Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2025

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm. Present were A. Blackwood, Dr. Striplin, S. VanMeter, J. Kubeika, J. Brill, S. Michael, and A. Degnan. Absent were S. Arbaugh and M. Chambers.

## **Discussion/Professional Development**

#### \*Action Items:

- Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of May 21, 2025 On a Kubeika/VanMeter motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.
- Approval of BP 6.17 BYOD On a Brill/Kubeika motion, BP 6.17 was approved with all in favor.
- Election of Officers On a Brill/Kubeika motion, the current officers (S. Arbaugh, Chair, and A. Blackwood, Vice-Chair, were re-elected with all in favor.

# **Committee Reports**

**Board Chair**-Sheldon Arbaugh – *In S. Arbaugh's absence, Vice-Chair A. Blackwood thanked S. Michael and A. Degnan for their service on the Board of Governors.* 

## Committees-

**Finance** – Trina Branson

## **College Representatives Reports**

## Staff-Ann Degnan -

1. Completion of the Unsatisfactory Summary data from Fall 2018 to Spring 2025 indicated that even with our largest spring headcount of 1,390 in recent history, DFW (grade) rates decreased to 7.84% or roughly three and a half points below the long-term average of 7.61% in Spring 2024.

Ds and Fs for Spring 2025 are 2.16% and 1.58% respectively, with W's (Withdrawals) at 4.10%; UFs (Unearned Fs) decreased slightly to 3.88% but are still above the long-term average and increasing an "early-alert nudge" in the fall may help decrease the UF rate.

Overall, better outreach by faculty, staff, and advisors seems effective.

2. To avoid erroneous withdrawals during the first week Drop period, inactive students will receive the following email:

In accordance with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's protocol, students who have not logged on or **COMPLETED** an assignment for their online courses during the first week of class are removed and withdrawn by the course instructor from the class roster unless otherwise directed due to course inactivity. If you would like reinstatement in the course, please contact Anne and I will re-enroll you.

This statement will be sent for the fall, spring and summer terms and has resulted in reinstatement of two summer students.

### Faculty-Sherry Michael –

Faculty Senate met May 25, 2025

- Each program coordinator provided updated information on their program
- All faculty have been busy wrapping up the end of the semester.
- ACF faculty representative Nate VanVranken reported on the Legislator updates. Discussed how plans are being arranged to work with all the cuts.
- Faculty Orientation will be held Monday August 11, 2025, 2:00pm
- Shirley Murphy will be the new Faculty Representative on the BOG. Her term will begin July 2025
- Classes have begun for the Summer Semester

#### **Student-** Vacant

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## Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

- Land purchase is in progress. Will come to the Board of Governors next month for approval. R. Burns has been doing a great job working on the process. Purchase the land, then purchase the equipment with GPS installed.
- Submitted grant proposal to the state last week for a new Applied Artificial Intelligence program. Have great letters of support, including letters from IBM and Northrup Grumman Rocket Center.

## Important Calendar Dates

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

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 16, 2025 at 12:00 noon

Adjournment – 12:20pm

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Leary, recorder.

Sheldon to arbangh	07/16/2025
S. Arbaugh, Board Chair	Date