approval of Minutes-May 29, 2025

On a motion by Rich Lucas and seconded by Tom Cervone the minutes of July 31, 2025, were approved.

BOG Bylaws: There were no comments from faculty, staff, or students regarding the BOG Bylaws. The bylaws will return to the Board of Governors with no changes. Discussion included voting rights and the combining of committees. Tom asked who will chair the combined committee, noting that he currently chairs Student Life and Stephanie chairs Academic Affairs. This will be added as an action item.

Retreat Follow-Up: BOG reports will be kept brief, allowing time for discussion on follow-up items from the BOG retreat held in August.

Other: Curriculum removals are expected in the near future, including programs such as Clinical Psychology and Criminal Justice.

Additional discussion items from subcommittee meetings included:

- **Governance:** Work is underway to create a dedicated Free Speech Policy. While some elements exist within current policies, there is no comprehensive policy specifically addressing free speech. Dr. Borchers noted a recent student protest on campus related to ICE and international students. The protest was quiet, followed all rules, and was organized by a new student organization.
- **Academic Affairs:** The committee discussed the focused review process and is still finalizing how this process will be evaluated after completion.

Executive Session:

Dr. Borchers requested to enter executive session regarding the lease of property. Motion was made by Rich Lucas and seconded by Tom Cervone. All in favor; none opposed.

Executive session began at 10:14 AM.

Motion to end executive session was made by Rich Lucas and seconded by Tom Cervone. No action was taken.

The Executive session concluded at 10:22 AM.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Cervone and seconded by Rich Lucas. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Minutes submitted by: Cyndi Galloway