

Call to Order

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

Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development

*Action Items:

- Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of November 19, 2025 – *On a Blackwood/Kubeika motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of FY 26 Q1 Financial Statements – *On a Kubeika/Chambers motion, the FY 26 Q1 Financial Statements were approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of BP 3.8 Academic Honors – *On a Kubeika/Chambers motion, BP 3.8 was approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of BP 3.12 Graduation Requirements – *On a Blackwood/Kubeika motion, BP 3.12 was approved with all in favor.*

Committee Reports

Board Chair-Sheldon Arbaugh – *Sends congratulations to Dr. Striplin and Eastern staff on the enrollment numbers for fall 2025 and spring 2026.*

Committees-

Finance – Trina Branson – *Reviewed FY 26 Q1 Financial Statements with the Board of Governors – see above action item.*

College Representatives Reports

Staff – Tiffany Sentman – *No report.*

Faculty – Shirley Murphy – *No report.*

Student- Vacant

Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

- *Working with Chancellor's Office on land purchase. Waiting on approval from Governor's Office. If approved, plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony.*
- *Applied for grant from opioid settlement fund for \$400,000.*
- *Commercial kitchen now operational.*
- *Treadmills for fitness center being delivered today.*
- *Closing out the semester.*
- *Holiday party this evening.*
- *Gearing up for the spring 2026 semester.*
- *AI program in progress.*
- *Medical assistant programs are now in-house.*
- *Workforce Pell Grants are coming next summer.*
- *Watching activity on the federal level.*

Important Calendar Dates

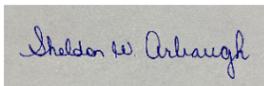
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 5:30pm – Eastern's Holiday Party – main campus

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 21, 2026 at 12:00 noon

Adjournment – 12:33pm

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Leary, recorder.



Board Chair

02/19/2026

Date