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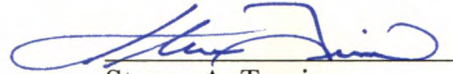
**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE  
APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF  
THE WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION**

The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (hereinafter the "Council" and "Commission" respectively) have requested legal representation to assist with the interpretation of various agreements between Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community and Technical College.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist with the legal matters in question, based on the following factors:

- The matter at issue requires specific expertise in real estate law that is not sufficiently possessed by the Office of the Attorney General.
- It would require a significant time commitment from the Office of the Attorney General to familiarize itself with the particular issues relating to the legal matters in question.
- It is critical for the Council and Commission to obtain the needed legal services immediately.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel(s) for these legal matters pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.



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