

Governance Committee Meeting, 7/29/26

In Attendance: Lou Karas, Will Turani,

Unable to Attend: Erikka Storch

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

Meeting begin: 9:04AM

Approval of Minutes

April 1, 2026 Minutes

Motion to approve by Shanie Shaw; seconded by Will Turani. The minutes were approved.

May 27, 2026 Minutes

Motion to approve by Will Turani; seconded by Stephanie Shaw. The minutes were approved.

Notice of Intent: Rule 1.6 (Ethics)

Jacob explained that this rule currently applies to university employees but does not specifically include members of the Board of Governors. During the HLC self-study process, one of the first questions asked is whether an ethics policy exists that governs board members.

The proposed revision would add Board of Governors members to the policy so the University can clearly demonstrate to HLC that board members are also governed by an established ethics policy. While board members are already subject to the West Virginia Ethics Act, this change will provide additional clarity within the University's policies.

This item will be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting.

Questions: None.

Discussion: Revisions to Board Rules

As part of the HLC self-study process, it was noted that board rules, university policies, and procedures currently exist in a variety of formats and fonts.

To better prepare these materials for review, the University would like to standardize their appearance and formatting. Jacob is reviewing the documents and, in most cases, will only be making formatting-related changes. He is tracking any revisions that go beyond formatting, and those changes will be shared as needed. No substantive changes are anticipated.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Will Turani; seconded by Stephanie Shaw.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.