

**MINUTES
WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION**

March 16, 2007

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on March 16, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Governor's Conference Room at the State Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia. Council members present were: Robert Brown, Stan Cavendish, James Cole, John Panza, Clarence Pennington, Ronald Radcliff, Nelson Robinson, and Gregory Smith. Council members absent were: Jason Cuomo, Michael Garrison, Stanley Hopkins, and Ruth Thompson Scott. Also in attendance were Senator Walt Helmick, Senator Clark Barnes, Delegate Harold Micheal, Delegate Daryl Cowles, members of Governor Manchin's staff, Chancellor James Skidmore, higher education staff, members of the Board of Governors at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, members of the media, and others.

Call to Order

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

1. Discussion and Action on Issues That Have Emerged Regarding Construction of New Classrooms, Laboratory, and General Support Building at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College

Mr. Smith moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education reconsiders the Council's March 7, 2007 action approving Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's request to award a construction contract to G&G Builders, Inc. for the base bid of \$5,440,000 for construction of a building at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Cole voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Pennington moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education directs Chancellor Skidmore to consult with an outside, independent group to make a recommendation in 90 days for construction of a building at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Mr. Brown moved that the motion be amended to reflect that the study be concluded in no more than 90 days.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion as amended. Mr. Cole and Mr. Radcliff voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Chancellor Skidmore recommended that the Council send a request to the Higher Education Policy Commission asking that the funds for Eastern's project not be redistributed until the issue can be resolved.

2. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education will be:

Date: April 20, 2007
Location: Charleston Town Center Marriott
Charleston, West Virginia
Time: 9:30 a.m.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nelson B. Robinson, Jr.

Chairman

Clarence B. Pennington

Secretary