

**MINUTES**  
**WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR**  
**COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION**  
**January 22, 2026**

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, Christine Davies, Michael Farrell, Tracy Miller, Joseph Oliverio, and Steve Roberts. Absent was: Elizabeth Manuel. 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. Brown moved the adoption of the minutes from the December 4, 2025, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Ms. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2. Associate of Arts Degree at New River 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 Associate of Arts degree program to be implemented at New River Community and Technical College, effective August 2026. This approval expires two years from the date of Council approval if the program is not fully implemented by that time.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**3. Revisions to Series 30, Purchasing**

Ms. Cameron moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves revisions to Series 30, Purchasing, to be filed with the Secretary of State for the thirty-day public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, that the Council extends its final approval.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## Executive Session

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

### 4. Interim Presidential Contract Approval at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College

Ms. Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education hereby approves the employment contract for Ms. Elizabeth Manuel as presented by the Vice Chancellor.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 5. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tucker expressed her appreciation to the Council and stated her confidence that Elizabeth Manuel is the right choice to lead Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College forward as Interim President. She then extended her sincere gratitude to Corley Dennison for his service as Interim President over the past year, commending his steady leadership and the stability he provided during a critical period for the institution. Chancellor Tucker also recognized the dedication and hard work of the campus community and the Board of Governors in their continued efforts to move the college forward.

Chairman Roberts echoed Chancellor Tucker's remarks, thanking Interim President Dennison for his service and commending the Board of Governors for its focus on Southern's future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### Upcoming Council Meeting

Council Meeting: April 23, 2026

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Zoom



Steve Roberts, Chairman



Bob Brown, Secretary