

Monday, October 20, 2025

FEA Quarterly Governing Board Meeting

Tentative Meeting Agenda

Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Daniel Technology Center, 18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper, Virginia 22701; Room 209

Zoom Link (if needed):

<https://vccs.zoom.us/j/87816009715?pwd=NJjHIADdTQE9lP9mp3eKfCdPQ7SGIA.1>

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1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order – Dr. Tony Brads 2:12 PM

B. [Roll Call](#)

- In Person: Dr. Tony Brads, Mary Beth Dodson, David Londrey, Fiona Poteet, Katie McFarland,
- Virtual: Lori Killough, Ricky Bolling, Kimberly Blosser, Dan Hormick, Heather Bragg, Gary Skeen, Heidi Michael, Anna Graham, George Hummer, Brenda Byard

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 the agenda by Dan, 2nd by Kim
 - unanimously approved

3. Presentations / Recognitions

A. Advisory Committee Meeting Update: Brenda Byard - [Presentation](#)

- Met 9/22
 - Updated the Cellphone policy, Sexually explicit material

- Shared with Parents/Instructional Leaders/ Updated in the Governing Board Manual
- Created a counselor guide for graduation credits
- Transfer VA portal notes included His 121 and 122 will meet all SOL requirements of VA
- Added in VCCS Course Descriptions for Future Educators Academy

4. Student Reports

A. Student Speaker: Fiona Poteet, Madison County High School

- Spoke to the board, Her experience in FEA has been the best thing for her because she has been able to gain the experience. She then explained her practicum experience and the difference from last year and this year.
 - Do you know yet where you are hoping to transfer? (Kimberly Blosser)
 - Katie not sure but more focused on her experience once there
 - Really liked the Call me Mister program at UMW that she learned about on the fieldtrip, Also like ODU because of their practicum program.
 - Fiona not sure
 - Thought Radford, but thinking more about VCU and UMW
 - What can the school divisions offer you as students to do more in the program (Ms. Graham)
 - More practicum time and hands on experience have been very helpful
 - Enjoyed being made to see what a teacher work day is like
 - Both wished to have more practicum time
 - Mary Beth Dodson- we are upping their practicum hours from 20 last year to over 80

B. Student Speaker: Katie McFarland, Eastern View High School

- Spoke with the board, explained her want to be a teacher, and how wonderful this program has been for her. She spoke about how she has been able to get hands-on experience with teaching with this program.
 - Katie was asked to compare last fall to this fall
 - Last year was a rough start and had a hard time getting on track, but the professors were there to help support her get through what she needed to do.
 - This is the best thing that has happened to her.
 - Dr. Brads asked
 - We took a field trip to UMW and the groups were joined, working together on open house and the juniors are working together to make this happen.

5. Delegations-

A. Request to Speak – Public Comment

6. Consent Agenda

A. [Approval of Minutes - July 28, 2025](#)

- Motion to accept minutes, Blosser motion, Hornick 2nd
- Motion passed unanimously for consent agenda

7. Action Items

8. Coordinator / Staff Reports

A. FEA Germanna Updates – Mary Beth Dodson

- Hosted a differentiation workshop, and brought in Dr. Pattie Rees WYES Principal
 - She had some great activities on how to differentiate for all students
- Hosted Transfer Ready Workshop by Kris Dahm and a FASFA workshop by
- Took a field trip to UMW and had an amazing tour. The school is wanting to talk with us more about summer programs, and wanting to partner more with us. Pushing the call me Mister program. Sat in on a class, ate lunch at the cafeteria
- Classroom renovations with new computer desks
- Community Opportunities
 - Culpeper Media Network interviewed Dr. Brads and Mrs. Dodson about Education
 - Alpha Delta Kappa
 - Mrs. Dodson spoke at their meeting talking about partnerships with FEA and have scholarships available for students in our counties.
 - Culpeper Chamber of Commerce Nomination
 - New Counselor Flipbook
 - Student Updates
 - Seniors
 - Mentoring the Juniors
 - Working on College applications
 - Writing lesson plans and working on how to highlight differentiation.
 - Juniors
 - Settling into the new requirements and college rigor
 - Beginning to learn to write lesson plans and doing a great job with this.
 - Mrs. Dodson read off statements from some of our Practicum Teachers
 - Talking about how the students are jumping in and getting involved in the classrooms
 - Mrs. Dodson read off some statements from our Seniors that were talking about their practicum experience
 - Save the Date for FEA Open House 11/12/25

B. FEA Laurel Ridge Updates – Lori Killough

- Have 19 juniors participating. Had to dismiss one due to lack of grades.
 - Overall GPA is above a 3.5
 - Participated in Laurel Ridge 5K
 - Heading to Bell Grove for field trip and big thanks to Heidi Michael for all of her help with this
 - Planning on Institution Day
 - Open forum for students to come and participate in (spring semester)
 - Planning on building the equipment for elementary classroom for FEA to be able to use
 - Working to spread knowledge about FEA with chamber of commerce
 - Selected two student ambassadors to help with events and help promote the program and explain what goes on day to day.
 - Did a lunch visit at Sherando High School to promote FEA
 - Proud that the school really promoted FEA being there.
 - Lori was able to sit in on some of their speeches
 - Proud of them demonstrating the activity teaching it , then reviewing it.
 - Explained a couple of the different speeches that were given
 - She also spoke about how much she's enjoyed building relationships with her students

C. FEA Germanna Budget Update - Mary Beth Dodson

- Needing to spend down the \$1M budget by June
 - Working on outfitting a classroom to be a Bio Lab
 - Laptops came in and will order more laptops
 - Snacks, transportation, PD, office supplies,
 - Working on marketing
- \$5M budget
 - Trying to make sure that there is no waist, looking for actual numbers for what is actually needed to keep this program running.
 - We are providing Laurel Ridge with their funds as Germanna is the holding partner
 - We are not going to leave money on the table
 - Dr. Brads “What are we going to do to make this generalizable and fully sustainable?”
 - We still need to see what it actually costs to continue
 - Were we able to navigate to get the credentials for Laurel Ridge professor licensures?
 - Culpeper was able to manage this.
 - Thinks we could spend some of this budget towards assistance with people affiliated with this program for tuition assistance. Similar to how the high school systems run theirs.
 - Brenda Byard: feels that it’s an appropriate expense
 - Culpeper pays 90% of cost towards teachers growth and thinks that we can do the same thing with the teachers/people involved with FEA.
 - Dan Hormick, Anna Graham agree
 - George Hummer wants to make sure that we’re spending the money in the right places to make sure that we are getting the longevity, but ultimately is in agreement

9. Board Member Reports

A. Board Member Comments

- none

10. Information Items

A. Germanna FEA Open House November 12, 2025 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper

B. Germanna FEA attended a field trip to University of Mary Washington on October 17, 2025. UMW is sending representatives out to meet with individual students on November 7, 2025, to discuss transfer options.

C. GCC Recruitment: EasternView: November 3, Orange County: November 19, Culpeper County: November 20, Madison County: November 20, Mountain View: December 2, Brook Point: December 4, Colonial Forge: December 8, Stafford: December 10, North Stafford: December 11. All sessions will be for parents and students beginning at 6:00pm.

D. Laurel Ridge students participated in the Laurel Ridge 5k on September 20, 2025.

E. Winchester City students will be visiting Laurel Ridge FEA on October 24, 2025.

F. Laurel Ridge FEA will be going to the Belle Grove Plantation on November 7, 2025.

G. Laurel Ridge FEA is planning a campus visit to Shenandoah University and a Transfer Institution day to be held at Laurel Ridge.

H. LRCC Recruitment: Sherando High School: October 15, Clarke County: October 21, James Wood HS: October 22, Clarke College and Career Fair: October 24, Milbrook HS: October 29, Zoom Info Session: November 3, Luray HS: November 5, Zoom Meeting: November 5, Zoom Meeting: November 10, Page HS: November 13, Zoom Meeting: November 13, Zoom Meeting: November 18, Zoom Meeting: December 2, Zoom Meeting: December 8. High School Visits will be during lunch periods and Zoom Meeting will be in the evenings at 7:00pm.

11. Future Meeting Dates

A. Advisory Committee Meeting: December 15, 2025 at 1pm

<https://vccs.zoom.us/j/81888711418?pwd=Wk56cU1KTmhwdzRTVkJRoVDdaY3JHZz09>

B. Governing Board Meeting: January 26, 2026 at 2pm at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper

C. Advisory Committee Meeting: March 23, 2025 at 1pm

<https://vccs.zoom.us/j/87623621539?pwd=65aAu8kx4UGo3AbGSVi42bDaUHojW3.1>

D. Governing Board Meeting: April 20, 2025 at 2pm at Laurel Ridge Warrenton Campus

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

- Motion to close session: by Dan, 2nd by Graham
- 3:21 PM