

**West Liberty University
Board of Governors**

**Governance Committee
Minutes
April 1, 2026**

In Attendance: Lou Karas, Rich Lucas, Stephanie Shaw, Will Turani, Erikka Storch

Unable to Attend: None

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 28, 2026 were approved following a motion by Rich Lucas and a second by Stephanie Shaw.

Review of Assessment

Assessment results have been shared via the Teams account. Will Turani noted that the comments were valuable and suggested that a subcommittee presentation to the Board of Governors (BOG) could be beneficial. It was confirmed that the results will be formally presented at the April meeting. To allow additional time for review, Cyndi Galloway will distribute the assessment results to the full board in advance.

Policy 32

Policy 32 reflects the repeal of two existing policies and their consolidation into a single document. The policy has completed a 30-day public comment period, during which no feedback was received. The Governance Committee had no additional comments prior to advancing the policy. The Executive Committee will review and formally recommend moving Policy 32 to the full board for approval at the April meeting.

Other

Rich Lucas' BOG term will conclude in June, and the committee should begin identifying potential candidates for recommendation. Members were encouraged to submit any suggestions. Additionally, it was discussed that the Executive Committee typically includes the immediate past chair; however, with Rich no longer eligible to serve in that capacity, further review is needed to determine who will fulfill this role for the upcoming year.

It was also announced that February 4, 2027, will mark WLU Day at the Capitol. The event will be held on the upper-level next year, providing additional space to expand activities. Lou Karas suggested the opportunity to involve the Center for Arts and Education.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Lucas and seconded by Will Turani. The meeting concluded at 9:15 AM.