

OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
WEST VIRGINIA NORTHERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Thursday, March 26, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. – New Martinsville Campus

A meeting of the West Virginia Northern Community College Board of Governors was held on Thursday, March 26th in Room 110 on the New Martinsville campus and via Zoom.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Altmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jacob Altmeyer; David Artman; Liz Hofreuter; DJ McGlaughlin; Christine Mitchell; Lyndsie Guzek; Hilary Curto Wilson and Ayla Watson.

Guests included: Dr. Dan Mosser, President; David Barnhardt, Director of Communications and Student Recruitment; Robert Brak, Director of Human Resources; Janet Fike, Vice President of Student Care and Success; Dr. Angela Hawk, Vice President for Learning; Karri Mulhern; Vice President for Continuing Education and Workforce Development; Jeff Sayre, CFO/Vice President of Administrative Services; Rana Spurlock, Director of Institutional Advancement; and Dr. Pam Sharma, Vice President of Planning, Institutional Effectiveness and Research. Guest: Regan Blaha, Staff Council President.

3. Staff Presentation

Staff Council President, Regan Blaha, presented on behalf of Staff Council regarding their purpose and role in supporting the college. Staff actively support student success. Staff are engaged in initiatives supporting students and employees in areas including facilities, the Academic Resource Center (ARC), the Business Office and Early Access. They meet monthly with Dr. Mosser. They are concerned about the future with PEIA increases and navigating the current climate of higher education.

4. Board Chair Report

There was no Board Chair report.

5. Approval of Minutes (February 26, 2026)

Mr. McGlaughlin made a motion that the Board approve the Minutes from the meeting on February 26, 2026 as presented. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. President's Report

Dr. Mosser announced that there would be a B & O Rededication Ceremony on May 5th at 9:30 am. He provided an update on the roof damage on the EC Building from a few weeks ago.

The Senate version of the budget passed and the funding formula worked out in our favor due to increased enrollment in recent years.

Recently, in Pittsburgh, there was another institute of Rural Guided Pathways with the focus on K-12. There was a seven-person team sent including three of our high school dual enrollment partners. Dr. Mosser emphasized the continued participation in Rural Guided Pathways and how strategically important it is to the College and to the students we serve.

We need to continue to evolve our high school dual enrollment student experience to look and feel much more like Northern's on campus student experience.

7. Action Items

Tuition and Fees

Mr. Sayre presented the proposed changes in tuition and fees as well as the budget for the next fiscal year.

Ms. Mitchell made a motion the Board approve the 4% tuition increase for in state, metro and out of state rates as well as a 7% increase in early entrance fees as presented to the Board. Mr. McGlaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget

Ms. Hofreuter made a motion the Board approve the FY 2027 budget as presented with details as provided. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Academic Program Reviews

Dr. Hawk presented the program reviews on the following programs:

- Welding Technology, AAS
- Welding: Oil and Gas Pipe, CAS
- Medical Laboratory Technology, AAS

Ms. Mitchell made a motion that the Board approve the Welding Technology, AAS program continuing at the current level of activity as presented. Ms. Hofreuter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McGlaughlin made a motion that the Board approve the Welding: Oil and Gas, CAS program continuing at the current level of activity with monitoring of necessity and viability as presented. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Hofreuter made a motion that the Board approve the Medical Laboratory Technician, AAS continuing the program with corrective action to improve viability as presented. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Academic Program

Dr. Hawk discussed the need for the Skilled Trades, AAS degree.

Ms. Mitchell made a motion the Board approve the Skilled Trades, AAS as presented. Mr. McGlaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Administrative Reports

CFO/Vice President for Administrative Services

Financial Update

Mr. Sayre highlighted the fund tracking document provided in the Board packet.

9. Old Business

There was no old business.

10. New Business

WVNCC Board of Governors Finance Committee Charter

Mr. McGlaughlin made a motion that the Board adopt the WVNCC Board of Governors Finance Committee Charter as presented. Ms. Hofreuter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Executive Session

Mr. McGlaughlin made a motion that the Board enter executive session at 6:04 pm to discuss the Presidential Search and the Presidential Contract Renewal. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McGlaughlin made a motion that the Board come out of Executive Session at 6:42 pm. Ms. Hofreuter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. McGlaughlin stated that while in Executive Session the Board discussed the renewal of Dr. Mosser's contract.

Mr. McGlaughlin made a motion that Mr. Altmeyer may negotiate an agreement with Dr. Mosser to continue his current contract until 12/31/26 on the terms as discussed. If there is a candidate selected, there is a 30-day discontinuation of contract. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Minutes approved by,

Stephanie Kappel
Chief of Staff & Executive Assistant to the
President

Christine Mitchell
Board of Governors Secretary