

WSU Board of Trustees

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 8:00 am
John Bardo Center, Room 164

In attendance were Pierre Harter, Laurie Labarca, Nancy McCarthy Snyder, Aaron Bastian, Tracee Adams, Junetta Everett, Kevin McWhorter and Dan Rouser, Connie Dietz was absent. Also in attendance were Andy Schlapp, Dr. Rick Muma, Troy Bruun, Teresa Moore, Michelle Locke, Werner Golling, Mert Buckley, Susan Johnson and Teresa Seymour with Julian Rios from Forvis.

BOT Audit

Bruun introduced Teresa Seymour from Forvis, formerly BKD. Seymour reviewed the draft 2022 audit and management letter with the board, stating they will issue a clean audit. Harter moved, McCarthy Snyder seconded that the board would recess into Executive Session at 8:15 am to discuss the financial affairs of the Board with the accountants relating to the audit report. Staff and personnel were excused for discussions during the Executive Session. The open meeting resumed at 8:22 am and no action was taken. McCarthy Snyder motioned to approve the draft audit, Harter seconded, and the motion passed.

National Institute for Research and Digital Transformation update

Tonya Witherspoon discussed the NIRDT building, opening in February of 2023. It is a data center with 7 research lab pods. NetApp is anchor partner of NIRDT. Witherspoon is also looking to partner with NVIDIA, Cisco, Siemens, AWS, Dell, IBM, and Lenova. Cisco and AWS will be providing industry certified training workshops, cloud computing and networking academies in the NIRDT building. The S3 academy will provide tech service and tech sales training for students, staff, faculty and the community in spring of 2023. Muma added that WSU has made investments in infrastructure such as the NIRDT and industry is looking for opportunities to network and partner with WSU.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Labarca moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2022 meeting,

