

**West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine  
Board of Governors – Regular Meeting  
Friday, September 9, 2022  
Location: Conference Center located in the  
WVSOM Student Center**

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Board Chair, Dr. Robert Holstein. Roll call was taken by Board Secretary, Marlena Dunbar. A quorum was present. The WVSOM mission statement was read by Board Vice Chair, Dr. Randall Belt.

**Members Present:**

Robert Holstein, D.O., Chair  
Randall Belt, D.O., Vice Chair  
Marlena Dunbar, Secretary  
Olivia Giambra  
Sharon Hall

Frederick Morgan, D.O.  
Michael Muscari, D.O.  
Gary Poling, D.O.  
Steven Sarver (arrived 10:17 am)  
Peter Ward, Ph.D.

**Members Absent:**

Thomas Cole

Todd Smith, D.O.

**Others in Attendance:**

James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., President  
Jeffrey Shawver, J.D., General Counsel

Debbie Green, Scribe/Board Liaison

**II. Introductions**

Chair Holstein introduced the following new Board Members:

- Michael Muscari, D.O. was appointed by Governor Justice on August 19, 2022. Dr. Muscari succeeded Greg Burton whose second term expired June 30, 2022.
- Olivia Giambra, OMS III, was elected student representative effective July 1, 2022 to replace Abdulrahman Al Halak, OMS IV.

In addition to providing further introduction of Ms. Giambra and Dr. Muscari, President Nemitz introduced Talal El-Hefnawy, M.D., Ph.D., WVSOM's new Assistant Vice President for Research & Sponsored Programs.

**III. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded (Ward/Dunbar) to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Motion Carried

**V. Agenda Order**

Dr. Morgan requested a change in the agenda order to move the Admissions Update (Item IX.C) earlier in the agenda. There were no objections from the Board. Chair Holstein stated the presentations under Board Education (Item IX) would be rearranged to the following order:

Admissions Update (Item IX.C), Accreditation Update (Item IX.B), and WVSOM Alumni Association Update (Item IX.A).

After Board Items (Item VIII), Chair Holstein stated the next item for discussion would be Admissions Update (Item IX.C).

Ronnie Collins, Director of Admissions, provided an update to the full Board regarding the 2021-2022 WVSOM admissions data which included an overview of the application cycle, the class profile, recruitment statistics of West Virginia applicants and the effect of COVID on the matriculation cycle, current pipeline programs, the West Liberty Bridge program, the “Go D.O.” program at West Virginia Wesleyan College, and additional West Virginia recruitment efforts.

Mr. Collins detailed the Pre-Osteopathic Medical Program (POMP) pipeline programs. Students at the affiliated undergraduate institutions will interview at WVSOM between their sophomore and junior years and as long as the applicant maintains certain metrics established by WVSOM, the applicant is offered guaranteed admission to WVSOM. Mr. Collins stated WVSOM typically interviews between 5 – 10 applicants per year and matriculates 6 – 7 students per year from the pipeline programs. Mr. Collins stated Admissions and Recruitment works closely with the undergraduate premedical advisors to make them aware of the available pipeline programs as well as tuition waivers. President Nemitz also stated Admissions hosts recruiting events at in-state undergraduate institutions and open house events on the WVSOM Lewisburg campus to draw prospective applicants. Mr. Collins stated various WVSOM departments and Statewide Campus personnel also visit the undergraduate institutions and develop relationships with prospective West Virginia applicants. Discussion continued regarding the POMP program and Dr. Belt stated he would like to know the number of POMP participants from the 2021-2022 cycle that are currently enrolled in a medical school, whether it is at WVSOM or another medical school. Ms. Hall stated that she encountered data recently which revealed West Virginia has one of the lowest rates of in-state students in medical school in the country which creates a challenge statewide.

WVSOM partners with West Liberty University in the West Liberty Bridge Program which is a post graduate program in which participants earn a Masters of Biomedical Science degree and are better prepared to enter medical school. Mr. Collins stated that after WVSOM begins its own Masters degree program, he expects more West Virginia applicants to matriculate through WVSOM.

Discussion continued regarding tuition waivers. Mr. Collins stated three full in-state tuition waivers were awarded to applicants for the 2022-2023 admissions cycle. Dr. Morgan stated his concern is that only 32 West Virginia residents were admitted to the Class of 2026, which began matriculation in July 2022. Mr. Collins stated the 2023-2024 admissions cycle will be the first full cycle in which the increased tuition waivers will be available and marketed and he anticipates many additional tuition waivers will be awarded.

Discussion on admissions metrics and criteria for applicants followed. Mr. Collins stated the in-state MCAT score required for admission to WVSOM is 495 or above. Out-of-state applicants are required to have an MCAT score of 498 or above. Mr. Sarver proposed allowing every West Virginia applicant, regardless of metrics, be granted an interview at WVSOM. Dr. Morgan also proposed granting an interview to any applicant that WVSOM alumni has written a recommendation letter for and alerting alumni, as a courtesy, if the applicant does not complete

their application or is not admitted. Mr. Shawver stated confidentiality issues may restrict the ability to alert alumni of non-admittance to WVSOM. Mr. Shawver stated WVSOM will look into the application process to identify what consents are in place.

Chair Holstein asked Mr. Collins to proceed to the metrics of the "Go D.O." pilot program which is geared to high school students enrolling at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Extensive discussion continued regarding implementation of the same metrics in other areas of the admissions process. Ms. Hall stated that relaxing admissions standards is a "slippery slope" which could affect accreditation. Ms. Giambra suggested an option to "fast track" data regarding this program and its success rate would be by allowing West Virginia Wesleyan College seniors who meet the same qualifications as the "Go D.O." program requirements (3.75 or higher high school GPA, minimum ACT score of 30 or SAT of 1390, a 3.5 science GPA, and successful interview) be allowed guaranteed acceptance to WVSOM, regardless of MCAT score. Dr. Morgan suggested also using these metrics for college seniors of the POMP schools. Mr. Sarver requested the Board make a motion and immediately act on the proposed plan but Chair Holstein and Mr. Shawver explained the Board cannot take official action on items not properly noticed on the agenda as required by the West Virginia Open Governmental Proceedings Act. Chair Holstein asked Dr. Boyd if she would like to comment. Dr. Boyd assured the Board that the WVSOM Admissions Department is not working on a quota system to limit admittance of West Virginia students for budgetary reasons. Dr. Boyd also went on to state that WVSOM has an obligation to ensure that admitted students can successfully complete the curriculum so they are able to practice medicine. Dr. Boyd continued by stating the conversation of whether or not to use the MCAT score as an admissions metric is being discussed nationwide. The majority of medical schools still require a minimum MCAT score. Dr. Boyd said the Admissions Committee will convene and discuss the ideas brought forth during today's discussion, but the Admissions Committee needs to make the final decisions on admissions criteria as required by accreditation.

Chair Holstein stated he would like Mr. Collins to provide an update to the Board at the November 4, 2022 Board meeting and possibly future meetings as well. Dr. Morgan stated he would like Ms. Giambra's recommendation to be placed on the agenda at the November 4, 2022 meeting which would allow West Virginia Wesleyan College seniors who meet the "Go D.O." program requirements (3.75 or higher high school GPA, minimum ACT score of 30 or SAT of 1390, a 3.5 science GPA, and a successful interview) guaranteed acceptance to WVSOM, regardless of MCAT score in order to "fast track" data on this new pipeline program. Ms. Hall stated the emphasis needs to be on how to get more applicants overall and more West Virginia students interested in attending WVSOM. Mr. Sarver stated he would like Ms. Giambra's recommendation to be on the November 4, 2022 agenda also. Mr. Sarver would also like the Board to consider a 2-year trial period to discontinue MCAT requirements for West Virginia applicants if legal to do so. During that 2-year trial period, West Virginia applicants would be judged only on their interview, overall GPA, and core curriculum GPA. Mr. Shawver stated he would be concerned on how the proposed changes to admissions requirements would affect WVSOM's accreditation. Dr. Boyd also reiterated the expectation from an accreditation standpoint that the Admissions Committee should determine admissions policies and procedures. Mr. Sarver asked that those items be placed on the agenda for discussion with a strong recommendation from the Board if there is a majority vote. Chair Holstein stated he would take it into consideration when arranging the agenda for the November 4, 2022 meeting and asked Mr. Collins to proceed with detailing the additional West Virginia recruitment efforts.

Mr. Collins stated he is very appreciative of the Board of Governors decision at the January 27, 2022 Board meeting in which additional admission tuition waivers were approved. Mr. Collins stated in addition to WVSOM offering additional admission tuition waivers and starting its own Masters in Biomedical Science degree, the Admissions Department specifically works with West Virginia applicants in a variety of ways including conducting mock interviews, pairing West Virginia applicants with WVSOM West Virginia students, offering individualized advising meetings, hosting the annual Health Professions Advisor Conference, increasing West Virginia high school contact, and enhancing social media marketing. Dr. Belt stated he has worked quite frequently with Mr. Collins regarding students he has recommended for admission and keeping the lines of communication open is a key factor. Discussion continued on the best way to reach undergraduate college and high school students for a larger applicant pool. Ms. Hall stated in the last "Match" Charleston Area Medical Center only got one student from West Virginia University but got 35 students from WVSOM in all of their residency programs. Ms. Hall stated that WVSOM is a valuable jewel in populating southern West Virginia with physicians.

President Nemitz thanked the Board for the discussion and ideas and will plan to work with Dr. Boyd to see what resources are needed for the Admissions Department in order to increase West Virginia matriculants. President Nemitz also thanked Mr. Collins for his presentation and for the diligence of the Admissions & Recruitment Departments. President Nemitz stated he has directed Marketing to work with Admissions in order to reach applicants via social media. Understanding the channels of social media and reaching applicants in that manner will assist in increasing the applicant pool which Ms. Hall has stressed throughout the discussion. Mr. Sarver stated working with parents of students in some manner may be beneficial in influencing applicants to choose WVSOM.

The one and one-quarter hour Board education held today will be submitted to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission toward training credit hours required for the Board of Governors.

After Admissions Update (Item IX.C), Chair Holstein stated the next item for discussion would be Accreditation Update (Item IX.B).

Dr. Boyd provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board entitled "Accreditation: Opportunities for Best Practice". Dr. Boyd discussed the levels of accreditation and focus of WVSOM's two accrediting bodies, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Commission on Osteopathic Colleges Accreditation (COCA). Currently, WVSOM is accredited by HLC through 2024 and its primary focus is on faculty and infrastructure. WVSOM is accredited by COCA through 2022 and its primary focus is all aspects of education experience for students.

Next, Dr. Boyd discussed the purposes of accreditation which include: ensuring minimal standards of the education program; ensuring ongoing monitoring of student achievement; identifying areas that need change; driving continuous improvement; enabling Title IV participation which is needed for student loans; and assuring licensing bodies that graduates attended a legitimate medical school.

WVSOM will be undergoing a COCA comprehensive site visit on September 21 – 23, 2022 and will receive the accreditation decision in early December 2022. Dr. Boyd discussed the various potential COCA decision outcomes which include: accreditation with exceptional outcome (10

years); accreditation (7 years); accreditation with heightened monitoring (4 years); accreditation with warning (2 years); accreditation with probation (1 year); and withdrawal of accreditation.

Dr. Boyd also detailed the accreditation topics which include: mission and governance, leadership and accreditation, finances, facilities, learning environment, and curriculum. In addition, accreditation topics on the horizon are diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) standards and clinical skills assessment standards. Dr. Boyd stated to meet the DEI requirements, WVSOM offers DEI training to all students, faculty and staff, has inclusion of cultural competency and health disparities in the curriculum, and is in the process of hiring an Associate Dean for Multicultural and Student Affairs. Dr. Boyd stated WVSOM is already an exemplar in the area of clinical skills assessment standards.

Finally, Dr. Boyd discussed the next steps in accreditation which will include requesting a substantive change from HLC for the graduate program in spring/summer 2023 for a 2024 start and a substantive change from COCA for new curriculum in spring 2023 for a 2024 start. In 2024, WVSOM will undergo a HLC comprehensive site visit.

There were no questions or discussion. President Nemitz stated he anticipates an excellent site visit and thanked Dr. Boyd and the entire accreditation team for their hard work.

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After Accreditation Update (Item IX.B), Chair Holstein stated the next item for discussion would be WVSOM Alumni Association Update (Item IX.A).

Shannon Warren, Director of Alumni Relations/CME, provided the annual update of the WVSOM Alumni Association. Ms. Warren stated she views the Alumni Association as the “cheerleaders and fans” of WVSOM by reconnecting alumni, supporting the mission of WVSOM, engaging students and alumni, and cultivating growth of the Alumni Association.

Ms. Warren stated the total number of WVSOM graduates is 4,415 which includes the graduate approved at today’s meeting. Graduate demographics from 2021 show WVSOM has graduates in all 50 states with concentrations in West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, and Michigan. The Alumni Association has grown its membership to 951 life members which include 593 out-of-state alumni and 358 in-state alumni. The Alumni Association sponsors several fundraising projects including the White Coat Club which raises funds for student white coats which are distributed to each first-year student during Convocation. In addition, Ms. Warren provided an overview of the CME opportunities provided by the Alumni Association during fiscal year 2021-2022. The Alumni Association is heavily involved in student support and awarded \$20,000 in student scholarships and purchased 20 GE Vscan ultrasound units which totaled \$85,000 for student education during fiscal year 2021-2022. The Alumni Association also offers an opportunity to match current second-year students with an alumni mentor for additional support. Finally, Ms. Warren stated the Alumni Association has hosted many alumni events in various states to cultivate and reengage alumni.

President Nemitz thanked Ms. Warren and her staff for their dedication to WVSOM Alumni.

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**VI. Rules**

A. No policies were presented.

**VII. Reports**

A. Chair of the Board of Governors. Chair Holstein reported that he will be participating in the upcoming COCA accreditation visit and will be offering congratulatory remarks on behalf of the Board of Governors at the Convocation and White Coat Ceremony on September 23, 2022.

Chair Holstein encouraged all Board members to attend WVSOM's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Jubilee on November 5, 2022 as well as to consider being a sponsor of the historic event.

1. Committee Reports. Chair Holstein made the following chair appointments to the standing committees for fiscal year 2022-2023: Dr. Ward - Academic Committee, Dr. Belt - Institutional Policy Committee, and Ms. Hall – Finance & Audit Committee. There were no objections.
  - a. Academic Committee. Dr. Ward stated the Academic Committee did not meet on September 9, 2022 and had no report.
  - b. Finance & Audit Committee. Ms. Hall stated the Finance & Audit Committee did not meet on September 9, 2022 and had no report.
  - c. Institutional Policy Committee. Dr. Belt stated the Institutional Policy Committee did not meet on September 9, 2022 and had no report.

B. President of WVSOM.

1. Administration.

- a. President's Update. President Nemitz provided an update on the following topics:
  - Research and Sponsored Programs. Since June 2022, five new grants have been awarded totaling \$1,294,900 and seven additional grants have been submitted totaling \$1,138,637. WVSOM faculty, staff and students have presented 12 posters and published 8 peer-reviewed papers in 2022. Administration is working on a \$27 million-dollar request from the State to fund the Science Building addition as a part of the master plan. As previously announced, Talal El-Hefnawy, M.D., Ph.D. is WVSOM's new Assistant Vice President for Research & Sponsored Programs and will oversee WVSOM's research and grant enterprise.
  - Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH). CRCH has acquired additional grant funding of \$133,800. Dr. Hill continues to work in the Attorney General's office to create the WV First Foundation which will distribute the opioid settlement funds. She is also providing direct technical assistance to West Virginia cities and counties to help them prepare for the influx of opioid settlement funds.

- Legislature/Higher Education. President Nemitz and Jeffrey Shawver, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, continue to work with State and Federal legislators to obtain additional funds for WVSOM. President Nemitz continues collaborative efforts with higher education institutions throughout the State including West Virginia University and Marshall. President Nemitz stated WVSOM has also established an additional pipeline program at West Virginia State University.
- Other Significant Accomplishments. WVSOM was selected for the ninth time as a *Great College to Work For* with special designation as an Honor Roll institution. WVSOM was a silver sponsor at the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Business Summit and had a strong presence at the event. WVSOM continues to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting events such as WVSOM Day at the State Fair and statewide campus events in Shepherdstown, Huntington and Weston.
- Marketing and Communications. President Nemitz distributed copies of newspaper and magazine articles as well as a listing of television and radio coverage. WVSOM continues to receive statewide and national exposure thanks to the efforts of the Marketing Department.
- WVSOM Building Projects. The Testing Center project continues to move forward and Larry Ware, Vice President for Finance & Facilities, will provide an update during his financial report.
- Human Resources. In addition to hiring Dr. El-Hefnawy, 3 new academic leadership positions have recently been filled, 9 new or transitioned faculty positions have been filled, and 11 new or transitioned staff positions have been filled.
- Faculty, Staff and Student Highlights. President Nemitz recognized various accomplishments in these constituency groups including the upcoming retirement of Mr. Ware. Mr. Ware is dedicated to assist with the budget preparation for fiscal year 2023-2024 and to guide his successor through the transitional phase. Human Resources will post the position soon.
- WVSOM Events. In addition to WVSOM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, Admissions hosted a summer open house on June 25, 2022.
- State and National Events. WVSOM hosted the American Association of College of Osteopathic Medicine's (AACOM) Health Policy Fellowship session on Rural Medicine, the West Virginia Executive's Greenbrier County event, and the West Virginia Association of Addiction and Prevention Professionals Conference. President Nemitz also attended the Ascend West Virginia Kickoff event in Greenbrier County.
- WVSOM Future Events. Upcoming events include: The American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) COCA site visit on September 21 – 23, 2022, Convocation & White Coat Ceremony on September 23, 2022, Greenbrier Valley Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event on September 27, 2022, West Virginia Rural Health Association Conference on October 19 – 21, 2022, and multiple 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events including the All Class Reunion and Golden Jubilee fundraiser November 3 – 6, 2022.
- Other State and National Future Events. Upcoming events include: Lewisburg Rotary Club presentation on September 12, International Mine Rescue Competition at the National Mine Academy in Beaver, WV, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing with West Virginia State University on September

13, 2022, President Brad Smith Investiture at Marshall University on September 16, 2022, Charleston Rotary Club presentation on October 3, 2022, and OMED 2022 Osteopathic Medical Conference in Boston October 27 – 30, 2022.

- BOG Member Birthdays: The following Board member birthdays were recognized: Dr. Poling, Dr. Holstein, Mr. Cole, Mr. Sarver, and Dr. Morgan.
- i. Fundraising Update. President Nemitz stated he has been working closely with the WVSOM Foundation and Alumni Association teams on fundraising. President Nemitz invited Andrew Ickes to provide an update on fundraising efforts.

Mr. Ickes reviewed the Fundraising and Development Report with the Board which was placed in the Board's OneDrive account. Mr. Ickes stated an additional \$30,000 pledge was secured to establish one additional scholarship endowment since the last Board meeting on June 17, 2022 and is reflected in the fiscal year 2022 column of the fundraising update. Cash donations and pledge commitments have been excellent to start fiscal year 2023. Fundraising visits are scheduled in September and October which will involve both Mr. Ickes and President Nemitz. Year-end appeals will begin soon which typically bring in a large volume of gifts.

Mr. Ickes also provided a monthly cash comparison over the last three fiscal years. Mr. Ickes is hopeful the WVSOM Foundation will secure between \$600,000 - \$750,000 in cash during fiscal year 2023 in addition to pledges and commitments. Questions and discussion followed.

Continued areas of focus include personal donor visits by President Nemitz with an emphasis on student support. The WVSOM Foundation has six new established endowed scholarships since September 2021.

President Nemitz provided additional highlights which included the following:

- The WVSOM Foundation had a \$3,000 increase in Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) credits at the State level.
  - The Maier Foundation Challenge Grant for 2022 was a success with an approved payment of \$200,000 to the West Virginia Emulation Trust for the WVSOM Foundation.
  - A \$200,000 scholarship endowment was received from Dr. Joe Cincinnati and Dr. Troy Foster to benefit Concord University and West Virginia University graduates and students from the Eastern Panhandle.
  - WVSOM has been successful in obtaining Jubilee sponsorships totaling over \$157,000. President Nemitz encouraged Board members to attend the event and to consider becoming an event sponsor.
- ii. New Programs Update. President Nemitz spotlighted the collaboration with the University of Charleston (UC) in which WVSOM alumni, students and employees are eligible for a 10% discount on a Master's in Business Administration degree with a concentration in Healthcare Management. The MOU with UC was signed in 2020; however, implementation was delayed due to COVID.



Dr. Morgan stated that following the June 17, 2022 Board of Governors meeting, an email announcement was made by the WVSOM Alumni Association on June 20, 2022 regarding the MOU with UC. Dr. Morgan offered his support for the MOU but was concerned that he, as a Board member, was unaware of this collaboration. President Nemitz stated he will continue to make every effort to inform the Board of Governors of collaborative efforts including MOU signings, pipeline programs, etc.

Further discussion continued regarding the legal aspect of MOUs and if the Board of Governors should be involved in MOU discussion prior to signing. President Nemitz stated he works on the development of these collaborative agreements with Mr. Shawver. President Nemitz also stated that the collaborations do not typically involve dollars but are educational in nature, such as pipeline programs which assist WVSOM's Admissions Department in recruiting West Virginia applicants.

Dr. Morgan stated he wants to ensure there is not a disconnect between the Board of Governors and Administration and he would like to seek a clear definition of matters the Board of Governors should be involved in. President Nemitz stated that currently WVSOM has 11 pipeline programs and seeks to partner with all interested higher education institutions in the State.

2. Finance.

- a. FY 2022-2023 Financial Update. Mr. Larry Ware presented the financial statement ending June 30, 2022. Actual revenues at that time totaled \$46,779,009, which is 98% of budget. The final allocation from the State was received after June 30, 2022, which is reflected under the State Appropriation line item. Total operating expenses for the period is \$44,025,871, which is 85% of the budgeted amount. The Computer Supplies and Equipment and Computer Software line items were significantly over budget due to long lead times for technology, the need to preorder technology-related items for the Testing Center, and significant technology price increases. Student laptops and auxiliary equipment for the incoming class were preordered and the price increased nearly \$100,000 from the previous order. Total expenses for the period are \$48,824,452, which is 78% of budget. The estimated uncommitted reserve as of June 30, 2022, is \$76,450,435, and is expected to decrease in the upcoming year due to increased operating expenses across the board and the expectation that WVSOM stock market investments will not have the same amount of growth as they did in the previous year.

WVSOM continues to operate within its approved budget with no concerns at this time.

Mr. Ware reviewed the 2021-22 Tuition Waivers informational item with the full Board. In addition to graduate teaching assistant (GTA) waivers, WVSOM offered admissions waivers totaling \$160,000. Mr. Ware stated GTA waivers are full tuition and technology waivers based on participation in the GTA program (regardless of in-state or out-of-state student status). The admissions waiver amount is determined by the Admissions Department and Dr. Boyd. Dr. Ward elaborated on the details of the GTA program.

Questions and discussion followed. Dr. Morgan requested that the GTA waivers be removed from future tuition waiver reports. Mr. Ware stated in the past the Board requested both GTA and admissions tuition waivers be included on the report due to the financial impact on the institution but he will make the requested modification on future tuition waiver reports. Dr. Morgan also stated that at the January 27, 2022 meeting the Board of Governors earmarked no more than \$800,000 over the initial pilot period of three years to be awarded to West Virginia applicants to encourage them to attend WVSOM rather than another medical school. Mr. Ware explained the increased tuition waivers approved at the January 27, 2022 Board meeting is not reflected on this report and will be reflected in the report for fiscal year 2022-23. Mr. Ware stated he would give a report at the next Board meeting on the total amount of admissions waivers offered to students who entered WVSOM in July 2022. Mr. Ware also stated that GTA tuition waivers are reported to the IRS as income.

#### **VIII. Board Items**

- A. Approval of Graduates. Dr. Linda Boyd, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, presented the graduate for approval who will successfully complete all requirements for graduation, has been approved by the Student Promotions Committee, and also approved by the faculty.

It was moved and seconded (Hall/Belt) to approve the graduate as presented.

Motion Carried

#### **IX. Board Education**

- A. WVSOM Alumni Association Update. Discussed under Agenda Item V.
- B. Accreditation Update. Discussed under Agenda Item V.
- C. Admissions Update. Discussed under Agenda Item V.

#### **X. Information Gathering**

Chair Holstein stated he would ensure Ms. Giambra's recommendation would be added to the November 4, 2022 meeting agenda which would allow West Virginia Wesleyan College seniors who meet the "Go D.O." program requirements (3.75 or higher high school GPA, minimum ACT score of 30 or SAT of 1390, a 3.5 science GPA, and a successful interview) guaranteed acceptance to WVSOM, regardless of MCAT score in order to "fast track" data on this new pipeline program.

Chair Holstein stated he would recommend that further discussion of whether or not to use the MCAT score as an admissions metric be placed on the agenda for the Academic Committee at the November 4, 2022 meeting. At that time, the committee will research MCAT issues, discuss with Dr. Boyd topics including impact on accreditation, and report to the full Board at the November 4, 2022 meeting.

#### **XI. Next Meeting Date**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held Friday, November 4, 2022, at 10:00 am in the Alumni Center Boardroom on the campus of WVSOM.

**XII. Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded (Morgan/Ward) to adjourn. The motion carried and the Board meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Approved on November 4, 2022

*Marlena Dunbar*

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Marlena R. Dunbar  
Secretary  
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