

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm. Present were S. Arbaugh, Dr. Striplin, A. Blackwood, M. Chambers, J. Kubeika, S. Van Meter, J. Brill, S. Murphy, and T. Montgomery, Guests present included were Z. Querry and T. Branson.

Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development

Presentation on the Campus Mapping Project, Zach Querry, Regional Director of Sales and Implementation, Critical Response Group – *Z. Querry presented on the campus mapping project to the Board of Governors.*

Introduction of Trent Montgomery - Marketing and Graphic Designer. New Staff Representative on the Board of Governors. – *T. Montgomery introduced himself to the Board of Governors.*

***Action Items:**

- Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of May 20, 2026 – *On a Blackwood/Chambers motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.*

Committee Reports

Board Chair-Sheldon Arbaugh - *No report.*

Committees-

Finance – Trina Branson – *No report.*

College Representatives Reports

Staff – Trent Montgomery –

Outreach Events Attended:

June

- *Grant Memorial Hospital Fair – Rachael Hyre & Students / Melanie Callaway & Student Chelsey Sites*
- *Hampshire County Homeschool Graduation – Sarah Purol & Brent Hiatt*

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- *Moorefield Community Pool Sponsorship – Ed Cole, Dixie Heavener, Debi Layton, Trent Montgomery, Michael Bush, and Brent Hiatt*
- *HEAV College & Career Fair – Curtis Hakala*

July

- *WV Poultry Assoc. Kiddie Parade/Celebration – Ed Cole*
- *Unearth A Story at the Hampshire County Library – Nathan Van Vranken*

Staff Highlights:

- *Brent Hiatt is working on creating an Associate in Applied Science specifically for Mettler that would merge some of his current Industrial Maintenance courses with other Gen ED and Business courses to create an opportunity for their current and future employees to better serve the company.*
- *He will work directly with Mettler in their plant to develop an on-boarding program to train their employees on all lines and machinery within the plant.*
- *He is also working on a revamp to the Wind Energy Technology program to make the courses more fluid to Industrial Maintenance, so that students have opportunities to work in various forms of maintenance and not just Wind Energy — Still a solid pathway for entry into the Wind Industry, but it will also open doors to factory maintenance, the solar industry, and most hands-on work.*
- *He has created syllabus', MCR's, and SAM's for all the new planned courses and one will be a core component in the Mettler AAS. He been developing a textbook for this course, IMES 211, which has been led by Curtis Hakala. The text book will be an OER asset that will be free to all and easily modifiable for other courses and programs. He noted that Eastern is the only college in the state working on this and will be a frontrunner in such activities.*
- *He held a community outreach meeting with representatives from most of the local factories, such as American Woodmark, Pilgrims, Kingford Charcoal, Beitzel Corporation, Papier Mettler, Enbridge Energy, and a few others to showcase what our program could offer and how we could offer certifications through WorkForce. He noted that Lauren Arbaugh has been crucial to these efforts.*
- *He will become certified to provide the NC3 certifications, which are widely recognized in industrial settings. These include topics like OSHA 30, standardized tooling recognition's and usage, Hydraulic competencies, Electronic competencies, and other industry certifications.*
- *Brent will also complete OSHA training later this month to be able to directly provide OSHA 10 and 30 certifications from the college.*
- *Dixie Heavener led the development of Eastern's Title III Year 5 No-Cost Extension request, including the narrative, budget projections, implementation timeline, and sustainability plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Education. If approved, the extension would allow Eastern to utilize approximately \$417,000 in remaining Title III funds to continue the ATTAIN project from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, sustaining the federally funded positions of the Career Counselor, Institutional*

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Effectiveness Director, and Online Instructional Consultant without additional federal funding. The extension would also allow the College to complete remaining objectives from the original grant and implement supplemental initiatives funded through the \$169,000 Title III Supplemental Award approved in February 2026.

- *Dixie is coordinating the overall theme, activities, games, and visitor experience for Eastern's August 7 Open House, collaborating with faculty and staff to support student recruitment.*
- *She will develop and will teach Eastern's Personal Finance course beginning Fall 2026, utilizing Open Educational Resources (OER) and evidence-based financial literacy curriculum from the FDIC's Money Smart program and Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF). These interactive, gamified e-learning resources will enhance student engagement and support financial literacy among Eastern's online learners.*
- *She is implementing career readiness initiatives by developing plans to embed career competencies into general education coursework and expand online student career resources with the support of selected faculty fellows.*
- *She is providing career counseling, graduate exit interviews, and employment assistance for current students and graduates.*
- *Dixie will continue to serve as co-advisor for Eastern's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter, leading efforts to revitalize the organization by increasing student membership, engagement, and leadership opportunities.*
- *Dixie is serving as West Virginia FBLA Collegiate State Director, supporting student leadership development and promoting Eastern through statewide collegiate initiatives.*

Faculty – Shirley Murphy –

1. *Faculty Senate has a new chair starting in August 2026. As confirmed by D. Phillips, N. Chandler will be the new chair for Faculty Senate. She will lead Faculty Senate beginning with Faculty Orientation on August 10, 2026.*
2. *I will seek a Faculty report from her for future Board of Governors' report.*
3. *S. Michael and I. Winfree have resigned from Eastern Faculty while S. Mirkhani has retired from Eastern.*
4. *The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for the Faculty Orientation on August 10, 2026. Melissa Wells plans to be the guest speaker at Faculty Orientation August 10, 2026. She will discuss plans for the updated use of Brightspace.*
5. *C. Hakala continues to provide information to Faculty on Open Educational Resources.*
6. *Open House is to be held at Eastern on Friday August 7, 2026. Faculty are invited to participate and encourage new student enrollment during the open house.*

Student- Vacant

Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

- *HLC Interim Report submitted and accepted. Next review is in March 2028 as a virtual review.*
- *Heavy Equipment is going well. Will place bids soon. Instructor hired, hope to launch this fall.*
- *Interview this Monday for Education position.*
- *Mettler- Industrial maintenance partnership going well.*
- *Adult Basic Education will operate out of the Tech Center.*
- *HVAC being replaced in Tech Center.*
- *Title III no cost request has been submitted.*
- *Update on status of two non-profits with more info to follow.*

Important Calendar Dates

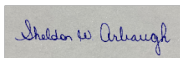
- October 12 – 14, 2026 – ACCT Governance Leadership Summit at Stonewall Resort
- September 29 – 30, 2027 – BOG Summit in Charleston, WV

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: August 19, 2026

Adjournment 1:09pm

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Leary. Recorder



10/21/2026

Sheldon Arbaugh, Board Chair

Date