



**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
CERTIFYING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Board of Governors Policy 1983-14-A: *Appointing Interim and Acting Chief Executive Officers*, requires that each State System university president develop and publish an Order of Succession identifying, in rank order, members of its university's executive management team, who will act on behalf of the president in his/her absence; in the event the president is temporarily unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the position; or in the event there is a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Board of Governors Policy 1983-14-A, *Appointing Interim and Acting Chief Executive Officers*, requires that prior to the beginning of each academic year, the president deliver the university Order of Succession Plan to the Chancellor after a resolution and vote by the university's Council of trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached Order of Succession Plan, provided by the Interim President of Pennsylvania Western University, lists in rank order the members of Pennsylvania Western University's executive management team to act on her behalf in her absence or in the event she is temporarily unable to fulfill her responsibilities, or in the event there is a vacancy;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Trustees approves and certifies the enclosed Order of Succession Plan and directs Interim President R. Lorraine Bernotsky to deliver the Succession Plan to the Chancellor, in accordance with Board of Governors Policy 1983-14-A.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

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Kathy Pape, Chairperson  
Council of Trustees

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R. Lorraine Bernotsky, DPhil, Interim President

*Enclosure: Pennsylvania Western University Order of Succession*



**PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY**  
**ORDER OF SUCCESSION**

In the absence of R. Lorraine Bernotsky, DPhil, Interim President, the following individuals will assume responsibility for the operation of the university in the order listed:

Dr. Susanne Fenske

*Vice President for Student Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness*

James Geiger

*Vice President for University Advancement/  
Clarion Campus Administrator*