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# News

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Bowling Green, Ky. ---Western Kentucky University's Board of Regents Friday announced four finalists in the search to find WKU's eighth president.

The finalists include:

\*Dr. Thomas A. Bond, President of Clarion University in Clarion, Pa.

\*Martha Layne Collins, former Governor of Kentucky and Executive in Residence, School of Business at the University of Louisville.

\*Dr. H. George Frederickson, Edwin O. Stene Distinguished Professor of Public Administration at the University of Kansas.

\*Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, vice chancellor for executive affairs at the University of Mississippi.

"We are pleased with the quality of the finalists for the presidency of Western Kentucky University," said Joe Iracane, chairman of the WKU Board of Regents. "The board thanks the faculty advisory committee and the student advisory committee for their input in the selection process."

Iracane said the field included 102 candidates.

The finalists will visit the WKU campus next week for interviews with members of the board of regents, faculty and students.

Campus interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, and Thursday, August 4. Each finalist will participate in a half-day interview which includes open sessions with the faculty and staff from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. Meetings with students are scheduled from 11-11:30 a.m. and 4-4:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held in Room 103 of the Garrett Conference Center.

The Board of Regents will convene Wednesday morning in the Regents Conference Room and will stay in closed session until Friday, August 5. Chairman Iracane said it was the intention of the Board to name WKU's new chief executive officer on Friday (August 5).

The regents are searching for a successor to departing WKU President Kern Alexander, who has accepted a university distinguished professorship at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg.