Four from Greenbrier County Serve on New River Board of Governors

[BECKLEY, WV] Governor Joe Manchin has re-appointed three Greenbrier County residents to serve on the board of governors of New River Community and Technical College, a multi-campus institution headquartered in Beckley. Re-appointed were attorney Edward Knight III and David Nalker, a retired commercial vehicle dealer, both of Lewisburg, and Marilyn Leftwich of White Sulphur Springs, a guidance counselor at White Sulphur Springs Elementary School. Christopher Pennington of Lewisburg is this year’s elected student representative on the board.

Pennington and Leftwich attended a board meeting in Beckley on Friday, Feb. 6, and a day-long retreat on Saturday during which New River President Ted D. Spring and other senior administrators provided an overview of current projects, expansion plans, budget and financial information and an update on the transition to complete independence from Bluefield State College.

Other board members are Robert Farley of Princeton, executive director of the Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce (chairman); Leslie Baker of Beckley, museum coordinator at the Youth Museum of Southern West Virginia (vice chairman); Deborah A. Hill of Summersville, CEO of Summersville Memorial Hospital; Albert A. Martine of Daniels, principal of Meadow Bridge High School; and E. T. Smith of Princeton, owner and president of Smith Service. Mary Igo, a program specialist at
New River’s Nicholas County Campus is the elected classified staff representative, and Gerald Hough, a professor at the Nicholas County Campus, represents the faculty.

New River Community and Technical Colleges serves a nine-county area of southern West Virginia from locations in Raleigh County (Beckley and Beaver), Mercer County (Bluefield and Princeton), Nicholas County (Summersville) and the Greenbrier Valley (Lewisburg). Additional information can be found at www.newriver.edu.

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**Photo Caption:** New River Board of Governors members pose following their meeting on February 6. (Front row, L-R) Leslie Baker, Chris Pennington, E.T. Smith, Marilyn Leftwich; (Back row, L-R) Robert Farley, Deborah Hill, Al Martine, Gerald Hough, Mary Igo. Not pictured: David Nalker and Edward Knight III.