



Board of Trustees

Special Meeting

February 2, 2026

3:30 p.m.

Remote: Zoom

A live stream of the meeting for public viewing will also take place at the following link: <https://www.westfield.ma.edu/live>

Board Members Present: Board Chair Ali Salehi, Vice Chair Melissa Alvarado, Secretary Dr. Gloria Williams, Members: Barney Garcia, George Gilmer, Theresa Jasmin, Tessa Lucey, Chris Montemayor, Michael O'Rourke, and William Reichelt.

Member Absent: Jay Queenin

Board Chair Salehi called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM. He announced that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

Bylaws and Committee Structure

- Many were involved in getting the process through all the channels legally and ethically.
- The board talked about making the committee more effective and dealing with things at a high level at the board retreat on August, 8, 2025.
- The new committee structure would help the University grow, prosper, and be more effective.

MOTION made by Trustee Jasmin and seconded by Trustee O'Rourke: to approve the bylaws and charters as presented. A roll call was taken and there being no discussion, **motion passed unanimously**.

Revised Motion for Capital Campaign Motion

- The source of the funding wasn't specified in the previous motion but discussed at the board of Trustees meeting on December 18, 2025.
- The motion lacked documentation of where the funds were coming from.
- The current motion includes the origin of those funds.

MOTION made by Trustee Jasmin and seconded by Trustee Lucey: to approve the allocation of up to \$3.1 million from university reserves, to be expended over a five-year period, to support the university's comprehensive campaign. A roll call was taken and there being no discussion, **motion passed unanimously**.

Capital Campaign Discussion

- This is a big deal for the University.
- There hasn't been a real capital campaign in decades, at least 20 years.

- The title of the capital campaign is "Together We Soar".
 - Areas of opportunity align with the strategic plan: student success, innovation, and community impact.
 - Pushing for a space to focus on human health and related sciences.

Upcoming Meeting Information

- Chair Salehi stated at the February 19, 2026 meeting more information will be provided regarding meetings.

There being no further business,

MOTION made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee O'Rourke to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion, **motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Attachment(s):

- a. Motion – Charters and Bylaws
- b. WSU Revised Board Committee Structure
- c. Executive Committee Charter New
- d. Finance Committee Charter New
- e. Audit Committee Charter New
- f. Student Success Committee Charter New
- g. University Success Committee Charter New
- h. BYLAWS of Trustees as Amended 12.18.25 New
- i. Motion – revised campaign funds

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 Special meeting held on February 2, 2026.

Gloria Williams, Secretary

Date