

Monday, July 28, 2025

FEA Quarterly Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Tentative Meeting Agenda

Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Laurel Ridge, Warrenton Campus, Wolk Hall Room 207

Zoom Link (if needed): <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/89123636404>

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1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order – Dr. Tony Brads: Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

B. In attendance:

Dr. Kimberly Blosser, Dr. Anthony Brads, Mrs. Anna Graham, Mrs. Mary Beth Dodson, Mrs. Lori Killough, Dr. Shashauna Gray, Dr. Shannon Grimsley, Dr. Daniel Hornick, Dr. Karen Sanzo, Mr. David Londrey

C. Moment of Silence

D. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Approval/Changes to the Agenda can be made at this time.

Motion to approve: Mrs. Graham, Second: Dr. Hornick. Approved. No changes or additions.

3. Presentations / Recognitions

None at this time

4. Student Reports

None at this time

5. Delegations

A. Request to Speak – Public Comment

None at this time

6. Consent Agenda

A. [Approval of Minutes - May 5, 2025](#)

Motion to approve Dr. Rosser, 2nd by dr. horner, approved no opposition

7. Action Items

None at this time

8. Coordinator / Staff Reports

A. FEA Germanna Updates – Mary Beth Dodson

1. Introduced Mr. David Londrey to the board as the new FEA Advisor
2. Update
 - a. All 17 students passed SOL
 - b. At least 20 practicum hours
 - c. 100% earned a C or higher in all coursework
 - i. Average GPA = 3.85
 - d. 94% retention rate (1 student left the program)
 - e. Learned (Cohort model is the key to success)
 - f. Placements have been made
3. Looking forward
 - a. 24 new juniors in fall (can earn over 80 practicum hours)
 - b. 240 tutoring is a new program being run
 - c. Plans to expand to Stafford

Questions/Statements:

1. Dr. Brads: Was the one student that left the program able to retain the credits that she earned?
 - a. (yes and able to work with the counselors in Orange)
2. Dr. Brads: Stafford has been a big fan of the lab school and looking into partnership.
3. Dr. Karen Zanso (ODU) talked about Dr. Smith and his work with the lab schools.

B. FEA Laurel Ridge Updates – Lori Killough

1. Getting ready to kick off (added Heidi administrative assistant)
2. 20 students
 - a. 17-F 3-M
3. MOU's done and in place with Winchester schools
4. Working transportation with Page and Shenandoah
5. Ribbon cutting Aug 12, 9:30 AM
 - a. Welcome letters have gone out to students, (both email and snail mail)
 - b. Should have well over 20 hours of practicum
6. Schools start date Aug 25th

7. Shout out to Mary Beth for having her back during this season getting ready for the school year.

60 total FEA students between the two programs

9. Board Member Reports

A. Board Member Comments

1. Dr. Brads: The numbers we have is exciting and likes hearing how everyone is learning and constantly making improvements to make the programs run even better.
2. This is a grant that only lasts so long (how can we sustain this)
 - a. This is the year 2 of a 4 year grant and we need to figure out what the off ramp to this will be
 - i. Stressed: Not looking to break out of our contract
 - ii. Suggested looking at the governor's school model for funding. Their model hasn't been touched since 1998
 1. What will be the new Governor's notion on this?
 2. We want to be able to show a track record and show how this program can be sustained.
 - a. (Brads) Potential group put together to come up with some off ramps for sustainability
 - b. (Sanzo) agrees and is actively reaching out to all legislators collectively to discuss the models.
 - c. (Dodson) What areas can we pull back on to help with sustainability?
 - i. Why give each kid a laptop eg.

10. Information Items

A. VDOE Documents will be posted to our websites.

- Senate Bill 656: Sexually Explicit Material
- Cell Phone Policy
- Fentanyl
- Governing Board Minutes
- Advisory Committee Minutes
- Articulation Agreements

B. Articulation Agreements and VACTE Conference:

- Agreement Status:
 - Shenandoah University- Signed
 - Old Dominion University- ODU Final Signatures
 - Mary Balwin - Signed
 - University of Mary Washington-Will be rewriting
 - Marymount- Beginning Discussions (Lori meeting next week)
 - Virginia Commonwealth University- Beginning Discussions
 - George Mason University - Will be circling back (last talked they were going to make 1 agreement for all lab schools)
 - Radford University - Meeting early August

- Virginia Tech - We would like to begin discussions, working on a contact
- University of Virginia - we would like to begin discussions, met some faculty at VACTE (Dean still in rotation)
- University of Lynchburg - sent back to us for signatures
- Eastern Mennonite- Lori will be reaching out.

Questions/Statements: (Dr. Brads) is wanting to make sure that all credits taken are transferable

(Shannon Grimsley) asked what can the colleges offer?

C. Advisory Committee Meeting Review

- Basic introduction to the program, kept it general with the instructional personnel.

D. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Laurel Ridge August 12, 2025 at 9:30am. Breakfast will be served. Corron Building at the Middletown Campus.

E. ODU Instructional NIC committee meeting in Stafford County on August 31.

- Big representation for FEA.
- All about instruction and making sure that the lab schools will be at the top of our games.
- Be more innovative and adaptive.

Questions/Statements:

- Sanso:
 - What makes our lab schools different from the rest?
 - Professional Development could be used to help fund this program

11. Future Meeting Dates

A. Monday October 20, 2025 at 2:00pm at Daniel Technology Center

12. Closed Session (If Needed)

A. Motion to go into Closed Session

13. Reconvene to Open Meeting

A Motion to end Closed Session

14. Action on Closed Meeting

A. Recommendations

15. Adjournment

A. Meeting Adjourned 2:40 pm