



WEST VIRGINIA
Community & Technical
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**West Virginia Council for Community
& Technical College Education**

AGENDA

April 24, 2025

9:30 am

Members

Christina Cameron, Chair
Steve Roberts, Vice Chair
Tracy Miller, Secretary
William Baker
Robert Brown
Clinton Burch

Michael Graney
Sandra Hamilton
Elizabeth Manuel
Traci Nelson
Joseph Oliverio
Andrew "Drew" Payne III

Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor



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Zoom Meeting

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Council Meeting

Date: May 29, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Zoom

XII. Adjournment

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

January 16, 2025

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held via Zoom beginning at 9:30 am. Council members present were: Bill Baker, Bob Brown, Clinton Burch, Christina Cameron, Tracy Miller and Steve Roberts. Absent were: Michael Graney, Traci Nelson, and Andrew Payne. Also in attendance were Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, and guests.

Call to Order

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order noting a quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the minutes from the December 5, 2024, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Technical Program Development Grant Award

Mr. Roberts moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Technical Program Development grant award as proposed.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Tourism Works Online Training Program Presentation

Tourism Works is an online training program in the form of modules encompassing essential skills and knowledge in the tourism and hospitality industry. Tiffany Ellis-Williams, Director of Workforce and Economic Development, introduced Ennis Smith, Director of Destination Tourism, along with representatives from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College who showcased the innovative online training program.

4. Workforce Development Grant Program Update

Tiffany Ellis-Williams, Director of Workforce and Economic Development, discussed workforce development grants that were awarded and their vital role in forging robust alliances with business and industry. These grants help the community and technical colleges tailor workforce training programs to specific needs of employers. Additionally, these workforce grants offer hands-on experience and industry-recognized certifications, giving community and technical college students a competitive edge in the job market.

5. West Virginia Emergency Medical Services Workforce and Training Initiative

A total of \$5,000,000 has been appropriated to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to support education and workforce initiatives for Emergency Medical Services. Amanda McCarty, Senior Director of Health Sciences, provided a presentation explaining enhanced learning utilizing MedCognition PerSim augmented reality. She introduced Jonathan Fannin, Emergency Medical Services Training Program Director, from BridgeValley Community and Technical College who provided an on-screen live demonstration.

Ms. McCarty also discussed funding support for tuition to the community and technical colleges' Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic programs for students who do not qualify for traditional financial aid.

6. Report on the Expansion of Statewide Outreach Initiatives

Jason Luyster, Senior Director of Student Affairs, announced the launch of several new initiatives and expansion of several others.

- My Climb guides which align with the new CFVV website will launch statewide later this month.
- Level All has been linked to the CFVV website. Level All provides infographic and short videos focused on career and college exploration resources.
- WV GEAR UP's 21st Century Scholars program has expanded statewide.
- The CFVV Champions of College Access and Success awards program is expanding to more schools from elementary to college.
- In collaboration with Texas Instruments, technology bundles and training have been provided to 42 educators in WV GEAR UP schools.
- New Higher Education Action and Impact Awards will recognize significant contributions to college and career readiness efforts.
- WV FAFSA Day is on February 6th.

7. Additional Comments/Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Sarah Tucker announced that the 2025 Legislative Session will be commencing shortly and emphasized that we will closely monitor any proposed legislation impacting higher education.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Council Meeting: April 24, 2025
Time: 9:30 am
Location: TBD

Christina Cameron, Chairman

Tracy Miller, Secretary

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WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

March 3, 2025

A special meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held via Zoom beginning at 1:30 pm. Council members present were: Bob Brown, Christina Cameron, Sandra Hamilton, Elizabeth Manuel, Tracy Miller, and Joseph Oliverio. Absent were: Bill Baker, Clinton Burch, Michael Graney, Traci Nelson, Andrew Payne, and Steve Roberts. Also in attendance were Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, and guests.

Call to Order

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order noting a quorum was present.

1. Oath of Office for New Council Members

Notary Public Angie Kerns administered the oath of office to newly appointed Council members Sandra Hamilton, Elizabeth Manuel and Joseph Oliverio.

Executive Session

Ms. Miller moved that the Council go into Executive Session in accordance with WV Code §6-9A-4 to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Following Executive Session, the Council reconvened in open session and the following action was taken:

2. Interim Presidential Appointment, Contract, and Compensation

Mr. Brown moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the appointment of Dr. Michael Waide as Interim President of Pierpont Community and Technical College and further approves the compensation for Dr. Waide in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in his contract.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Obtain Legal Advice Regarding Potential Investigation into the Recent Developments at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

The Council received a legal opinion and engaged in a discussion regarding a potential investigation into recent developments at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. Chairman Cameron encouraged members of the institution's Board of Governors to attend their scheduled meeting on March 6, 2025, and to elect a slate of officers during the session. She requested that General Counsel Joseph Jenkins and Vice

Chancellor Christopher Treadway attend the Board meeting to observe and provide a report to the Council.

4. Additional Comments/Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tucker welcomed and introduced new Council members, Sandra Hamilton, Elizabeth Manuel, and Joseph Oliverio.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meetings:

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Meeting: April 24, 2025
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Zoom

Christina Cameron, Chairman

Tracy Miller, Secretary

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WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

April 7, 2025

An Emergency Meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held via Teams beginning at 9:30 am. Council members present were: William Baker, Bob Brown, Clinton Burch, Christina Cameron, Michael Graney, Sandra Hamilton, Elizabeth Manuel, Tracy Miller, Joseph Oliverio and Steve Roberts. Absent were: William Baker, Traci Nelson, and Andrew Payne. Also in attendance were Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, and guests.

Call to Order

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order noting a quorum was present.

Executive Session

Ms. Miller moved that the Council go into Executive Session in accordance with WV Code §6-9A-4 to discuss the following:

The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education previously scheduled a special meeting for April 7, 2025, to address matters related to the employment of the president of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. However, since the original meeting notice was published, new and significant developments have arisen that raise additional and serious concerns regarding the overall governance and operational stability of the institution.

In light of these developments, the Council finds it necessary to expand the scope of its discussions to include broader governance issues and institutional oversight. Pursuant to the authority granted under W.Va. Code § 6-9A-2, the Council has convened this emergency meeting due to the urgent nature of these concerns and out of a belief that further delay could result in imminent and substantial harm to the institution and its ability to effectively serve its students, faculty, and staff.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Following Executive Session, the Council reconvened in open session and the following action was taken:

1. Withdrawal of Specific Powers from the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (“Council”) has a statutory responsibility to provide oversight and ensure the effective governance of institutions under its jurisdiction, including Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College (“Southern”); and

WHEREAS, the Council has grave concerns regarding the ongoing instability and dysfunction in the governance of Southern, including, but not limited to, repeated instances of non-cooperation and conflict between the president and the Board of Governors, the failure to follow institutional procedures, and a pattern of behavior by the president and certain members of her leadership team that has disrupted institutional operations and placed the college's accreditation at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that recent actions and communications by the president, including the submission of a one-sided and inaccurate response to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), have resulted in a scheduled focus visit by HLC, and constitute behavior that further undermines the college's reputation and operational stability; and

WHEREAS, since the Board's March 19, 2025, meeting, the president has taken actions in apparent violation of restrictions placed upon her by the Board, including unauthorized communications with HLC and unauthorized participation in media interviews, despite clear directives to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, under the authority granted in W.Va. Code § 18B-2B-6(e), the Council may withdraw specific powers from a governing board if circumstances exist which, in the view of the Council, severely limit the capacity of the Board of Governors to carry out its duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the current situation at Southern severely limits the capacity of the Board of Governors to carry out its duties and responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education hereby exercises its authority under West Virginia Code § 18B-2B-6(e) to withdraw from the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors those specific powers and duties to appoint, dismiss and oversee the president of the institution, granted to it under West Virginia Code § 18B-2A-1 et seq., for a period not to exceed two years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council shall assume those powers and responsibilities necessary to ensure the effective governance and oversight of the institution during this period, by overseeing the work of the president; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council directs staff to provide appropriate notification to the Board of Governors of Southern of the Council's action pursuant to this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chancellor shall provide regular updates to the Council on the status of governance and leadership at Southern, and the Council shall review this action no later than April 2027 to determine whether the powers withdrawn from the Board of Governors should be restored.

Adopted this 7th day of April 2025, by the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Placement of Dr. Pamela Alderman on Administrative Leave and Authorization to Negotiate a Separation Agreement

Mr. Graney moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (“Council”) has a statutory responsibility to ensure sound executive leadership and institutional stability within the state’s community and technical colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Council has received extensive evidence of conduct and decisions by Dr. Pamela Alderman, President of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College (“Southern”), that have demonstrated a pattern of poor judgment, disregard for institutional governance, and a failure to uphold the standards of leadership expected of a college president; and

WHEREAS, the Council has already issued a public statement of its loss of confidence in Dr. Alderman’s ability to continue serving in her role, and has urged the Southern Board of Governors to begin the process of leadership transition; and

WHEREAS, recent actions by Dr. Alderman—including, but not limited to, disregard of board directives, unauthorized communication with external agencies, public misrepresentation of internal decisions, and reported threats of retaliation toward institutional employees—have further deteriorated the governance and operational environment of the institution; and

WHEREAS, the Council has taken the extraordinary step to assume the specific powers and duties of Southern’s Board of Governors to restore sound, stable, and responsible institutional governance; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that immediate action is necessary to protect the institution, its employees, and its students from further disruption or harm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education hereby places Dr. Pamela Alderman on paid administrative leave until the end of her current contract on June 30, 2025, with immediate effect; and withdraws all powers, duties, and responsibilities of the presidency from her during this period of administrative leave; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Information Officer of Southern is hereby directed to immediately revoke and remove all access that Dr. Alderman has to institutional computer systems and accounts, including but not limited to:

- Computer networks and file storage systems;
- Email and internal communication platforms;
- Social media accounts maintained by or on behalf of the institution;
- Any other internal or external systems to which she has had access in her role as president.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Alderman is hereby directed to immediately vacate all institutional property, and that the Chief Facilities Management Officer of Southern or his designee is directed to:

- Collect from Dr. Alderman all keys, identification badges, access cards, or any other credentials or items granting access to institutional property or facilities;
- Secure the president's office and ensure institutional property is protected;
- Arrange for the off-site transfer of any personal effects belonging to Dr. Alderman to a non-campus location of her choosing, in coordination with her or her designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer of Southern is hereby directed to immediately revoke all of Dr. Alderman's signatory authority for and access to the financial accounts of Southern and to notify all financial institutions that hold any financial account for Southern of Dr. Alderman's removal of access to and authority over those accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council directs the Chancellor or her designee to engage in good faith efforts to negotiate a mutually agreed upon separation agreement with Dr. Alderman that will bring a prompt and orderly end to her employment with the institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should such an agreement not be reached within a reasonable period of time, Dr. Alderman will remain on paid administrative leave until the end of her current contract on June 30, 2025, at which time Dr. Alderman's contract will not be renewed.

Adopted this 7th day of April 2025, by the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Ms. Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Appointment of an Interim President and Approval of Presidential Contract for Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education hereby appoints Dr. Corley Dennison as Interim President of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council hereby approves the employment contract for Dr. Dennison as presented by the General Counsel.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Comments

Chairman Cameron stated that the actions taken are not something that we, as the Council, have taken lightly. It was a hard decision to make, and I would like to thank the

members of the Council and the folks at the CTC office for their guidance during this difficult transition.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
Date: April 24, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom

Christina Cameron, Chairman

Tracy Miller, Secretary

**West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education
Meeting of April 24, 2025**

ITEM: Annual Reauthorization of Two-year Degree-Granting Institutions

INSTITUTIONS: Ameritas College, Laurel College of Technology, West Virginia Junior College (Morgantown), and West Virginia Junior College (Bridgeport/Charleston)

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves annual reauthorization (through June 30, 2026) for Ameritas College, Laurel College of Technology, West Virginia Junior College (Morgantown) and West Virginia Junior College (Bridgeport/Charleston).

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Rasmussen

BACKGROUND:

Series 52, Legislative Rule, *Annual Reauthorization of Degree Granting Institutions*, establishes a process for the Council to annually reauthorize private, proprietary, and out-of-state postsecondary institutions that have physical presence in West Virginia and offer degree programs at or below the associate degree level. The institutions listed above have provided all required information “*necessary to assess the performance of the institution and to determine whether the institution continues to meet minimum standards for conferring degrees.*”

Officials with Martinsburg College notified Council Staff in January of plans to relocate to Cheyenne, Wyoming by June of this year. The relocation has since occurred, and so the college is no longer required to be authorized by the Council. The institution offered only online courses, and therefore, no teach-out plans are necessary.

It was reported to the Council in June 2023 that Huntington Junior College was planning a change in ownership and conversion from proprietary to non-profit. Those changes were completed in January 2025. The college’s new name is Ameritas College Huntington, but as of the preparation of this memo the college continues to do business as Huntington Junior College.

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ITEM: Applied Associate of Science in Nursing Degree

INSTITUTION: Med-Care Training Center, Inc.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves Med Care Training Center to begin offering an LPN to RN bridge associate degree program with the implementation of the Applied Associate of Science in Nursing for implementation in fall of 2025. This approval expires two years from the date of Council approval if the program is not fully implemented by that time.

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Rasmussen

BACKGROUND:

West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, Legislative Rule, Series 35, *Business, Occupational and Trade Schools*, Section 5, Approval to Offer Degrees, Section 5.1 reads:

“All schools planning to offer a degree at the specialized associate’s degree, or higher, must seek approval from the Council and/or the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission prior to offering the degree.”

Med-Care Training Center, Inc. plans to offer an LPN to RN Bridge program as an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing. The 61 credit-hour degree includes 15 hours awarded as prerequisite licensure credit and 46 credit hours of nursing courses covered over three semesters.

The school currently offers Medical Assistant, Nurse Aide, Phlebotomy, and Practical Nursing programs. As a selective admission program, the school expects to enroll a new cohort of up to 20 students each year in the LPN to RN Bridge program. The school has submitted sufficient documentation required in legislative rule.

Section 5.2 of Council Series 35, *Business, Occupational and Trade Schools* reads:

“Once a school is approved to offer the degree, that school is subject to annual reauthorization as provided in Legislative Rule, Title 135, (Council) or 133 (Commission), Series 52, Annual Reauthorization of Degree

Granting Institutions.”

Med-Care Training Center, Inc. is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE).

- Council approval is to be withdrawn if COE does not grant approval of the program.
- Council approval is to be withdrawn if the program is not fully implemented two years from the date of Council approval.
- The program must remain in good standing with COE and the West Virginia Registered Nursing Board.

With approval of this program, the Council authorizes Med-Care Training Center, Inc. to confer the associate’s degree in West Virginia. Med-Care Training Center, Inc. agrees to maintain academic rigor and follow best academic practices including properly credentialed faculty, appropriate curriculum and academic resources, quality student support services, and valid learning assessment procedures.

Council staff will monitor program implementation and progress through the annual reauthorization process.

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ITEM: **Technical Program Development Grant Awards**

INSTITUTION(S): Blue Ridge Community and Technical College
Southern WV Community and Technical College
West Virginia University at Parkersburg

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, that the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Technical Program Development grant awards as proposed.

STAFF MEMBER: Tiffany Ellis-Williams

BACKGROUND:

Technical Program Development funding in the amount of \$1.8 million was allocated in the Council’s FY 2025 budget.

Each community and technical college has an opportunity to submit a proposal requesting funds for programs that need to be developed. A committee comprised of Council staff reviews the proposals and makes recommendations about approval.

PROPOSAL(S) RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Program	Degree	Institution	Anticipated Enrollment Per Year	Industry support	Recommended Award
Building Systems Technicians	Certificate of Applied Science	Blue Ridge Community and Technical College	50 students over two years	Economic Development of Berkeley County Morgan County Economic Development Morgan County School Board Paw Paw High School & Hollywood Casino	\$220,000.00
Hospitality and Tourism Management	Associate of Applied Science	Southern WV Community and Technical College	30 students over three years	Hatfield and McCoy Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$219,580.00
Emergency Medical Services	Associate of Applied Science	West Virginia University at Parkersburg	40 students over three years	WVU Medicine	\$220,000.00
Total Recommended Awards:					\$659,580.00

**WV Council for Community and Technical College Education
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ITEM: WVNET Service and Support Overview

INSTITUTIONS: All

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: Information Item Only

STAFF MEMBER: Steven White

BACKGROUND:

WVNET was established in 1975 by the West Virginia Board of Regents to provide access to mainframe computing and internet access to state institutions at a reduced cost. WVNET is also designated as the Research and Education Network (REN) for the state of West Virginia. A REN supports the needs of the research and education community. WVNET is one of the oldest RENs, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

WVNET is an individual agency that reports directly to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission as designated in §18B-4-2. Code also established the Computer Advisory Board to provide guidance and recommendations for the policies of WVNET. The Computer Advisory Board includes representatives from K-12 and higher education, including David Ayersman, vice president and chief information officer for New River Community and Technical College and Adam Ferrell, information technology director for BridgeValley Community and Technical College.

Today, WVNET's primary support services include:

- Operating a statewide network for K-12, higher education and state agencies with a dedicated internet address space. This includes a data center in Morgantown and a presence in Charleston from which customers are connected to the internet and Internet2, the exclusive high-speed research network. WVNET provides internet access for all public K-12 schools and the state capitol complex.
- Hosting Ellucian software (Banner, DegreeWorks) for multiple community and technical colleges, as well as supplemental software (Argos and Apex).
- Reduced cost, consortium software purchasing, management and support for online classes (D2L Brightspace) and supporting software. WVNET supports special education pricing contracts with Microsoft, Ellucian, Evisions, Oracle and many other software vendors used by our colleges and universities.
- Virtual machine hosting in Charleston and Morgantown and computer server co-location services in the Morgantown data center for customers who need a secure and environmentally managed location for their equipment. The Morgantown facility also offers high-speed connections to multiple vendors and

network carriers that have equipment in this location.

- Web hosting and website development for public institutions and schools through experienced staff with extensive knowledge of the WordPress platform.
- Live, accessible, in-state technical support through expert staff. WVNET employees are experts in their field, who provide specialized technical support for information technology staff at institutions. WVNET staff offer remote and on-site guidance for a variety of network and software issues or configurations.
- Operation of a 24/7/365 helpdesk that always provides customers with a live contact for immediate support or can escalate for more advanced support. The West Virginia Office of Technology uses this service for after-hours support for all state agency employees.

Operating a modern, robust and reliable network remains at the core of WVNET’s mission. WVNET has upgraded from older technologies to the latest fiber and multiple-gigabyte connections. This year, WVNET is undergoing a major network upgrade that includes replacement of networking equipment from multiple 10GB connections to 100GB. This significantly increases bandwidth capacity and improves reliability, while reducing costs. These upgrades are made possible through a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) grant awarded to WVNET in 2023.

The federal grant was supported by Senator Capito and Senator Manchin and has allowed upgrades to equipment in the Morgantown data center, including a new emergency generator, a new battery backup system (UPS) and replacement of computer room air conditioners that maintain optimal operating temperatures for the servers and equipment in the data center.

Community and technical colleges using WVNET hosting services include:

	<i>Argos</i>	<i>Banner</i>	<i>DegreeWorks</i>	<i>D2I Brightspace</i>
Blue Ridge Community and Technical College	X	X	X	
Bridgevalley Community and Technical College	X	X	X	X
Eastern Community and Technical College	X	X	X	X
Mountwest Community and Technical College	X	X	X	
New River Community and Technical College	X	X	X	X
Pierpont Community and Technical College	X	X		
Southern Community and Technical College	X	X		X
West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College	X	X	X	X
West Virginia University at Parkersburg	X	X	X	

In addition to its core services, WVNET offers custom solutions for our schools, such as integrating Banner with the State finance system and LMS platforms. Additionally, cybersecurity remains a persistent challenge for our community and technical colleges. Several institutions have experienced system breaches, requiring extensive support from WVNET and other external agencies to secure their systems and restore data. Recognizing the ongoing nature of this issue, WVNET is working to establish a shared

Chief Information Security Officer role. This initiative aims to provide essential resources to schools that might otherwise struggle due to budget constraints.