



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Open Session**  
**February 27, 2024**  
**Minutes**

Via Zoom, in accordance with Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20 dated March 12, 2020.

A live stream of the meeting for public viewing also took place on YouTube.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Ali Salehi, Vice Chair Melissa Alvarado, Secretary Dr. Gloria Williams, and Trustees Daniel Currier, George Gilmer, Theresa Jasmin, Madeline Landrau, Dr. Robert Martin, Chris Montemayor, and William Reichelt

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Trustee Boudreau

Also present and participating were Westfield State University President Dr. Linda Thompson and Attorney Elizabeth Sullivan.

Chair Salehi called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM and a roll call was taken of the Trustees participating as listed above and it was announced that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Currier, seconded by Trustee Reichelt to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2023 meeting.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** taken:

Trustee Alvarado	Did not vote, not in meeting yet
Trustee Currier	Yes
Trustee Gilmer	Yes
Trustee Jasmin	Did not vote, not in meeting yet
Trustee Landrau	Did not vote, not in meeting yet
Trustee Martin	Yes
Trustee Montemayor	Yes
Trustee Reichelt	Yes
Trustee Williams	Yes
Trustee Salehi	Yes

**Discussion:**

There being no discussion, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Salehi welcomed Chair Salehi welcomed Westfield State University President Dr. Linda Thompson and Attorney Elizabeth Sullivan.

Chair Salehi stated:

- The meeting will enter Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(1), to discuss complaints filed against an administrator of the University, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct a strategy session in relation to negotiations with nonunion personnel, and Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy.
- Sharing the name of the nonunion personnel with who the Board is negotiating with would compromise the purpose of the executive session and having the meeting in open session would have a detrimental effect on the University’s litigating position.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Reichelt seconded by Trustee Currier to move in to Executive Session.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** taken:

Trustee Alvarado	Did not vote, not in meeting yet
Trustee Currier	Yes
Trustee Gilmer	Yes
Trustee Jasmin	Did not vote, not in meeting yet
Trustee Landrau	Did not vote, not in meeting yet
Trustee Martin	Yes
Trustee Montemayor	Yes
Trustee Reichelt	Yes
Trustee Williams	Yes
Trustee Salehi	Yes

There being no discussion, **ROLL CALL VOTE** passed motion **unanimously**.

Chair Salehi requested the live stream be stopped and that Attorney Elizabeth Sullivan, President Thompson and Brittney Kraus remain on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM.

Attachments presented at this meeting:

- Draft Minutes of July 27, 2023 Board of Trustees Special Meeting

**Secretary’s Certificate**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Westfield State University Board of Trustees meeting held on February 27, 2024.

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Dr. Gloria Williams, Secretary

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Date