

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

**June 26, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Required statutory notice having been given, the special budget approval meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on June 26, 2020, at Van Meter Auditorium, 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  
Ms. Linda G. Ball  
Mr. David S. Brinkley, Secretary  
Dr. Claus Ernst

Mr. Jason L. McKinney, Vice Chair  
Mr. Will Harris  
Ms. Julie Harris Hinson  
Mr. George Nichols, III  
Mr. J. David Porter

Others Present:

Dr. Timothy C. Caboni, President  
Dr. Cheryl L. Stevens, Acting Provost  
Ms. Susan Howarth, Executive Vice President for Strategy, Operations & Finance  
Dr. Randy Capps, Parliamentarian  
Ms. Julia McDonald, Assistant to the President and Board of Regents

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

- Chair Higdon recognized Regent J. David Porter for his service on the Board and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- March 6, 2020 – First Quarterly Meeting
- May 15, 2020 – Second Quarterly Meeting
- May 27, 2020 – Special Called Meeting

### MOTION

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

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

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

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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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## FINANCE AND BUDGET

### Action Item:

FB-1 Approval of the FY2020-21 Operating Budget [pp 1-8]

### MOTION

Motion to approve item FB-1 was made by Regent George Nichols and seconded by Secretary David Brinkley.

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

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

### Action Item:

FB-2 Approval of Personnel Actions / Tiered Salary Reductions [p 9]

### MOTION

Motion to approve item FB-2 was made by Regent George Nichols and seconded by Regent Phillip Bale.

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

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

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### Action Item:

NC-1 Election and Approval of the 2020-21 Slate of Elected and Appointed Officers

The following Regents served on the 2020-21 Nominating Committee:

Mr. George Nichols III, Chair  
Ms. Linda G. Ball  
Mr. J. David Porter

The Nominating Committee unanimously recommends the following Regents be elected to serve as officers of the Board for 2020-21:

Mr. Frederick A. Higdon - Chair  
Mr. Jason L. McKinney – Vice Chair  
Mr. David S. Brinkley – Secretary

Appointment of Treasurer:

For the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of KRS 164.330 and the Board Bylaws, the Nominating Committee recommends Ms. Susan Howarth be appointed Treasurer for 2020-21. This appointment does not alter or add to the responsibilities of Ms. Howarth's position or employment at the University, does not include compensation, and may be withdrawn by the Board at any time, with or without cause.

Chairpersons for Standing Committees:

Pursuant to the Board Bylaws, the members and Chairpersons of the standing committees of the Board shall be selected by the Chair of the Board of Regents. The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following names for consideration to serve as Chairpersons of the standing committees listed below:

Academic Affairs Committee – Dr. Phillip W. Bale  
Finance and Budget Committee – Mr. Jason L. McKinney  
Student Affairs Committee – Ms. Julie Harris Hinson

MOTION

Motion to approve item NC-1 was made by Regent Will Harris and seconded by Regent David Porter.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

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

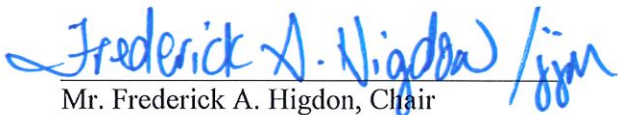
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**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Regent Phillip Bale and seconded by Regent Will Harris. Motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m. (CT).

**CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY**

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the special budget approval meeting held June 26, 2020, at Van Meter Auditorium, 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 8-7-2020

  
Mr. David S. Brinkley, Secretary  
WKU Board of Regents  
Approved on 8-7-2020