

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

Thursday, January 22, 2026
2 p.m.
Virtual

Meeting Minutes

The Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University met in regular session on Thursday, January 22, 2026, via Zoom. The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDING

Council of Trustees:

P	Mark Bellini	P	Barry Niccolai
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
P	Barbara Logue	A	Mohamed Yamba
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	Zach Nahass, University Legal Counsel
Jim Geiger, VP for Advancement and Clarion Campus Administrator	Bethany Morrow, Clarion SGA President
Kelly Repinski, VP for Communications and Marketing	Caitlyn Egan, California SGA President
Susanne Fenske, VP for Institutional Effectiveness and Student Affairs	Jared Clark, CLA
Darren Wagner, VP for Strategic Enrollment Management	Sydney Dailey, CLA
Paul Allison, Chief Information Officer and Senior Associate Vice President for Facilities	Peter Kuvshnikov, Co-Chair Faculty Senate, Edinboro Campus
Jamie Phillips, Co-Chair of Faculty Senate, Clarion campus	Mark Kilwein, APSCUF Representative, Clarion campus
Robin Weaver, Co-Chair Faculty Senate, California Campus	Marion Majcen, APSCUF Representative, California campus

Rachel Scofield, Executive Staff Assistant and Trustee Liaison	Chris LaFuria, Director of Digital Content and Analytics
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UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Full report in video archive)

President Anderson shared highlights regarding alumni engagement, student success, academic strategy, establishment of the PennWest Staff Senate, presidential task forces and the launch of the new brand campaign.

COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Chair Dunbar yielded her time to Trustee Neil Weaver, Chair of the Presidential Evaluation Committee. Trustee Weaver reported that the committee submitted a positive presidential evaluation to the Office of the Chancellor, incorporating feedback from all trustees (not just the committee).

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

REMARKS BY APSCUF (Full comments in video archive)

Dr. Mario Majcen, Dr. Mark Kilwein, and Dr. Sam Claster (read by Dr. Kilwein) provided remarks on behalf of the APSCUF leadership.

FACULTY SENATE REMARKS (Full comments in video archive)

Dr. Jamie Phillips provided remarks on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT (Full reports in video archive)

Student Trustee Timothy John (Clarion) and Clarion SGA President Bettany Morrow reported on activities on the Clarion campus, Student Trustee Aiden Dougan (Edinboro) reported on activities on the Edinboro campus, Trustee Dougan also delivered the SGA update in Edinboro SGA President Ruthie Karsteter’s absence. Lastly Student Trustee Tyrique Whitson (California) and SGA President Caitlyn Egan 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 Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Maggi, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE (Full report in video archive)

Trustee Maggi, chair of the communications and marketing committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Kelly Repinski, Vice President for Communications and Marketing, presented the communications and marketing report.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

Trustee Jones, chair of the academic affairs committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Dr. Jim Fisher, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the academic affairs report.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

Darren Wagner, Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management, provided an update on enrollment.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Full reports in video archive)

Dr. Susanne Fenske, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Student Affairs, provided an update on institutional effectiveness, CORE, dining services, event services, student affairs, and university police activities.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Full reports in video archive)

Trustee Oberlander, chair of the finance and administration committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Paul Allison, Chief Information Officer and Senior Associate Vice President for Facilities provided the report on behalf of Bettina Sawhill Espe, Interim Vice President/CFO. Allison presented a resolution certifying compliance with the Board of Governors' Policy 1985-04-A: University External Financial Support.

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

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD OF GOVERNORS' POLICY 1985-04-A: UNIVERSITY EXTERNAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Jared Clark from CliftonLarsonAllen presented a report on the audited financial statements.

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

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE UNIVERSITY ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AS PREPARED BY CLIFTONLARSONALLEN.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE (Full report in video archive)

Trustee Niccolai, chair of the committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Jim Geiger, Vice President for Advancement and Clarion Campus Administrator, provided an update on committee activity, fundraising goals, alumni events, and athletic highlights.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dunbar announced that the next regular quarterly meeting would be held on April 23, 2026, at the Clarion campus.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Meeting webcast is available [here](#).