

**WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY May 10, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karen Lee called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University to order at 3:32 p.m., in the Boardroom, Old Main 340, in Bellingham, WA.

Board of Trustees

Karen Lee, Chair
Sue Sharpe, Vice Chair – *by phone*
Earl Overstreet, Secretary – *by phone*
Betti Fujikado – *by phone*
Chase Franklin
John M. Meyer – *by phone*
Mo West – *by phone*
Seth Brickey

Western Washington University

Bruce Shepard, President
Brent Carbajal, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Eileen Coughlin, Senior VP, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services
Richard Van Den Hul, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
Stephanie Bowers, Vice President for University Advancement – *by phone*
Steve Swan, Vice President for University Relations and Community Development
Molly Ware, Faculty Senate President
Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
Paul Cocke, Director of University Communications
Paul Dunn, Special Executive Assistant to the President
Barbara Sandoval, Assistant to the President and Secretary to the BOT
Elissa Hicks, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board will go into executive session for the purpose of personal matters pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

At 3:33 p.m. Chair Lee announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss personnel matters. The Board returned to open meeting at 4:09 p.m. with no action to report.

Chair Lee announced a 5 minute break at 4:09. The board returned and reconvened the meeting at 4:15.

3. POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON PRESIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR DR. SABAH RANDHAWA

Trustee Franklin gave a brief overview of the contract negotiation process over the past month and a half. He said the contract contains standard language that is included in other Washington State public colleges and universities presidents' contracts and in President Shepard's current contract. Trustee Lee asked for comments or concerns from other trustees, to which there were none.

MOTION 05-01-2016: Trustee Franklin moved to approve and ratify the employment contract for Dr. Sabah Randhawa appointing him fourteenth President of Western Washington University, effective August 1, 2016, at the initial salary of \$365,000 per year.

The motion passed with Trustees Franklin, Fujikado, Meyer, Overstreet, Sharpe, West and Lee voting in favor of the motion by roll call vote. Student Trustee Brickey was excused from voting pursuant to RCW 28B.50.102(2).

Trustee Lee said that she was pleased with the contract and believes that it has been fully vetted by the Trustees and lawyers, and that the contract was fair for both parties.

4. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.