

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. Present were S. Arbaugh, A. Blackwood, Dr. Striplin, M. Chambers, S. Van Meter, J. Brill, S. Murphy, and T. Sentman. Absent was J. Kubeika.

Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development

***Action Items:**

- Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of July 16, 2025 – *On a Brill/Chambers motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of BP 3.4 – *On a Blackwood/Chambers motion, BP 3.4 was approved with all in favor.*
- BOG Confidentiality Statement – Informational – *On a Blackwood/Van Meter motion, the Board of Governors agreed to adopt a Confidentiality Agreement to be signed by Board members with all in favor.*

Committee Reports

Board Chair-Sheldon Arbaugh – *Commended Dr. Striplin and Eastern faculty and staff on fall 2025 enrollment numbers.*

Committees-

Finance – Trina Branson

College Representatives Reports

Staff – Tiffany Sentman –

1. *The Information Technology Department is developing data source pilots other than website instances through Artificial Intelligence such as Chatbots; this information exposure extends to external vendors, students, and employers. Instances include blank TEAMS business form templates for easy accessibility, change of information forms, and financial aid forms in designated folders to avoid exposing restricted information. To coordinate the process, communication reminders will be publicized through Outlook announcing form updates while deleting expired forms and differentiating forms through dates. Please offer suggestions to Ron for development.*

- 2. We have had an influx of registrations, both with high school enrollment and adult students. The majority of classes that were offered were at capacity. We are also offering 8-week classes, starting on October 6th. These classes are also beginning to fill significantly.*

Faculty – Shirley Murphy –

- 1. Faculty Orientation enjoyed a nice turnout of members on August 18, 2025. Greg George was the invited guest speaker and provided Faculty with considerable information on mental wellness. The concluding dinner was held at Casa Azul and had a nice turnout of members attending the dinner.*
- 2. Faculty was experiencing an increase in students enrolled in various courses for the fall 2025 semester. Faculty thanked Dr. Striplin for keeping us aware of student count and comparison to previous semesters. This information is very motivational to Faculty members.*
- 3. Nathan Van Vranken informed Faculty Senate he will be working with Isaac Winfree on the Advisory Counsel of Faculty from now forward. Nathan cites increased program and course demands along with various course time constraints as reason for this change.*
- 4. No attendees for the Frostburg State University's annual conference this year.*
- 5. Faculty acknowledged the resignation of Hospitality and Tourism director Morgan Armentrout and wished her the absolute best in her new career direction. She is planning to continue as an adjunct teaching courses for Eastern.*
- 6. Faculty members acknowledged the successful recruitment endeavors of Sherry Michael for her Education Program via a variety of recruitment techniques.*
- 7. Program assessment reviews are underway. Dominic Phillips is actively assisting Faculty with course and program reviews as well as completion of those reports.*
- 8. Faculty members are actively looking forward to exploring the use of AI with their students this semester.*
- 9. Nikki Chandler is monitoring Faculty's preference for an online test proctoring system to replace Respondus LockDown Browser. Further information will follow on this subject.*

Student- Vacant

Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College
Board of Governors Meeting
Minutes – August 20, 2025

- *Fall enrollment numbers reflect positive growth. Working on a deeper program analysis with J. Draper. Will share this information with the Board of Governors once it is available. Feds will be looking at student loan debt and whether students are getting jobs.*
- *\$170,000 grant approved for the AI program. Still need HLC approval.*
- *Was in Romney yesterday with L. Arbaugh. Met with the Mayor, Hampshire County Schools Superintendent, and a representative from the WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind. It was a very productive meeting.*
- *Received word that the Governor's Office will be cutting appropriations for all state agencies. Unclear how it might impact the funding formula. Hope to learn more at WV Chamber of Commerce annual meeting next week.*
- *Working on an AI presentation for Eastern employees and the Board of Governors. AI will significantly impact higher education over the next five years. There will be a tipping point with positive and negative outcomes.*
- *Happy with the work being done at Eastern. Lots of outreach and appreciate the support of the Board of Governors.*

Important Calendar Dates

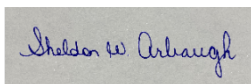
October 29 – 30, 2025 BOG Training Summit – Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, Charleston, WV

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 17, 2025 at 12:00 noon

Adjournment – 12:39pm

Respectfully submitted my M. O'Leary, recorder.



10/08/2025

S. Arbaugh, Board Chair

Date