

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College
Board of Governors Meeting
June 3, 2026, 12:00 pm

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Technology Center
13650 Apple Harvest Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25403

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In attendance: Dr. Peter Checkovich, Brad Close, Stephanie Harvey, Rebecca Lewis, Heather McIntyre, Jim Rodgers, Shauna Seering, Dr. Bill Stubblefield, and Keith Unger.

Guests: Amanda Alford, Chris Baer, Vickie Barney, Sarah Beard, Janet Branch, Lisha Burks, Laura Busey, Amber Butcher, Kevin Cappello, Miriam Conroy, Anna Crawford, Adam Emmons, Brett Gallagher, Sky Grant, Kim Graves, Yeltzin Gomez, Jessica Leake, Dr. Chrystal McDonald, Christine Mills, Ken Hite, Heather Huggett, Cynthia Hull-Miller, Dr. Craig Miller, Dr. Page Moore, Kim Moss, Anne Myers, Leah Poole, Taylor Reneau, Kristy Scarlata, Jaime Schmidt, Leslie See, Angela Seibel, Megan Scott, Dr. Ann Shipway, Megan Stoner, Page Szarenski, Lacey Walp, and Andrew Walters.

Call to order: Heather McIntyre, Chair, called the June 2026 meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

The board meeting began with a signing ceremony between Blue Ridge CTC and Saint Joseph's High School to formalize the collaboration agreement for the general studies and information technology programs. Guests from Saint Joseph's High School joined the meeting to sign the agreement alongside President Peter Checkovich and Vice President Ann Shipway. This new dual enrollment will offer two tracks, with high school sophomores starting in the fall.

Election of Board Officers: On behalf of the nomination committee, Keith Unger nominated Heather McIntyre as Chair of the Board and Stephanie Harvey as Vice-Chair for the 2026-2027 academic year. No additional nominations were received. The Chair and Vice-Chair were approved and elected by acclamation.

2026-2027 Meeting Schedule: The following meeting dates were presented to and accepted by the Board for the 2026-2027 academic year.

August 5, 2026
October 7, 2026
December 2, 2026
February 3, 2027
April 7, 2027
May 5, 2027
June 2, 2027

Brad Close motioned to approve the 2026 – 2027 meeting dates; Keith Unger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

May 2026 Meeting Minutes: Jim Rodgers motioned to approve the minutes from the May 2026 Board meeting; Stephanie Harvey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: President Checkovich began his report with an overview of the 2026 Blue Ridge CTC Commencement Ceremony, held at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, which was successful. Approximately 170 graduates participated.

President Checkovich delivered his "In the Media" report. The report featured articles highlighting Blue Ridge CTC's programs and activities, including coverage of the 2026 Commencement.

Workforce and Engineering Technologies Report: Dr. Ann Shipway provided a customized training report. Over the past 12 months, Blue Ridge CTC has delivered manufacturing training to 2,162 students in the workforce.

Dr. Shipway provided a grant report. Multiple federal and private grant applications are in progress, as shown below. The College will serve as the lead, co-lead, or fiscal agent for these grants.

Grant Title:	Institution(s):
Educational Opportunity Centers Program	WVCCTE and Blue Ridge CTC (Implementation)
Strengthening Community Colleges Round 6 (SCC6)	Blue Ridge CTC
FIPSE Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program	WVCCTE
SIP Title III	Blue Ridge CTC
FIPSE CDS	Blue Ridge CTC
FAA Workforce	Partnership: Blue Ridge CTC and Pierpont CTC
City University of New York (CUNY) ASP	Blue Ridge CTC

Dr. Shipway provided an accreditation update. The College is now on an open pathway to accreditation, which requires a college-wide initiative to serve as the backbone of the College's reaffirmation of accreditation in 2029–2030. The College will participate in HLC's Student Success Academy, with a focus on student retention and persistence, tracking students through 15, 30, 45, and 60 credit milestones.

Dr. Shipway concluded her report with an aviation update. Blue Ridge CTC, Marshall University, and Shepherd University were collaborating to offer three aviation tracks. Marshall University would offer pilot training, Shepherd University would offer aviation management training, and Blue Ridge CTC would offer technician training. However, after the original agreement was in place, Marshall University disclosed plans to offer a technician program.

This program overlaps with and directly competes with Blue Ridge's planned technician program, violating the agreement. Until this issue is resolved, the colleges cannot collaborate.

Enrollment Report: Ms. Leslie See presented the College's new marketing initiative, "Paint the Town Blue." This will be an intensive marketing campaign across the College's service area.

Ms. See continued with an overview of enrollment. The College's summer and fall 2026 enrollment is strong and comparable to that of the same periods last year.

Dr. Bill Stubblefield motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m.; Stephanie Harvey seconded, and the motion passed.

Megan Scott, Liaison to the Board of Governors and Recording Secretary