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

AGENDA

October 30, 2025

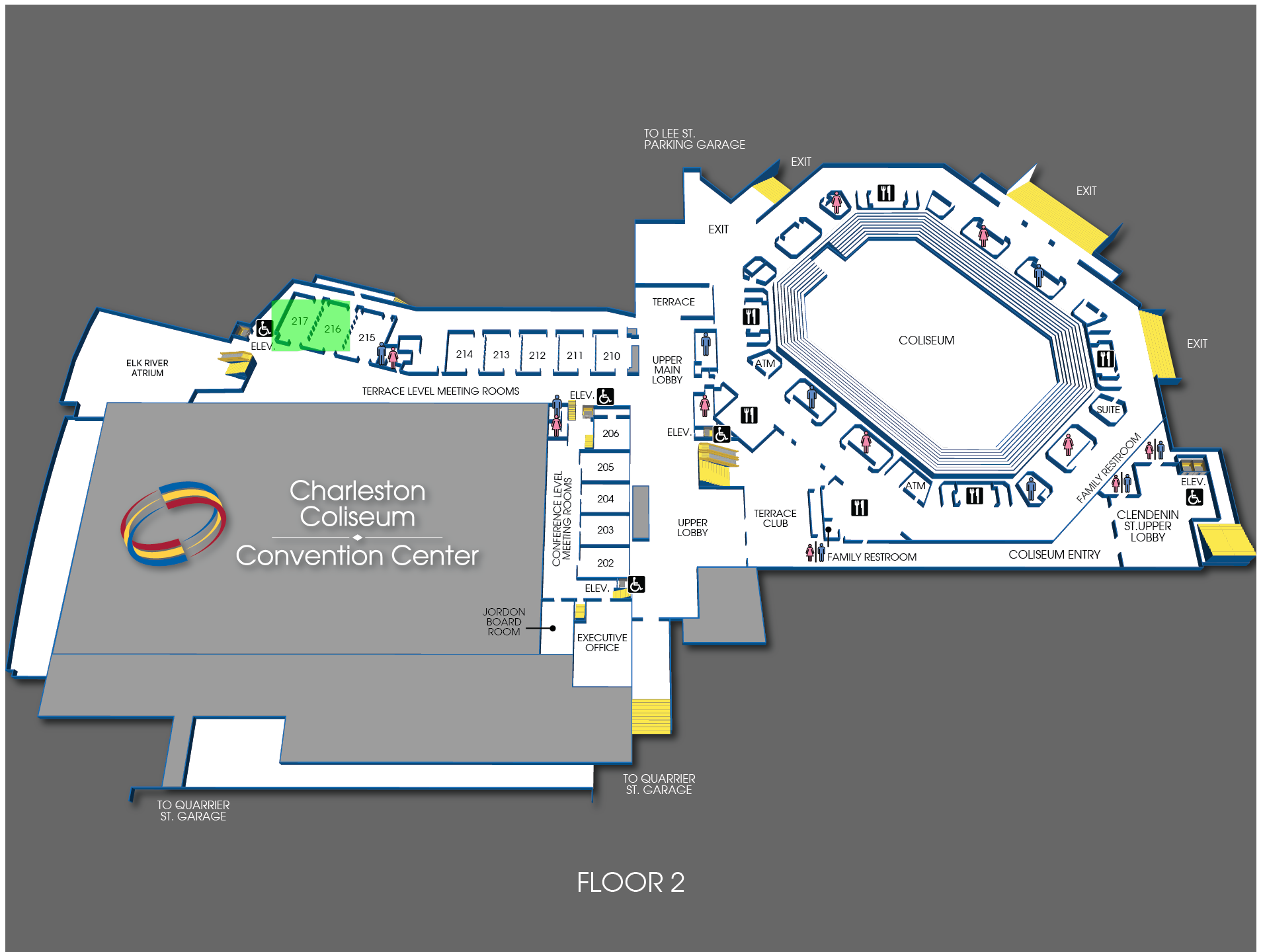
2:00 pm

Members

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

Christina Cameron
Michael Farrell
Elizabeth Manuel
Traci Nelson
Joseph Oliverio

Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor



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AGENDA
October 30, 2025
2:00 pm
In-Person Meeting

Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center
Room 216/217
200 Civic Center Drive
Charleston, WV 25301

I. Call to Order

II. General

Advisory Council of Students Annual Presentation

Advisory Council of Faculty Annual Presentation

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III. Possible Executive Session Under the Authority of WV Code §6-9A-4 for the Following:

- E *Interim Presidential Contract Extension at Southern WV Community and Technical College

IV. Additional Comments / Chancellor's Report

V. Upcoming Council Meeting

Date: December 4, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Logistics: Zoom

VI. Adjournment

MINUTES
WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

August 14, 2025

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held via Zoom beginning at 9:30 a.m. Council members present were: Bill Baker, Bob Brown, Clinton Burch, Christina Cameron, Elizabeth Manuel, Tracy Miller, Joseph Oliverio, and Steve Roberts. Absent was: Michael Farrell, Sandra Hamilton, and Tracy Nelson. Also in attendance were Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, and guests.

Call to Order

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

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of minutes from the June 25, 2025, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Institutional Spotlight: New River Community and Technical College Strategic Initiatives and Achievements

Dr. Bonnie Copenhaver, President of New River Community and Technical College, presented an overview of the institution's strategic plan, student enrollment, scholarships and financial aid. President Copenhaver highlighted New River's Aviation Mechanic program and pending approval from the FAA. She discussed the expansion of the Salon Services program and the Nicholas County School System Nursing Partnership. In closing, Dr. Copenhaver explained that the students New River serves is why she enjoys her position as president.

3. Technical Program Development Award at BridgeValley Community and Technical College

Ms. Cameron moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Technical Program Development grant award for Respiratory Therapy at BridgeValley Community and Technical College as proposed in the agenda item.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Technical Program Development Award at Eastern WV Community and Technical College

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Technical Program Development grant award for Applied Artificial Intelligence at Eastern WV Community and Technical College as proposed in the agenda item.

Ms. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session

It was noted for the record that the Council elected to remain in open session for the following items:

5. Chancellor's Evaluation

Matt Turner, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration, presented the results of Chancellor Sarah Tucker's annual evaluation, noting that Council members overwhelmingly provided outstanding ratings. Feedback highlighted her leadership in FAFSA completion efforts, strong relationship-building with stakeholders, data-driven decision-making, effective communication, and enrollment growth at community and technical colleges. Identified challenges included a declining high school student population and state budget constraints, while opportunities focused on increasing Council engagement, expanding academic and career pathways, setting strategic goals, and pursuing shared services to reduce costs.

6. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Sarah Tucker provided an update on the Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Nontraditional Degree (STAND) Program. This initiative awards college credit to apprentices for training already completed, enabling progress toward an Associate of Applied Science degree at one of the state's community and technical colleges. Basic tuition costs for general education courses are covered by grant funding. To date, 94 applications have been received, with 66 verified.

The Chancellor also reported that Interim President Corley Dennison is actively preparing Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College for the upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visit. Carolyn Long has been engaged to assist with the preparation and will provide training to Southern's Board of Governors next week. Additionally, Governor Morrisey has appointed two new members to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

WV Board of Governors Summit:	October 29-30, 2025
Time:	Registration/Breakfast 7:30 am
Location:	Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center
Council Meeting:	October 30, 2025
Time:	1:30 pm
Location:	Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center

Steve Roberts, Chairman

Bob Brown, Secretary

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ITEM: Division of Student Affairs Update

INSTITUTION: All

STAFF MEMBER: Jason Luyster

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: Information Item

The Division of Student Affairs appreciates the opportunity to share updates on newly launched initiatives and the expansion of several ongoing programs within the division. Over the past year, the redesigned CFWV web portal, the expansion of 21st Century Scholars, the introduction of My Climb Guides, and the growth of Champions of College Access and Success have all received overwhelmingly positive feedback and engagement.

We have also expanded our First-Generation Student Support Grant program and introduced a new First-Year Campus Engagement Grant available to both two- and four-year institutions. Plans are underway to launch a Middle School Campus Visit Grant, aimed at increasing early exposure to college opportunities.

Our Upward Bound Math and Science and WV GEAR UP programs have both received continuation awards and are entering a new program year successfully. GEAR UP's new approach to technology purchases and educator professional development is streamlining many aspects of the program's goals.

Additionally, the newly established Higher Education Action and Impact Awards honored outstanding contributions to college and career readiness, celebrating efforts that have increased student access and success across West Virginia.

Finally, we have a robust lineup of major events planned throughout this academic year to further strengthen and support college access and success initiatives statewide.

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ITEM: **Technical Program Development Grant Award**

INSTITUTION(S): Pierpont Community and Technical College

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, that the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Technical Program Development grant award 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 2026 budget.

Each community and technical college has the opportunity to submit a proposal requesting funding for the development of new academic degree program. A committee composed of Council staff reviews all submitted proposals and provides recommendations for approval to ensure alignment with statewide goals and funding priorities.

PROPOSAL RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Program	Degree	Institution	Anticipated Enrollment Per Year	Industry support	Recommended Award
PN/Paramedic to RN Bridge Program	Associate of Applied Science	Pierpont Community and Technical College	40 students over three years	WVU Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine, Monongahela Valley Association of Health Centers (MVA Health Center), Region VI Workforce Development Board, and Glenville State University	\$232,562.00
Total Recommended Awards:					\$232,562.00

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ITEM:	Update on Governance, Finances and Related Matters at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College
INSTITUTION:	Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College
STAFF MEMBER:	Dr. Corley Dennison
RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:	Information Item

Since the Council withdrew the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors' power to employ the president and placed Dr. Corley Dennison as interim president, the institution has made significant progress in addressing many of the issues that led to the Council's unprecedented action and the Higher Learning Commission's decision to conduct a focused visit in November 2026 related to governance concerns. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of the Board of Governors, the interim president, and members of the campus community, Southern has experienced meaningful improvements across multiple areas of institutional operations and governance.

A number of developments have contributed to these improvements. The Governor has appointed several new members to the Board of Governors, and the board has elected new officers. Under the leadership of Chairman Sonya Porter, the board has conducted orderly and productive meetings that meet or exceed expectations for effective board governance. The board as a whole has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the institution and addressing the concerns that necessitated the Council's intervention.

The president and board have been working closely with former WVU Institute of Technology President and former interim HEPC Chancellor Carolyn Long to prepare for the upcoming Higher Learning Commission focused visit. Ms. Long has also provided the board with extensive training to help members better understand their roles and responsibilities and to ensure that the governance issues that concern HLC are being resolved. The board's commitment to continued professional development is commendable and represents an important step in regaining the trust of the Council and the campus community.

Dr. Dennison is also working closely with his executive leadership team to ensure that the institution's finances are sustainable and that academic programming aligns with the needs and demands of local business and industry. In this presentation, Dr. Dennison will provide the Council with a comprehensive update on these efforts and an opportunity to discuss next steps as the institution continues its path toward stability and restoration of the board's authority to employ the president.