

**West Liberty University  
Board of Governors**

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**Governance Committee  
Minutes  
October 1, 2025**

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

**Unable to Attend:** Stephanie Shaw

**Faculty/Staff/Administration/Guests in Attendance:** Tim Borchers, Cyndi Galloway, Jacob Manning, Cathy Monteroso

**1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM**

**2. Approval of Minutes-July 30, 2025**

On a motion by Will Turani and seconded by Erikka Storch, the Governance Committee minutes of July 30, 2025, were approved.

**Free Speech Discussion:** Dr. Borchers reported that he met with the WV Presidents last week, and the discussion included free speech on campuses. A recent protest occurred on campus a couple of weeks ago; it was peaceful and caused no issues. All procedures for booking the space were followed, and police and security were present as a precaution. A new student group, *Students for Democracy*, has recently formed, and the protest was directed at ICE. While conduct policies for students and employees are already in place, the group agreed that additional guidelines addressing free speech may be necessary. Will expressed concerns about protecting the West Liberty brand.

**Policies 28, 29, 32:** The committee discussed Policies 28, 29, and 32. HEPC has updated similar policies, and we are revising ours accordingly. Jacob is working with the policy committee on these revisions, and a Notice of Intent will be sent to the Board of Governors indicating that these policies are under review.

**BOG Bylaws:** Regarding BOG Bylaws, the proposed changes have been out for comment, but no feedback has been received from students or staff. We are still waiting for input from faculty. These changes involve adjustments to staff, faculty, and student roles on the BOG and the potential combining of two subcommittees.

No additional items were discussed.

**Adjournment:** Will Turani moved to adjourn the meeting, and Erikka Storch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 AM.

Minutes submitted by: Cyndi Galloway