

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

FEA Quarterly Governing Board Meeting MINUTES

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/87975923394>

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1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order

- Dr. Tony Brads called the meeting to order at **2:02 PM**.

B. Roll Call

In Person	Virtual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Kimberly Blosser, President (Laurel Ridge) - Lori Killogh, Laurel Ridge - Brenda , Laurel Ridge - Heidi , Laurel Ridge - Dr. Shashauna Gray, Vice President (Germanna) - Dr. Tashika Griffith, President (Germanna) - Mary Beth Dodson, FEA Germanna - David Londrey, FEA Germanna - Mr. Donald Dodson, Director of Technology and Secondary Education (Madison) - Dr. Anthony Brads, Superintendent (Culpeper) - Nicole Munday, Laurel Ridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gery Skeen - Melody Sheppard - Dr. Shannon Grimsley, Superintendent (Rappahannock) - Dr. Daniel Hornick, Superintendent (Orange) - Dr. George Hummer, Superintendent (Frederick)

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: **Dr. Blosser**
- Second: **Donald Dodson**
- **Agenda approved.**

3. Presentations / Recognitions

A. Welcome Germanna Community College President, Dr. Tashika Griffith

- Dr. Griffith expressed appreciation for joining the FEA family and looks forward to continued collaboration.

4. Student Reports

A. Student Speaker: [Chloe Merrium, Jameswood High School](#)

B. Student Speaker: [Emely Rivas Quintanilla, Central High School](#)

C. Student Speaker: [McKenzie Manges, Millbrook High School](#)

D. Student Speaker: [Derek Serrano, Sherando High School](#)

- The board appreciated hearing from one student from each participating high school. Students also participated in a social media campaign prior to the application cycle.

5. Delegations

A. Request to Speak – Public Comment

- No speakers

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes-[Governing Board Meeting 10-20-25](#)

- Motion to approve: **Dr. Blosser**
- Second: **Dr. Griffith**
- **Minutes approved.**

7. Action Items

- Not at this time.

8. Coordinator / Staff Reports

A. FEA Germanna Updates – Mary Beth Dodson

- 24 juniors, average GPA 3.82
- 16 seniors, average GPA 3.79
- Began using 240 Tutoring
- Students have averaged 55.1 practicum hours
- Positive feedback from practicum teachers, including comments from Liz Ford
- Students are demonstrating readiness for classroom environments
- Dr. Scott (FEA Professor) spoke about seniors transitioning from “student” to “teacher”
- VCU’s RTR program visited; four students interviewing this week
- Engagement with community organizations (e.g., Alpha Delta Kappa)
- Students presented at school board meetings
- Senior destination updates shared

Upcoming Important Dates

- Curriculum Night at Culpeper County High School
- MCHS visit to DTC
- New student orientation
- Senior Signing Day
- Graduation

Incoming Student Estimates (18–24 students)

- Culpeper County – 5
- Eastern View – 3
- Madison – 3
- Orange – 3
- Rappahannock – 4
- Fauquier – 6

Discussion

Dr. Brads raised logistical considerations about students traveling to the single Laurel Ridge location.

B. FEA Laurel Ridge Updates – Lori Killough

- First cohort: 19 juniors, average GPA 3.6
- Highlighted student “Bryce” who excelled in practicum despite classroom personality
- Students building strong relationships with practicum teachers
- Field trip to Belle Grove Plantation

- Courses include SDV 101, ECO 150, EDU 200, CST 100, EDU 207
- Praise for EDU 207 professor; focus on play-based and project-based learning
- Activities include a holiday gift exchange, guest speakers, Children’s Art Week, and a Children’s Literature workshop
- Executive Functioning session with Dr. Addie Jones

Looking Ahead

- Middletown campus incoming cohort: 28 students
 - 15 from Shenandoah County
 - 8 from Frederick County
 - 4 from Warren County
 - 1 from Winchester
 - Significant outreach at 10th grade presentation events
 - Students heavily involved in extracurricular activities
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C. FEA Laurel Ridge Budget Update

- Budget modeled after Germanna’s structure
- Planning for increased staffing needs (two teachers for next cohort)
- Exploring vehicle purchases for transportation

Board Discussion

- Dr. Brads: Concern about sustainability and funding timeline
 - FY28 is the projected funding cliff
 - Incoming cohort likely the last to be fully funded under current model
- Gary Skeen: Ongoing funding conversations; no new developments
- Dr. Brads: Advocated for identifying sustainable on-ramps such as VDOE Grow Your Own funding
- Sheppard: Strong support from school divisions eager for graduates to return as teachers
- Brenda: 105 students total through four years—strong pipeline value
- Dr. Grimsley: Suggested registering the program as an apprenticeship; potential \$400K+ funding opportunities
- Dr. Blosser: Asked whether the program could model after Governor’s Schools
- Dr. Brads: Governor’s Schools are selective and less inclusive; FEA’s diversity is a strength

9. Board Member Reports

A. Board Member Comments

- No virtual comments.

Dr. Brads shared legislative updates:

- Bipartisan support for restoring licensure flexibility for dual enrollment and CTE teachers
- **House Bill 332:**
 - Establishes a 3-year teaching license for certain professionals
 - Requirements include child abuse training and first aid
 - Significant benefit for FEA and related programs
- **House Bill 1383:** Allows additional flexibility for teachers to complete required curriculum at any community college in the Commonwealth.

10. Information Items

- Laurel Ridge Transfer Institution Day – **March 20, 2026**
- ODU Center for Educational Innovation & Opportunity Innovation Summit – **March 23–24, 2026**
- Laurel Ridge FEA Shenandoah University Field Trip – **April 24, 2026**
- Germanna FEA Orientation – **April 29, 2026**
- FEA Senior Signing Day – **May 5, 2026**, 9:00–10:30 AM
- Laurel Ridge FEA Orientation – **May 19, 2026**

11. Future Meeting Dates

- Governing Board Meeting: **April 20, 2026**, 2:00 PM, Laurel Ridge ~~Warrenton~~ Middletown Campus
- Advisory Committee Meeting (rescheduled): **June 22, 2026**, 1:00 PM, via Zoom
- Governing Board Meeting: **July 27, 2026**, 2:00 PM, Daniel Technology Center
- Advisory Committee Meeting: **September 28, 2026**, 1:00 PM, via Zoom
- Governing Board Meeting: **October 26, 2026**, 2:00 PM, Laurel Ridge Middletown Campus
- Advisory Committee Meeting: **December 14, 2026**, 1:00 PM, via Zoom
- Governing Board Meeting: **January 19, 2027**, 2:00 PM, Daniel Technology Center
- Advisory Committee Meeting: **February 22, 2027**, 1:00 PM, via Zoom

12. Closed Session (If Needed)

A. Motion to go into Closed Session

No closed session needed.

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 adjourn: **Donald Dodson**

Second: **Dr. Gray**

Meeting adjourned at **3:19 PM**.