

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. Present were S. S. Arbaugh, Dr. Striplin, A. Blackwood, M. Chambers, J. Kubeika, S. VanMeter, S. Michael, and A. Degnan. Absent was J. Brill. Guests present included M. Wilson and T. Branson.

Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development

*Action Items:

- Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of January 15, 2025 – *On a Chambers/Blackwood motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of the Financial Status Update – *On a Degnan/VanMeter motion, the Financial Status was approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of the 2025 Harold K. Michael Award Recipient – *On a Chambers/Michael motion, the 2025 Harold K. Michael Award recipient was approved with all in favor. The recipient will be announced at the May 2025 Commencement Ceremony.*
- Approval of BP 3.12 - Graduation Requirements - *On a VanMeter/Kubeika motion, BP 3.12 was approved with all in favor.*

- Approval of MTH 135 Curriculum Proposal
- Approval of MTH 135 MCRF
- Approval of BIO 125 and 125L MCRF
- Approval of BIO 125 SAM S 251
- Approval of BIO 125/L Curriculum Proposal
- Approval of SSC 147 Curriculum Proposal
- Approval of SSC 147 MCRF
- Approval of ENL 201 and 204 Curriculum Proposals
- Approval of ENL 201 MCRF
- Approval of ENL 204 MCRF
- Approval of MTH 121 Curriculum Proposal
- Approval of MTH 121 MCRF

On a Blackwood/VanMeter motion, the above twelve Curriculum Proposals and Master Course Record Forms, as amended on MCRF 147, were approved with all in favor.

Committee Reports

Board Chair-Sheldon Arbaugh –

- *Eastern WVCTC is hosting a Chamber of Commerce after hours event on March 18, 2025 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Technology Center for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new CDL simulators.*
- *Eastern WVCTC hosted a good visit from WV Senate President Randy Smith and Senator Taylor last week. The visit included hands-on learning from the FFA group.*

Committees-

Finance – Trina Branson – *T. Branson presented the Financial Status Update to the Board of Governors. See action items above.*

College Representatives Reports

Staff-Ann Degnan –

1. *The 2025-2026 College Catalog is ready for printing and is posted on the website.*
2. *The Teaching and Learning Group held its first meeting in January and was designed to address and integrate professional development, best teaching practices and peer review through a Family Circle and monthly meetings. This is not a committee but rather an informal collaborative group that does not have to comply with committee procedures.*

Faculty-Sherry Michael –

- *PEC Committee will soon be conducting interviews through the last of February/early March with the six candidates who have applied for promotion.*
- *Faculty Senate will have a member from Western Governor's University join the meeting in February to discuss pathways and other opportunities between colleges*
- *Faculty are preparing for midterm coming soon and will be completing Early Alert forms by the end of the 5th week to assist those who are falling behind in courses.*
- *Faculty enjoyed the meeting with the two senators Randy Smith and Jay Taylor on Friday afternoon 2/7/25.*

- *The possible offering of a new course by the Business Management Program for the Summer 2025 timeframe. Shirley Murphy will design the setup for this course and will be the instructor for it. The name of the course is called Money and Banking. It talks about banking systems.*

Student- Vacant

Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

- *US Department of Education “Dear Colleague” letter was received and was shared with the Board of Governors yesterday. Grant funding and DEI initiatives are in flux. These are challenging times and many lawsuits are in process nationwide. Eastern WVCTC has responded to the Governor’s request on DEI initiatives. Eastern has nothing to report, and has removed some language on the website that could have been misconstrued. We’re navigating difficult times. S. VanMeter indicated that we should control the controllable, and watch the Legislative session. Title I monies for next year are in question. Stay the course, and school choice could hurt K – 12 education. 85% of K – 12 students in WV attend public education. Thinking about offering virtual education.*
- *Dr. Striplin indicated that public schools outperform charter schools, and that the Board of Governors needs to be aware of issues and challenges. Eastern will continue doing what it needs to do for our students and the community.*
- *A. Blackwood thanked Dr. Striplin and S. VanMeter for dealing with the challenges and dealing with them professionally.*
- *Dr. Striplin reported that the alignment machine grant for the Technology Center has been received, and that he is still working on HVAC issues at the Technology Center.*

Important Calendar Dates

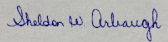
New Business/Miscellaneous

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College
Board of Governors Meeting
Minutes – February 19, 2025

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 12, 2025 at 12:00 noon

Adjournment – 12:54pm

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Leary, recorder.



04/03/2025

S. Arbaugh, Board Chair

Date