

Hope Scholarship Committee on Appeals Minutes

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December 17, 2025, 3:00 PM

The meeting of the Hope Scholarship Committee on Appeal was called to order by Jamion Wolford, Chair, on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 3:07 P.M. after determination that a quorum of members was present through a silent roll call. Committee members attending the meeting: Jamion Wolford and Alice Bonnell. Michael Cook was absent.

The following West Virginia State Treasurer's Office (WVSTO) staff members attended the meeting: Amy Willard, Michelle Penaloza, Lindsay Marchio, Mindy Parsley, Amy Constable, James Fuerhoff, and Carly Williams.

The agenda for the meeting consisted of the following:

- I. Welcome – Introductions/Roll Call – Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2025, meeting
- III. Review and Consideration of Applicant Appeals
- IV. Review and Consideration of Reimbursement Appeals
- V. Review and Consideration of Miscellaneous/General Appeals
- VI. Future Meetings
- VII. Adjournment

Approval of the Minutes

The Chair indicated the first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2025, meeting, which were distributed to the members prior to the meeting. The Chair asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes and none were noted. Alice Bonnell moved to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Jamion Wolford. The Chair asked for discussion; none was heard. The Chair polled the members and the motion to approve the minutes was adopted.

Review and Consideration of Applicant Appeals

The Chair indicated the next item on the agenda of the meeting was the review and consideration of applicant appeals pursuant to W.Va. CSR 112-19-11. Alice Bonnell made a motion to enter Executive Session as provided in *[West Virginia Code, Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section (4), Subsection (b), Subdivision (12)]*, which states a public agency may hold an Executive Session if there is discussion of

“...any matter which, by express provision of federal law or state statute or rule of court is rendered confidential, or which is not considered a public record within the meaning of the freedom of information act.” The Chair seconded the motion. No discussion was heard. The Chair polled the members, and the motion was approved to move into Executive Session.

The Chair advised members of the public to log off and wait a few minutes before logging back in, where they would be held in the TEAMS lobby until the Executive Session was complete. The Committee entered the Executive Session at 3:09 P.M. There were only board members and board staff in attendance.

The Board returned to order at 3:14 P.M. The Chair issued a reminder that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Alice Bonnell made the following motion regarding applicant appeals:

For appeals #397 through 401, I hereby move the appeals be denied and that the Hope Scholarship Board staff notify the applicants of the Committee’s determination.

Jamion Wolford seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, the Chair polled the members, and the motion carried.

Review and Consideration of Reimbursement Appeals

The Chair indicated the next item on the agenda of the meeting was the review and consideration of reimbursement of appeals pursuant to W.Va. CSR 112-19-11. Alice Bonnell made a motion to enter Executive Session as provided in *[West Virginia Code, Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section (4), Subsection (b), Subdivision (12)]*, which states a public agency may hold an Executive Session if there is discussion of “...any matter which, by express provision of federal law or state statute or rule of court is rendered confidential, or which is not considered a public record within the meaning of the freedom of information act.” Jamion Wolford seconded the motion. No discussion was heard. The Chair polled the members, and the motion was approved to move into Executive Session.

The Committee entered the Executive Session at 3:16 P.M. There were only board members and board staff in attendance.

The Board returned to order at 3:29 P.M. The Chair issued a reminder that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Alice Bonnell made the following motion:

For reimbursement appeals R302 through R305 and R307, I hereby move the appeals be denied and that the Hope Scholarship Board staff notify the account holders of the Committee’s determination.

For reimbursement appeals R291 and R306, I hereby move the appeals be approved and that the Hope Scholarship Board staff notify the account holders of the Committee’s determination.

Jamion Wolford seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, the Chair polled the members, and the motion carried.

Review and Consideration of Miscellaneous/General Appeals

The Chair indicated the next item on the agenda of the meeting was the review and consideration of miscellaneous/general appeals pursuant to W.Va. CSR 112-19-11. Alice Bonnell made a motion to enter Executive Session as provided in *[West Virginia Code, Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section (4), Subsection (b), Subdivision (12)]*, which states a public agency may hold an Executive Session if there is discussion of "...any matter which, by express provision of federal law or state statute or rule of court is rendered confidential, or which is not considered a public record within the meaning of the freedom of information act." Jamion Wolford seconded the motion. No discussion was heard. The Chair polled the members, and the motion was approved to move into Executive Session.

The Committee entered the Executive Session at 3:31 P.M. There were only board members and board staff in attendance.

The Board returned to order at 3:34 P.M. The Chair issued a reminder that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Alice Bonnell made the following motion:

For general appeal #G2, G3 and G4, I hereby move the appeal be denied and that the Hope Scholarship Board staff notify the account holder of the Committee's determination.

Jamion Wolford seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, the Chair polled the members, and the motion carried.

Future Meetings

The Chair indicated that the next order of business was to discuss future meetings. He stated that the Committee on Appeals will meet as needed depending on eligibility appeals received by staff. Staff will coordinate with Committee members on the need for meetings when appeals are received. The date and time of any meetings will be announced later in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

No additional discussion was heard regarding future meetings.

Adjournment

The Chair asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee on Appeals. Hearing none, the Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alice Bonnell seconded the motion. Upon hearing no discussion, the Chair polled the members and the motion to adjourn the meeting passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 P.M.

Minutes approved by the Committee on January 30, 2026



Jamion Wolford

Chair of Hope Scholarship Committee on Appeals