

**West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Board of Governors – Regular Meeting
Friday, April 26, 2024
Location: President’s Conference Room (WebEx/Teleconference)**

I. Call to Order, Roll Call/Quorum, and Mission Statement

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Board Chair, Dr. Belt. Roll call was taken by Board Secretary, Ms. Kirby. A quorum was present. The WVSOM mission statement was read by Dr. Ward.

Members Present Via Teleconference:

Randall Belt, D.O., Chair	Michael Muscari, D.O.
Marlena Kirby, Secretary	Gary Poling, D.O.
Thomas Cole	Erin Reese
Sharon Hall	Caitlyn Santer, D.O.
Robert Holstein, D.O.	Peter Ward, Ph.D.

Members Absent:

Frederick Morgan, D.O., Vice Chair	Todd Smith, D.O.
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Others in Attendance:

James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., President	Debbie Green, Scribe/Board Liaison
Jeffrey Shawver, J.D., General Counsel	

II. Introductions

Chair Belt asked President Nemitz if there were any introductions. President Nemitz stated there were no introductions; however, he requested to have a moment of silence on behalf of Hamza Syed, the WVSOM student who died unexpectedly last week. Chair Belt agreed, and a moment of silence was observed.

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Ward/Hall) to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Motion Carried

V. Board Items

A. Approval of Graduates. Dr. Linda Boyd, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, presented the roster of students for the current academic year qualified to graduate and receive the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. The roster has been approved by the Registrar’s Office, the Student Promotions Committee, and the Faculty Assembly.

It was moved and seconded (Holstein/Ward) to approve the candidates for the Class of 2024 as presented. Motion Carried

- B. Approval of Professor Emeriti Status – Robert W. Foster, D.O. Dr. Boyd reported that the Faculty Council recommended Robert W. Foster, D.O. be granted Professor Emeritus status, and Dean Boyd concurs.

It was moved and seconded (Holstein/Hall) to grant Professor Emeritus status to Robert W. Foster, D.O. Motion Carried

VI. Information Gathering

No items were brought forth.

VII. Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 10:00 am in the John Manchin, II, D.O., Conference Center, Room #2, located in the Clinical Evaluation Center on the campus of WVSOM.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded (Ward/Muscari) to adjourn. The motion carried and the board meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Approved on June 21, 2024

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Secretary

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