

**Western Washington University
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 16, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Trustee John Meyer called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University to order at 2:04 p.m., via Zoom. A quorum was established by roll call.

Board of Trustees

John M. Meyer, Board Chair – *via Zoom*
Chase Franklin, Vice Chair – *via Zoom*
Faith Pettis – *via Zoom*
Karen Lee – *via Zoom*
Mo West – *via Zoom*

Western Washington University

Sabah Randhawa, President
Joyce Lopes, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
Kim O'Neill, Vice President for University Advancement
Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
Paul Dunn, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Rayne Rambo, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:05 p.m. Chair Meyer announced that the board would go into Executive Session for approximately fifteen minutes to discuss personnel matters as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i). No action was taken in executive session.

Chair Meyer call the meeting back to open session at 2:19 p.m.

Chair Meyer reported that the Board of Trustees would take action on a Resolution to authorize indemnification.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
AUTHORIZING INDEMNIFICATION**

WHEREAS, a legal action, *Susan and Michael Bakse v. Western Washington University et al*, has been commenced involving this institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Chyerl Wolfe-Lee, a current employee of the institution designated below, and her spouse, Todd Allen Lee, and Deborah DeWees, a former employee of the institution designated below and her spouse, Erik Herron, have been named as individual defendants in the lawsuit and have requested the Board to authorize their defense under RCW 28B.10.842; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Chyerl Wolfe-Lee, Todd Allen Lee, Deborah DeWees and Erik Herron were acting or purporting to act in good faith in the performance of their duties as those terms are used in RCW 28B.10.842, RCW 4.92.060 and RCW 4.92.070; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the defense and indemnification of Chyerl Wolfe-Lee, Todd Allen Lee, Deborah DeWees and Erik Herron by the State in the legal action *Susan and Michael Bakse v. Western Washington University et al*, *Whatcom County Cause Number 21-2-01003-37*, pursuant to RCW 28B.10.842.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its meeting on December 16, 2021.

MOTION 12-05-2021 Trustee Franklin moved that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution 2021-05 Authorizing Indemnification.

The motion was voted on by roll call:

Roll Call for the Vote:

Trustee Chase Franklin- Yes
Trustee Faith Pettis – Yes
Trustee Karen Lee – Yes
Trustee Mo West – Yes
Trustee John Meyer, Chair - Yes

The motion passed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.