

MINUTES
WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION
June 4, 2026

A regular business 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: Bob Brown, Clinton Burch, Christine Davies, Michael Farrell, Tracy Miller, and Steve Roberts. Members absent: Bill Baker, Christina Cameron, and Joseph Oliverio. 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 April 23, 2026, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance

2. Institutional Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2027

Ms. Davies moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Fiscal Year 2027 operating and capital budgets for all institutions.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. WV Council for Community and Technical College Education Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget

Ms. Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the operating budget for the Council System Office for fiscal year 2027.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Fiscal Year 2027 Higher Education Resource Assessment (HERA)

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Higher Education Resource Assessment (HERA) for Fiscal Year 2027 to the community and technical colleges as shown in Table 1 of the agenda item.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Tuition and Fees Fiscal Year 2027

Misty Price, Vice Chancellor for Finance, presented community and technical college tuition and fees. West Virginia Code §18B-10-1 (k)(1) requires the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Council) to approve any resident tuition and fee increase greater than ten percent in any one year or where the increase would be more than seven percent per year, averaged over a rolling three-year period calculated by averaging the proposed increase with the increase for the immediate two previous years. Further, the 2024 legislative rule Series 32, Tuition and Fees, clarifies the process the Council will use. The resident tuition and fee increases for all institutions were below the threshold required for Council approval. Details regarding the breakdown of tuition and fees were provided in the agenda item.

6. Academic Fees Eligible for WV Invests Grant Program

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the academic fees eligible for WV Invests.

Ms. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General

7. Future Workforce Grant In-Demand Programs

Ms. Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves areas of training for skill development and demand occupations for the Future Workforce Grant for fiscal year 2027.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Technical Program Development Grant Award

Ms. Davies 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 awards as proposed.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Revisions to Legislative Rule, Series 8, *West Virginia Invests Grant Program*

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the revisions to Series 8, *West Virginia Invests Grant Program*, to be filed with the Secretary of State for a thirty-day public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, forward the rule to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability for approval and further legislative action.

Ms. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Revisions to Legislative Rule, Series 35, *Business, Occupational, and Trade Schools*

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves revisions to West Virginia Code Title 135, Legislative Rule, Series 35, *Business Occupational, and Trade Schools*, to be filed with the Secretary of State for a thirty-day public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, forward the rule to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability for approval and further legislative action.

Ms. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session

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

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

11. Presidential Appointment, Contract, and Compensation at BridgeValley 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 approves the appointment of Dr. Christopher Treadway as President of BridgeValley Community & Technical College and further approves the compensation for Dr. Treadway in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in his contract.

Ms. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. Presidential Appointment, Contract, and Compensation at Pierpont 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 approves the appointment of Dr. Michael Waide as President of Pierpont Community & 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. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. Presidential Appointment, Contract, and Compensation at West Virginia Northern Community College

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution.

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

Ms. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. Extension of Presidential Contract at West Virginia Northern Community College

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the reappointment of Dr. Daniel Mosser as President of West Virginia Northern Community College and further approves the compensation for Dr. Mosser in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in his contract.

Ms. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. Presidential Compensation at Blue Ridge 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 approves the reappointment of Dr. Peter Checkovich as President of Blue Ridge Community & Technical College and further approves the compensation for Dr. Checkovich in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in his contract.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16. Presidential Compensation at Eastern 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 approves the revision of the compensation for Dr. Thomas Striplin as President of Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College and as proposed by the institutional board of governors in his contract.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

17. Presidential Compensation at Mountwest 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 approves the reappointment of Dr. Josh Baker as President of Mountwest Community & Technical College and further approves the compensation for Dr. Baker in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in his contract.

Ms. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

18. Presidential Compensation at New River 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 approves the reappointment of Dr. Bonny Copenhaver as President of New River Community & Technical College and further approves the compensation for Dr. Copenhaver in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in her contract as amended.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

19. Chancellor's Evaluation and Contract

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Chancellor's contract as proposed.

Ms. Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Comments/Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Sarah Tucker reported that the central office has had a lot of meetings lately. A GEAR UP Career Academy was held where almost 1,000 students were able to meet and speak with more than 50 businesses from across the state.

Staff recently conducted a Rural Talent Lab grant listening tour. They visited rural communities like Marlinton, Mullens, Welch, and Princeton to gather feedback on strengthening rural postsecondary opportunities and building "middle-skill" pathways aligned with local industry needs. The common impediment for higher education access was childcare and transportation.

The Chancellor reported that she recently attended the West Virginia Student Leadership Conference. Representatives from every institution were in attendance. When students were asked about issues related to higher education access, again the theme was childcare and transportation. Chancellor Tucker thanked Delegate Joe Statler, who serves as the Chairman of the West Virginia House Education Committee, for staying the entire day.

She announced that the first graduate of the Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Nontraditional Degree Program (STAND) was from West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Lastly, Chancellor Tucker thanked Dr. Chris Treadway, Vice Chancellor for Community and Technical College Education, who was appointed today as BridgeValley Community and Technical College's next President. She said, "Chris has been a wonderful colleague, and I don't know what I'm going to do without him".

Councilman Tracy Miller applauded Chancellor Tucker for her work and dedication to her staff and stated she was "thankful for Sarah".

Chairman Steve Roberts remarked to the Chancellor that he "appreciates your leadership in recognizing your staff and helping to develop their careers". Chairman Roberts went on to thank Dr. Chris Treadway on behalf of the Council and wished him the very best going forward.

Councilman and Chairman of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, Mike Farrell, stated that "Chris has been outstanding in the trenches by finding new and innovative ways to serve higher education and specifically, the CTC community. His service has been extraordinary, and I know he'll be successful with this presidency".

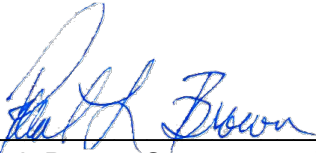
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Council Meeting

Council Meeting: August 23, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom



Steve Roberts, Chairman



Bob Brown, Secretary