## Western Washington University Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 29, 2022

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Trustee John Meyer called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University to order at 9:04 a.m., via Zoom. A quorum was established by roll call.

## **Board of Trustees**

Chase Franklin – *via Zoom* John M. Meyer, Board Chair – *via Zoom* Faith Pettis, Vice Chair – *via Zoom* Sue Sharpe – *via Zoom* Mo West – *via Zoom* Chris Witherspoon – *via Zoom* 

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Sabah Randhawa, President Brad Johnson, Provost/executive Vice President Becca Kenna-Schenk, Executive Director, Government Relations Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General Geno Defa, Interim Associate Vice President of Human Resources Rod Younker, Labor Relations Attorney, Partner and CEO, Summit Law Rebecca Hansen-Zeller, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

# 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Meyer announced a 30-minute Executive Session to meet with legal counsel at 9:05 am. The Open Public Meetings Act authorizes the Board to meet in Executive Session to discuss specific matters as outlined in RCW 42.30.110. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Chair Meyer welcomed participants back to the public meeting at 9:52am.

#### 3. ACTION ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES (PSE) OF WASHINGTON

A Collective Bargaining Agreement was reached with the WWU collective bargaining team and the Public School Employees (PSE) of Washington on September 13, 2022. The Agreement was ratified by the membership on September 22, 2022. The Board heard about the changes to this contract and fiscal impacts during Executive Session.

MOTION 09-02-2022 Trustee Franklin moved that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Western Washington University and the Public School Employees (PSE) of Washington for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Trustee Pettis seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 votes in the affirmative by all trustees present.

Chair Meyer thanked members of the bargaining teams from Western Washington University.

#### 4. ACTION ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND WASHINGTON FEDERATION OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES (WFSE)

A Collective Bargaining Agreement was reached with the WWU collective bargaining team and the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) on September 12, 2022. The Agreement was ratified by the membership on September 23, 2022. The Board heard about the changes to this contract and fiscal impacts during Executive Session.

MOTION 09-03-2022 Trustee Witherspoon moved that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Western Washington University and the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Trustee Sharpe seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 votes in the affirmative by all trustees present.

Chair Meyer thanked members of the bargaining teams from Western Washington University.

#### 5. ACTION ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND FEDERATION OF POLICE (FOP) MATT HERZOG MEMORIAL LODGE #24 LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS

A Collective Bargaining Agreement was reached with the WWU collective bargaining team and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) on June 13, and the Agreement was ratified by the membership on the same day, June 13, 2022. The Board heard about the changes to this contract and fiscal impacts during Executive Session.

MOTION 09-04-2022 Trustee Sharpe moved that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, upon the recommendation of the President, approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Western Washington University and the Washington State Fraternal Order of Police Matt Herzog Memorial Lodge #24 Law Enforcement Units for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Trustee West seconded the motion.

The motion passed with 6 votes in the affirmative by all trustees present.

Chair Meyer thanked members of the bargaining teams from Western Washington University.

# 6. WWU PENINSULAS DECISION PACKAGE UPDATE

The WWU Board of Trustees approved inclusion of the WWU-Peninsulas decision package in the University's 2023-2025 Biennial Operating Budget Request on September 19, 2022. There was an error in the total amount of the decision package that was included in the meeting materials. The correct total request for the WWU-Peninsulas decision package for the 2023-25 biennium is \$8,035,668.

# 7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Meyer shared reflections from the State of the University event that took place on September 28. He thanked trustees who attended on campus and online.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is on October 13-14, 2022.