NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is issued pursuant to West Virginia University Board of Governors Governance Rule 1.1. The following new Board of Governors Rule is proposed for adoption:

• West Virginia University Board of Governors Governance Rule 1.3 – Presidential Selection, Contracts, & Evaluation

The new Rule is proposed to address needs of the University regarding the selection, employment, and evaluation of the President of the University.

Substantively, a summary of the provisions of the new proposed Rule are set forth in the table below:

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BOG Rule	Action	Comments
BOG Governance Rule 1.3 – Presidential Selection, Contracts, & Evaluation	Adopt and Approve	This Board Rule is proposed to outline the guiding principles for the selection, employment, and evaluation of the President of West Virginia University by the Board of Governors. Section 2 of the Rule outlines the search and selection process for a University president. The Rule provides that a committee-led search process should be utilized except in limited circumstances. The search committee is a recommending body only, and the final selection must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. Section 3 addresses the appointment of an interim president by the Board in the event of an immediate vacancy. Section 4 outlines the requirements for the president's contract and provides that the contract and any renewal or termination thereof must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. Section 5 outlines the requirements for evaluations of the president. The Board Chair shall provide a written evaluation each year in the form determined appropriate by the Chair, and the Board must conduct a formal, written performance evaluation at the end of the initial contract period and in every third year of employment as president thereafter. Finally, Section 6 provides that the President shall appoint a campus president to be the administrative head of Potomac State College and West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

A copy of the new proposed Rule and this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking can be found at http://policies.wvu.edu/.

There will be a 30-day public comment period from March 19, 2024, until April 18, 2024, for the submission of written comments. Comments should be submitted using the online submission form for each Rule, which can be found by clicking on the link to the Rule located at: http://policies.wvu.edu/. If there are any questions about the submission process, they can be directed to Valerie Lopez, Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, at Valerie.Lopez@mail.wvu.edu or Valerie Lopez, Office of the President, West Virginia University, PO Box 6201, Morgantown, West Virginia 26506-6201.

Once the comment period has ended, all public comments received or a summary thereof will be posted on the University's policy website. The Rule may be changed, subject to comments received.