



WEST VIRGINIA
Community & Technical
COLLEGE SYSTEM

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

AGENDA

June 25, 2025

9:00 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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- I. Call to Order
 - II. *Approval of Minutes of the May 29, 2025, meeting of the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education.....pg 3

Possible Executive Session Under the Authority of WV Code §6-9A-4 for the Following:
 - III. *Interim Presidential Contract Extension at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College..... pg 10
 - IV. Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting via Zoom
Date: August 14, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
 - V. Adjournment

MINUTES
WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

May 29, 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: Robert Brown, Clinton Burch, Christina Cameron, Michael Graney, Sandra Hamilton, Elizabeth Manuel, Tracy Miller, Joseph Oliverio, Andrew Payne, and Steve Roberts. Absent were: Bill Baker and Traci Nelson. Also in attendance were Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, and guests.

Call to Order

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

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of minutes from the April 24, 2025, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Operating and Capital Budgets for All Institutions Fiscal Year 2026

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approve the Fiscal Year 2026 operating and capital budgets for all institutions.

Ms. Manuel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

Ms. Manuel 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 2026.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Higher Education Resource Assessment Fiscal Year 2026

Ms. Miller 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 2026 to the community and technical colleges as shown in Table 1 of the agenda item.
Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Tuition and Fees Academic Year 2025-2026

Misty Price, Vice Chancellor for Finance, presented community and technical college tuition and fees. West Virginia Code § 18-10-1 requires the Council to approve any resident tuition and fee increase greater than ten percent in any one year or where the average increase would be more than seven percent per year averaged over a rolling three-year period. All community and technical college institutions have reported either zero percent or a percentage increase below what the Council is required to approve for FY 2026. Details regarding the breakdown of tuition and fees were provided in the agenda item.

6. Academic Fees Eligible for West Virginia Invests

Mr. Roberts 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 West Virginia Invests.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Appointment to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board

Ms. Manuel moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the appointment of Anna Crawford to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board for a three-year term.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. High Demand Occupations

Mr. Brown 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 workforce development component of HEAPS for fiscal year 2026.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Revisions to Series 23, *Basic Guidelines and Standards for Admissions at Community and Technical Colleges*

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves revisions to Series 23, *Basic Guidelines and Standards for Admissions at Community and Technical Colleges*, to be filed with the Secretary of State for the 30-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.

10. Series 28, Emergency and Legislative Rules - *Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Nontraditional Degree (STAND) Program*

Ms. Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the proposed Legislative Emergency rule, Series 28, *Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Nontraditional Degree (STAND) Program*, to be filed with the Secretary of State; and

Be it Further Resolved, That the Council approves the proposed Legislative rule, Series 28, *Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Nontraditional Degree (STAND) 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.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Repeal of Series 33, *Tech Scholars Scholarship Program*, Series 43, *Purchasing Efficiencies*, and Series 51, *Bookstores and Textbooks*

Ms. Manuel moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the repeal of Series 33, *Tech Scholars Scholarship Program*, Series 43, *Purchasing Efficiencies*, and Series 51, *Bookstores and Textbooks*.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. Revisions to Series 40, *Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action*

Ms. Manuel moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves revisions to Series 40, *Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action*, to be filed with the Secretary of State for the 30-day public comment period and if no substantive comments are received, that the Council extends its final approval.

Ms. Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Note: Council members Brown and Miller requested that their dissent be noted for the record.

13. 2026 Meeting Schedule of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education

Mr. Oliverio moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education adopts the recommended meeting schedule for calendar year 2026 as presented.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. Election of Council Officers

Mr. Graney spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee and proposed the following slate of officers: Steve Roberts, Chairman, Tracy Miller, Vice Chairman and Robert Brown, Secretary.

Chairman Cameron opened the floor for additional nominations. None were heard.

Ms. Hamilton moved nominations be closed and that the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee be accepted.

Mr. Oliverio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elected officers will assume their roles on July 1, 2025.

Executive Session

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

15. Presidential Reappointment, Contract, and Compensation at Eastern 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 approves the reappointment of Dr. Thomas Striplin as President of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College and further approves the compensation for Dr. Striplin in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in his contract.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16. Presidential Compensation at Mountwest 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 approves the revision of the compensation for Dr. Josh Baker as President of Mountwest Community and Technical College and as proposed by the institutional board of governors in his contract.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

17. Presidential Reappointment, Contract, and Compensation at New River Community and Technical College

Mr. Roberts 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 and Technical College and further approves the compensation for Dr. Copenhaver in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in her contract.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

18. Presidential Reappointment, 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 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. Manuel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

19. Presidential Reappointment, Contract, and Compensation at West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Mr. Oliverio moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the reappointment of Dr. Torie Jackson as President of West Virginia University at Parkersburg and further approves the compensation for Dr. Jackson in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in her contract.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

20. Presidential Reappointment, Contract and Compensation at BridgeValley Community and Technical College

Ms. Hamilton moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the amendment of Dr. Casey Sacks's contract as President of BridgeValley Community and Technical College and further approves the amended compensation for Dr. Sacks in such capacity as proposed by the institutional board of governors in the amendment.

Ms. Manuel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Note: Mr. Brown requested that Dr. Sacks' contract be forwarded to the Council when finalized. Additional conversation was held regarding BridgeValley staff who will serve to ensure duties of the president are carried out during times of her absence.

21. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Tucker provided an overview of the anticipated changes to federal student financial aid as a result of the newly proposed federal budget bill. She noted that the legislation includes a provision to limit federal student loans. Additionally, she expressed concern regarding the proposed standard that bases loan eligibility on the national median cost of academic programs. Since the cost of many programs in West Virginia falls below the national average, this approach could make students eligible for higher loan amounts than necessary. Such a scenario may increase the risk of loan defaults and potentially subject institutions to risk-sharing penalties. In light of these developments, Chancellor Tucker urged Council members to engage in discussions with their respective federal delegates to advocate for the interests of West Virginia students and institutions.

Chancellor Tucker also reported closely monitoring the appropriations process. Of particular concern is a proposal to eliminate funding for the GEAR UP and TRIO grant programs, both of which have played a critical role in supporting the educational success of West Virginia students.

The Chancellor commended Brian Weingart, Senior Director of Financial Aid, and J.R. Luyster, Senior Director of Student Affairs, for their outstanding work in promoting FAFSA completion across the state. Under their leadership, West Virginia has achieved a national ranking of 15th in FAFSA completions. Notably, this accomplishment comes despite the absence of a state-mandated FAFSA completion requirement for high school seniors—a requirement that exists in many other states. Their teams have conducted more than 200 FAFSA completion workshops, significantly contributing to this achievement.

Council Member Comments

Ms. Miller commented that she would like to see presidential accomplishments included in future agenda items for approval of presidential contracts and compensation.

Mr. Roberts thanked Chairman Cameron for her service over the past four years and thanked her for a job well done.

Chairman Cameron thanked everyone for their service and support. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Council as Chairman and faith of the Council in her as a leader.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Council Meeting: August 14, 2025
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Zoom

Christina Cameron, Chairman

Tracy Miller, Secretary

**WV Council for Community and Technical College Education
Emergency Meeting of June 25, 2025**

ITEM: Interim Presidential Contract Extension at
Southern West Virginia Community and
Technical College

INSTITUTION: Southern West Virginia Community and
Technical College

STAFF MEMBER: Chris Treadway

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *Resolved, That the West Virginia Council for
Community and Technical College Education
hereby approves the employment contract for
Dr. Corley Dennison as presented by the Vice
Chancellor.*