

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 25, 2026

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Westmoreland County Community College held a scheduled Board meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at the Student Achievement Center, Youngwood, PA and also via video conference. Attendance was taken following the Pledge of Allegiance. With a quorum present, Tom Ceraso, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Present:

Tyler Baum
Julie Benson
Ashley Frederick
Christina Gongaware
Bridget Johnston
Shujuane Martin
Charles Nevins
Jim Smith
Jess Stairs
Ben Steinmeyer
Doug Weimer

Absent:

Dr. William Kerr

Also, Present:

Dr. Kristin L. Mallory, President
Scott Avolio, Solicitor
Dr. Matthew Reed, VP/Academic Affairs
Rob Sauritch, VP/Administrative Services
Dr. Anthony Underwood, VP/Student Affairs
Janet Corrinne-Harvey, Executive Director/Marketing & Communications
Rocky Kremer, Executive Director/Information Technology
Kimberly R. Robertson, Executive Director/Human Resources
Megan Sheesley, Executive Director/Advancement and Community Engagement
Suzanne Barron, Recording Secretary
Faculty: Dr. Brian Dunst, Dr. Stu Silverberg

Students: Jake Fazenbaker, SGA President, Krishna Lakkimsetty, SGA, Vice President for Organizations, Mya Ortiz, SGA, Communications Officer, Will Custodio, SGA, Events Coordinator

Guests: Megan, Zachary, Golden and Mike Lynch

Special Guests from the Community: Rufus the Robot Dog from MADE @ Westmoreland

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the January 28, 2026 and the February 26, 2026 Special meeting were approved as presented.

Comments from the Public

Mya Ortiz, Communications Officer for the Student Government Association. She shared with the Board of Trustees that SGA is looking at several proposed changes to current processes. One change under review is to move from SGA to being an appointed group to an elected group. This would reinforce the purpose of SGA being representative of the student body.

Jake Fazenbaker, President of the Student Government Association. He shared an update from the Town Hall where SGA presented the State of the Student Body. The presentation was about the life of a student at Westmoreland. SGA shared that they plan to put together a printed edition to share with others.

Megan Lynch – Megan is the winner of All PA/ALL USA Academic Transfer award for Pennsylvania. This award was presented at the PA Commission for Community Colleges conference in Harrisburg on April 7 – 9. Megan is also the winner of the 2026 Coca-Cola Academic Team and was awarded by Dr. Mallory the honor which included a \$1,300 scholarship. Megan shared with the Board of Trustees that she is leaning towards continuing her education at IUP in Psychology. She thanked Dr. Stu Silverberg for his guidance as she navigates her next move. She also wanted to thank the college for helping her find her purpose.

Old Business

New Business

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by Bridget Johnston, seconded by Christina Gongaware, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the following Consent Agenda was approved:

Resolution 57.73 Declaration of Salvage Material

The materials on the attached list are no longer used by the College. The College would like to declare these materials as salvage, prior to determining final disposition.

Resolution 57.74 Amendment to Background of resolution 57.51 (Approval of contract for Theater Lighting and Equipment – Science Innovation Center Theater)

The Background statement to Resolution 57.51 is amended to state the funding source as "\$35,000.00 by the Scott Electric Grant and the remaining balance will be paid from College Operating funds."

Finance Committee

Upon a motion duly made by Jess Stairs, seconded by Bridget Johnston, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.75)

MOVED: That upon recommendation of the President, the Credit Tuition and Fees effective for the 2026-2027 fiscal year are hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

	2026-2027		2025-2026	
	Per Credit (12-18 credits)	Flat Tuition	Per Credit (12-18 credits)	Flat Tuition
<u>Tuition</u>				
In-County Residents	\$ 149	\$ 2,235	\$ 143	\$ 2,145
Out-of-County Residents	\$ 292	\$ 4,376	\$ 280	\$ 4,200
Out-of-State Residents	\$ 438	\$ 6,564	\$ 420	\$ 6,300
<u>General Fee</u>				
In-County Residents	\$ 75		\$ 72	
Out-of-County Residents	\$ 73		\$ 70	
Out-of-State Residents	\$ 73		\$ 70	
<u>Capital Fee</u>				
Out-of-County Residents	\$ 6		\$ 6	
Out-of-State Residents	\$ 6		\$ 6	

Upon a motion duly made by Shujuane Martin, seconded by Doug Weimer, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.76)

MOVED: That the attached college credit course lab fees for the 2026-27 fiscal year are hereby accepted by the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion duly made by Jess Stairs, seconded by Jim Smith, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.77)

MOVED: That the financing for certain Department of Education-approved capital projects (exterior signage at the Youngwood campus, gymnasium HVAC equipment replacement, and outdoor restrooms for playing fields) is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion duly made by Jess Stairs, seconded by Ashley Frederick, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.78)

MOVED: That the submission of a capital project to the PA Department of Education for debt service reimbursement relative to the \$589,000 of additional costs of the ATC HVAC project is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Facilities Committee

Educational Affairs Committee

Personnel Committee

Upon a motion duly made by Shujuane Martin, seconded by Ben Shallenberger, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.79)

MOVED: That the Status of Emeritus for the following trustee is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
John D. Wright	Trustee	33

Upon a motion duly made by Bridget Johnston, seconded by Julie Benson, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.80)

MOVED: That the candidates for promotion, Amanda Kundrod, Rhonda Soberdash, and Brian Dunst are hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion duly made by Charles Nevins, seconded by Christina Gongaware, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.81)

MOVED: That the revision to the 2.1.9 Background Checks and Clearances for Coordinator, Director, Executive Director, Dean, and Vice President New Hires policy is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion duly made by Charles Nevins, seconded by Shujuane Martin, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.82)

MOVED: That the revisions to the 2.2.14 Unlawful Harassment Policy are hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion duly made by Jess Stairs, seconded by Christina Gongaware, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.83)

MOVED: That the revisions to the 2.7 Regular Part-Time Employees policy are hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion duly made by Shujuane Martin, seconded by Jim Smith, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.84)

MOVED: That the revisions to the 2.4.4 Leaves of Absence policy are hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion duly made by Julie Benson, seconded by Bridget Johnston, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.85)

MOVED: That the revision to the 2.4.1 Employee Benefits policy is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Governance Committee

Upon a motion duly made by Charles Nevins, seconded by Shujuane Martin, and unanimously carried by voice vote, it was: (57.86)

MOVED: That the revisions to the Policy Making Process are hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Chair's Report

Adjournment

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made by Doug Weimer, seconded by Charles Nevins, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Doug Weimer
Secretary


Suzanne Barron
Recording Secretary