

**Pennsylvania Western University
Council of Trustees, Regular Meeting**

Thursday, September 25, 2025
2 p.m.
PennWest Clarion – Gemmell Student Center
Payne St., Clarion, PA

Meeting Minutes

The Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University met in regular session on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the PennWest Clarion campus, Gemmell Student Center, Rooms 250-252. The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDING

Council of Trustees:

P	Mark Bellini	P	Barry Niccolai (virtual)
P	JD Dunbar	P	Donna Oberlander
P	Aiden Dougan	P	Kathy Pape
P	Timothy John	P	Larry Pickett
P	Danny Jones	P	Neil Weaver
P	Patricia Kennedy	P	Tyrique Whitson (virtual)
P	Barbara Logue	P	Mohamed Yamba (virtual)
P	Larry Maggi		

Attendance was taken at the direction of Chair Dunbar and established that a quorum of the Council was present.

Also present were:

Jon Anderson, President	Cathleen McCormack, University Legal Counsel
Jim Fisher, Interim Provost and VP of Academic Affairs	Wendy Mackall, Executive Director Communications
Jim Geiger, Vice President for Advancement and Clarion Campus Administrator	Sheleta Camarda-Webb, Associate Vice President of CORE Strategic Initiatives
Kelly Repinski, Vice President for Communications and Marketing	Jim McGee, Assistant Vice President Student Affairs
Teresa Smith, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration (virtual)	Bethany Morrow, Clarion SGA President
Larry Sebek, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs	Amariliz Sanchez, Student Success Center Coach
Jamie Phillips, Co-Chair of Faculty Senate, Clarion campus	Sandra Trejos, Professor, Business Economics and Communication
Adam Roberts, APSCUF Representative, Clarion campus	Lee James, Trustee Emeritus Nominee

Sam Claster, APSCUF Chapter President Edinboro campus	Maureen James
Robin Weaver, Co-Chair Faculty Senate, California Campus (virtual)	Milissa Bauer, Trustee Emeritus Nominee
Peter Kuvshinikov, Co-Chair Faculty Senate, Edinboro Campus	Marcella McConnell, Assistant Professor, Education
Mario Majcen, APSCUF Chapter President, California campus (virtual)	

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Full report in video archive)

President Anderson shared his report reflecting progress and a look ahead at upcoming priorities. He also introduced PennWest’s new Trustee Emeritus policy.

TRUSTEE EMERITUS NOMINATIONS

The following motion was made by Trustee Oberlander, seconded by Trustee Bellini, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE TRUSTEE EMERITUS NOMINATIONS FOR FORMER CLARION UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES R. LEE JAMES, JAMES KIFER, SUE BURNS, MILISSA BAUER AND HOWARD SHRECKENGOST.

COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Chair Dunbar read the nominations for the trustee emeritus nominees and, along with other trustees, presented the two recipients in attendance with a framed certificate and lapel pins.

She also reported on a leadership conference held in Lancaster that Student Trustee, Tim John, and Vice President for Communications and Marketing, Kelly Repinski attended along with other PennWest employees and trustees and the connections made.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Full report in video archive) – Sandra Trejos, Professor of Business, Economics and Communication at PennWest Clarion.

REMARKS BY APSCUF (Full comments in video archive)

Dr. Adam Roberts, APSCUF Representative from the PennWest Clarion campus, provided remarks on behalf of the APSCUF leadership.

FACULTY SENATE REMARKS (Full comments in video archive)

Dr. Jamie Phillips, Co-Chair of Faculty Senate on the PennWest Clarion campus, provided remarks on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT (Full reports in video archive)

Student Trustee Aiden Dougan (Edinboro) reported on activities on the Edinboro campus Student Trustee Timothy John (Clarion), along with Bethany Morrow, Clarion SGA President, reported on activities on the Clarion campus, and Student Trustee Tyrique Whitson (California) reported on activities at the California campus.

PACT UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

Trustee Bellini provided updates on PACT activities.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Dunbar requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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The motion was made by Trustee Pape, seconded by Trustee Maggi, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

Kelly Repinski, Vice President for Communications and Marketing, provided an update on spring initiatives, social media and website metrics, the People of PennWest, University Storytelling, and Executive Communications.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

Dr. Jim Fisher, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave the Academic Affairs report. Dr. Fisher gave an update regarding the process of evaluating programming and acknowledged the impactful work that our faculty do. He also gave a brief enrollment update.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Full report in video archive)

Trustee Dougan, co-chair of the committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Larry Sebek, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, provided an update on campus life, residence life and housing, campus dining services, and MSCHE accreditation.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Full report in video archive)

Trustee Pickett, co-chair of the committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Dr. Teresa Smith, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the proposed FY2025/2026 Budget.

The following motion was made by Trustee Bellini, seconded by Trustee Jones, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2025/2026.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Jim Geiger, Vice President for Advancement and Clarion Campus Administrator, presented the University Advancement report, including a FY 2024/25 fundraising recap, signature alumni and athletic events, upcoming Spring 2026 Day of Giving, the PennWest Oral History Project and athletic highlights.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Chair Dunbar provided background regarding the proposed bylaw amendments.

The following motion was made by Trustee Oberlander, seconded by Trustee Pape, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE BYLAWS AS AMENDED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Trustee Dougan moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee John seconded the motion, which passed unanimously after a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Meeting webcast is available [here](#).