

**MINUTES  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

**August 7, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Required statutory notice having been given, the third quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on August 7, 2020, in the Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall, and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Frederick A. Higdon, at approximately 9:00 a.m. (CT).

**ROLL CALL**

The following Regents were present, representing a quorum of the Board:

Regents Present:

Mr. Frederick A. Higdon, Chair  
Dr. Phillip W. Bale **(via Zoom)**  
Ms. Linda G. Ball **(via Zoom)**  
Mr. David S. Brinkley, Secretary  
Dr. Claus Ernst

Mr. Jason L. McKinney, Vice Chair **(via Zoom)**  
Mr. Will Harris  
Ms. Julie Harris Hinson  
Mr. George Nichols, III **(via Zoom)**

Others Present:

Dr. Timothy C. Caboni, President  
Dr. Randy Capps, Parliamentarian **(via Zoom)**  
Ms. Julia McDonald, Assistant to the President and Board of Regents **(via Zoom)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following meeting minutes were distributed to the Board for review in advance and presented for adoption:

- June 26, 2020 – Special Budget Approval Meeting

MOTION

Motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above was made by Regent Will Harris and seconded by Regent Claus Ernst.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Timothy C. Caboni provided the Board with an update on the WKU COVID-19 Task Force and *Big Red Restart* plan.

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*Page numbers reflect where the detailed agenda items are located in the meeting packet and can be accessed online [https://www.wku.edu/regents/meetings\\_archives.php](https://www.wku.edu/regents/meetings_archives.php)*

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## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Action Items:

- AA-1 Approval of Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics [pp 1-7]
- AA-2 Approval of Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity Data Analytics [pp 8-14]
- AA-3 Approval of Undergraduate Certificate in Floodplain Management [pp 15-22]

### MOTION

Motion to approve items AA-1 through AA-3 was made by Regent Claus Ernst and seconded by Regent Will Harris.

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

- AA-4 Approval of Emeriti Appointments [p 23]

### MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-4 was made by Regent Linda Ball and seconded by Regent Claus Ernst.

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## EXECUTIVE

### Action Item:

- EX-1 Approval of Philanthropic & Honorary Naming Requests for the Cliff Todd Center [pp 1-2]

Dr. Donald Smith and Ms. Amanda Trabue presented the Philanthropic & Honorary Naming requests for the Cliff Todd Center.

### MOTION

Motion to approve item EX-1 was made by Regent Will Harris and seconded by Regent Julie Hinson.

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

## EXECUTIVE (cont.)

### Information Item:

- Mr. Michael Crowe and Dr. Molly Kerby presented the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Report to the Board.
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## FINANCE AND BUDGET

### Action Item:

FB-1 Approval of Personnel Actions [p 1 and attached reports]

### MOTION

Motion to approve item FB-1 was made by Regent George Nichols and seconded by Regent Linda Ball.

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Information Items:

- Ms. Susan Howarth introduced Ms. Kristi Smith as the Interim CFO and Internal Auditor.
  - Ms. Susan Howarth and Ms. Rebekah Russell provided the Board with an Axiom Software update and demonstration.
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## STUDENT AFFAIRS

### Information Items:

- Dr. Ethan Logan provided the Board with an enrollment update and discussed the Test Optional Component.
  - Dr. Leslie North provided the Board with an update from the Office of Sustainability.
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## OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Higdon asked the Board to make note of the upcoming meeting dates:

- October 23, 2020 – Committee Meetings
  - December 11, 2020 – Fourth Quarterly Meeting
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## ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. (CT).

## CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the third quarterly meeting held August 7, 2020, in the Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall (and via Zoom), and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820, and 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).



Mr. Frederick A. Higdon, Chair  
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on December 11, 2020



Mr. David S. Brinkley, Secretary  
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on December 11, 2020