### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am. Present were G. Greenwalt, Dr. Striplin, S. Arbaugh, M. Chambers, A. Blackwood, S. Alt, J. Brill, A. Degnan, and T. Southerly. Absent were S. VanMeter, J. Kubeika, and S. Michael. Guest present was T. Branson.

## Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development

### \*Action Items:

- Approval of the Minutes: Meetings of October 17, 2023, November 14, 2023, and November 27, 2023 On a Blackwood/Alt motion, the minutes of October 17, November 14, and November 27, 2023 were all approved with all in favor.
- Approval of the Financial Status Updates November 14, 2023 and December 20, 2023
  On an Arbaugh/Alt motion, the Financial Status Updates of November 14 and December 20, 2023 were both approved with all in favor.
- Approval of the FY 23 Auditors Report to the Board of Governors and FY 23 Financial Statements On a Chambers/Blackwood motion, the FY 23 Auditors Report to the Board of Governors and the FY 23 Financial Statements were both approved with all in favor.
- Approval of the Repeal of BP 5.11 External Employment *On a Degnan/Arbaugh motion, the repeal of BP 5.11 was approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of New Board Policy 5.17 Social Justice, Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action, Nondiscrimination/Harassment/Sexual Harassment, Accommodations and Consensual Relationships On a Blackwood/Alt motion, BP 5.17 was approved with all in favor.
- Approval of Repeal of BP 4.6, 5.1, 6.6, and AR 5.17 On an Arbaugh/Chambers motion, the repeal of BP 4.6, BP 5.1, BP 6.6, and AR 5.17 were all approved with all in favor.
- Approval of the FY 24 Governance Manual On a Brill/Southerly motion, the FY 24 Governance Manual was approved with all in favor.
- Updated AR 3.11 Informational *Reviewed by the Board of Governors*.
- Possible Executive Session Potential Real Estate Transaction (W. VA. Code §6-9A-4) On a Blackwood/Alt motion, the Board of Governors entered Executive Session at 10:15am with all in favor. On a Degnan/Alt motion, the Board of Governors exited Executive Session at 10:28am with all in favor, and with no action taken.

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### **Committee Reports**

**Board Chair-**Greg Greenwalt – G. Greenwalt reported that the legal case against Eastern has been appealed to the WV Supreme Court. G. Greenwalt thanked everyone for their hard work on behalf of Eastern, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

#### Committees-

**Finance** – Trina Branson – T. Branson reviewed the Financial Status Updates and FY 23 Financial Statements with the Board of Governors – see Action Items above.

## **College Representatives Reports**

### Staff-Ann Degnan –

- 1. The Fall 2023 Student Instructor Evaluation ended on December 9<sup>th</sup> with a 42% response rate; additional concrete statistics are forthcoming.
- 2. Currently updating the 2024-2025 College Catalog for publication in March 2024.
- 3. The Spring 2024 Faculty Orientation is scheduled on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Faculty-**Sherry Michael – *No report*. **Student-** Trevor Southerly – *No report*.

# Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

- Funding Formula Outcomes
- *In June 2024, PEIA rates will increase by 10.5%.*
- Eastern is eligible for \$425,000 in deferred maintenance funding. The Governor's Office is releasing the funds in batches.
- Eastern's new Director of Institutional Effectiveness has been hired and will start in January 2024.
- Working on HLC Report and Institutional Effectiveness Plan.
- Will attend HLC Peer Reviewer training in March 2024.
- The Awards Banquet last week was a great event.
- Two new programs have been approved.
- Considering Agriculture Technology and Alternative Energy as new degree programs.

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• New HVAC chiller will be installed by April 1, 2024.

### Important Calendar Dates

Upcoming Lunch and Learn Zoom training sessions (all start at 12 noon):

- January 10, 2024 The Board's Role in Institutional Finance, Chris Martin, Chief Financial Officer, Salt Lake Community College
- February 14, 2024 Presidential Assessment, Dr. Merrill Schwartz, Senior Consultant, AGB
- March 13, 2024 Fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedure, Connie Deford, Past President of the National Association of Parliamentarians
- March 18 and 19, 2024 Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 17, 2024

Adjournment – 10:49am

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Leary, recorder.

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Greg Greenwalt, Board Chair	Date