



Special Meeting
April 21, 2023
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Buckley at 8:02am.

II. Attendance

Trustees Present: Trustee Blessman, Vice Chair Buckley, Student Trustee Engleman, Trustee Gutierrez, Trustee Hamner, Faculty Trustee Mason, Chair Pribyl, Trustee Szczurek, Trustee Vasquez, and Trustee Wiens.

Other Attendees: Brad Baca (President), Paul Giberson (Director of Completion and Retention), Ian Higgins (VP for Finance and Administration), Mike LaPlante (VP for Advancement), John Mason (Faculty Trustee), Bill Niemi (Professor of Politics/Government and Special Projects), Steven Parker (VP of Inclusivity), Gary Pierson (Dean of Students), Natalie Powell (Senior Assistant AG), Caitlin Rovner (Executive Assistant to the President), Anne Ryter (Professor of Chemistry/Chair of NES), James Young (IT),

III. Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Trustee Gutierrez, and seconded by Trustee Vasquez. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Action Item

A. Multi-Unit Lease Agreement

President Baca presented on the multi-unit lease agreement which will provide housing for newly-hired faculty and staff who are relocating to the Gunnison valley. VP LaPlante provided an overview of the lease agreement, rental rates, and the process for distributing units through an application procedure. VP Higgins explained the financial liability to Western and the anticipated costs as well as tax implications to employees due to rental reductions. The total liability of the lease if there were no renters occupying units is \$641,700. The projected cost to Western with rent reductions and an 8% vacancy rate is \$257,104. AG Powell explained the mutual indemnity clause in the agreement.

A motion to approve the multi-unit lease agreement with its indemnity provisions in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute section 23-5-106(4) was made by Trustee Gutierrez, and seconded by Chair Pribyl. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

President Baca thanked the Board for their support.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50am.