



Board of Governors Meeting
New River Community and Technical College
Greenbrier Valley Campus
Room 214, 653 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Conference Line: 1-929-436-2866 Meeting ID: 977 41
Thursday, September 10, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Roger Topping; Dr. Tom Lemke; Yvonne Seay; Richard Schneider; Linda Sumner, Vice Chair; Erin Trump, Classified Staff Representative, and Robert Rimkis, Faculty Representative.

Board Members Absent: Chris Vaught, Secretary; Mr. Robert Runion, and Ms. Ramona Beverage.

College Employees Present: Dr. Bonny Ball Copenhaver, Dr. David Ayersman, Ms. Coy Borders, Ms. Tracy Evans, Ms. Brooke Fincham, Mr. Jason Garriss, Mr. Michael Green, Mr. Roger Griffith, Mr. Steven Lacek, Mr. Brad Mankins, Ms. Tammy Mills, Mr. Jordan Roark, Ms. Kayla Saunders, Ms. Janelle Schofield, Ms. Cheryl Stapleton, and Ms. Tori Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Topping opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. A quorum was established.

Mr. Topping asked for a moment of silence to remember Board Member Tom Cochran.

Mr. Topping called for a motion to approve the August 6, 2026, Facilities and Finance Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Sumner moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schneider. The motion carried.

Mr. Topping called for a motion to approve the August 6, 2026, regular Board of Governors meeting minutes. Dr. Lemke moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Seay. The motion carried.

Finance Report:

Mr. Roark reviewed the Finance Report.

Mr. Topping called for a motion to approve the Finance Report as presented. Mr. Schneider moved to approve the Finance Report as presented; Ms. Sumner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business:

Dr. Copenhaver presented the President's Welcome Back Presentation as a Board training item.

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Dr. Copenhaver reviewed the revised Board of Governors meeting calendar. Mr. Topping called for a motion to approve the revised meeting calendar as presented. Mr. Lemke moved to approve the revised calendar, Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Green provided Board training on Element 451.

President's Report:

Dr. Copenhaver reviewed the President's Report.

The next Board of Governors meeting is October 1, 2026, at the Raleigh County Campus, Beaver, WV.

Mr. Topping adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lafferty

Executive Assistant to the President