

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 CFWV website, will launch statewide later this month.
- Level All has been linked to the CFWV 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 CFWV 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