

# WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Capitol Building 6, Suite 600  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Charleston, West Virginia

## MINUTES

July 2, 2025

### **I. Call to Order**

The special meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Victor Gabriel called the meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) to order at 1:00 p.m. on July 2, 2025, in Capitol Building 6, Suite 600, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

The secretary called the roll and informed Vice President Gabriel that a quorum had been established. The following members were present: President Nancy White (via remote), Vice President Victor L. Gabriel, Robert W. Dunlevy, L. Paul Hardesty, Cathy L. C. Justice (via remote), F. Scott Rotruck (via remote), Debra K. Sullivan, Dr. Christopher A. Stansbury (via remote), Gregory F. Wooten, and ex officio member Michele L. Blatt, State Superintendent of Schools, West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE). Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, was absent.

### **II. Approval of Agenda**

Vice President Gabriel called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hardesty moved, and Mr. Wooten seconded, that the agenda be approved. Upon the call for the question, the motion carried on a voice vote.

Next, Vice President Gabriel recognized Mr. Hardesty for a statement. Mr. Hardesty informed the members of the public that the Board had been named in a lawsuit and had hired Ben Bailey, Esq., with Bailey and Glasser to represent the Board. Further, Mr. Hardesty explained that the Board wanted the public to be aware that they would be entering into an executive session to discuss their legal options with counsel.

### **III. Discussion of Legal Matters – House Bill No. 2755 (To provide that the West Virginia Board of Education may promulgate rules or policies to be submitted to the Legislature for review); Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-18, Krystle Perry and Anthony Perry, individually and on behalf of their minor child K.P. v. Stacy Marteney, et al.; Civil Action No. CC-41-2025-C-230, Miranda Guzman v. West Virginia Board of Education, et. al.; and Discussion of Religious Exemptions from Compulsory School Vaccination Requirements.**

Mr. Wooten moved, and Mrs. White seconded, that the Board enter into executive session under the attorney-client privilege exception authorized by W. Va. Code §6-9A-3 for discussion of item A

on the agenda. Upon a call for the question, the motion carried on a voice vote. The Board entered into executive session at 1:23 p.m. The Board returned from executive session at 2:35 p.m. without taking any action.

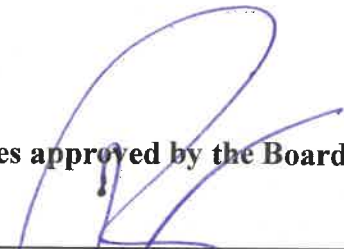
#### **IV. Future Meetings**

Vice President Hardesty announced that the next regular meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education would be on July 9, 2025, and a special meeting would be held on July 14, 2025. Both meetings would be conducted in Charleston, West Virginia.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Vice President Gabriel called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wooten moved, and Mr. Hardesty seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the call for the question, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. on a voice vote.

**Minutes approved by the Board on August 13, 2025**

  
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**L. Paul Hardesty, President**

  
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**Victor L. Gabriel, Vice President**

**NOTE:**

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