



NEW RIVER COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Minutes, Regular Board Meeting**

**Location:** Beckley Campus

**Date/Time:** July 7, 2005, 7:00 pm

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Guests/Presenters</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1. Leslie Baker	Member	John Barnes	Chair, BSC
2. Terri Baker	Incoming Stf Rep		BOG
3. William Blake	Member	Libby Belcher	NRCTC
4. Robert Farley	Member	Dr. Felica Blanks	NRCTC
5. Gerald Hough	Faculty Rep	Dr. Carolyn Browning	NRCTC
6. Mary Igo	Outgoing Stf Rep	Roger Griffith	NRCTC
7. Marilyn Kiddle	Student Rep	Shelia Johnson	BSC
8. Edward Knight	Chair	Wanda Johnson	NRCTC
9. Marilyn Leftwich	Member	Dr. John Mullens	NRCTC
10. David Nalker	Member	Michael Palm	NRCTC
11. Vickie Nutter	Member	Dr. Lucie Refsland	NRCTC
		Libby Rogers	NRCTC
		Carolyn Sizemore	NRCTC
		Pat Swann	NRCTC

**Members Absent**

Kay Carpenter	Member
William Sherwood	Vice Chair

Chairman Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Blanks presented Mary Igo with a plaque in recognition of her service as the Board of Governors Classified Staff Representative, as her term ended on June 30. Terri Baker, new staff representative, took the oath of office administered by Wanda Johnson, Notary Public.

Chairman Knight moved to open elections for the current year, and Vickie Nutter seconded the motion. Gerald Hough moved to nominate Edward Knight as the new chair, and David Nalker seconded the motion. Vickie Nutter motioned to close the nominations, and David Nalker seconded the motion. Chairman Knight then brought the nomination up for discussion. No discussion took place, the motion passed unanimously, and Edward Knight was elected Chair. Gerald Hough moved to nominate William Sherwood as the Vice Chair, and Robert Farley seconded the motion. Mr. Hough moved to close the nominations, and Marilyn Leftwich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and Mr. Sherwood was elected the Vice Chair.

Gerald Hough moved to suspend the reading of the May 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, and to accept them as written. Marilyn Leftwich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Hough also

moved to suspend the reading of the May 19<sup>th</sup> minutes and to approve them as written. Vickie Nutter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. David Nalker noted that there was a problem with the June 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes in regards to the Division of Assets and Budget, where the Board authorized the Chair of New River's Board and the Chair of Bluefield State's Board, along with President Walker to sign the agreement. Mr. Nalker moved that the minutes be amended to reflect the authorization, and Mr. Hough seconded the motion. It was noted that the determination needs to be made by the Council. Items were submitted to the HEPC in May, and June Walker needs the authorization for John Barnes and the President to sign the documents. Gerald Hough stated that the motion should reflect the approval of Bluefield State and New River Boards regarding unresolved issues, items which are normally brought before the Board. Chairman Knight moved to amend the June 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes, and Marilyn Leftwich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Chairman Knight reported that he signed the document, and that he felt it was fair, with one provision, that if there is an inequity, the President would have the authority to address it. He noted that the tentative schedule for the final meeting of the Presidential Search Committee was set for August 15 at 2:00 pm in Beckley. He added that a special board meeting would be held for the decision for the President of New River. Gerald Hough moved to combine the regular board meeting and the special meeting, therefore, postponing the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and to meet on August 15. Vickie Nutter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dr. Blanks reported that the current projection of enrollment as of June was 817. The Spring term head count was 1584 and the head count at the end of the Fall was 1732. She stated that we are trying to boost enrollment, and expressed that The Emerging Scholars program should be on three campuses. She also communicated that she is working with Mercer County Schools and with Dr. Akers at the Voc Tech Center. She stated that we would offer courses through IVN and distance learning via the web and traditional classrooms. She distributed the Third-Party Agreement and the proposal to the Board. Dr. Blanks asked everyone to review the proposal in our partnership with Mercer County Schools in regards to English, Math, Criminal Justice and Tech courses. She noted that she had met with Carolyn Whitehair in the Mount Hope area and that she is also working with the Housing Authority, looking at an Emerging Scholars evening program. She emphasized that she would like to make higher education accessible to low income persons by providing remedial college courses and a second GED Prep Track. She further stated that we need to motivate adults in a non-threatening way to get persons to attend college. Dr. Blanks informed the Board that she and Dr. Mullens will be meeting with the Superintendent of Fayette County Schools this week. She expects the Emerging Scholars Program to begin in mid-September. She suggested that Perkins money be used to purchase equipment for Meadow Bridge High School. Dr. Blanks added that another way to increase enrollment was to increase local awareness with Charter Communications commercials and that she was looking at a target area in making a decision on which channels to use for advertisements. She noted that the Nicholas County campus had a different Charter system. Dr. Blanks reported on the Washington, DC trip with GVC's Student Government Association and Emerging Scholars students, and noted that while in Washington, there would be a plan to visit Congressman Rahall's office. She stated that the purpose of the trip was to build student leadership. She noted that SGA is only on the GVC campus, but that she is trying to bring the four campuses together. She also noted that there needed to be more interaction with faculty and administrators. Dr. Blanks mentioned that the orientation session