

Somerset County Technology Center Joint Operating Committee

Meeting Minutes: 5/21/2026

The monthly meeting of the Somerset County Technology Center Joint Operating Committee was held on Monday evening, 5/21/2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Dorothy Gindlesperger.

I. Call to Order

A. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Dorothy Gindlesperger led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Roll Call** - Of the eight member districts, roll call showed a total of seven districts were represented as follows:

Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy Webreck	Berlin Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mandy Marteney	Meyersdale Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lance Shawley	North Star Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noah Wareham	Rockwood
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Swank	Shanksville-Stonycreek Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Shockey	Somerset Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Brant	Somerset Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Diehl	Turkeyfoot Valley Area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dorothy Gindlesperger	Shade-Central City Area

Introductions/Visitors:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Remick	Administrative Director - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Danel	Principal - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Tracey Karlie	Superintendent of Record
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Booth	Fiscal Manager - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kim Cicmansky	Director of Adult Education - SCTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Smiach	Assistant Principal
	Others:	Aimee Willett

II. Public Comment

III. Acceptance of Agenda and Agenda Items:

1. A motion by Lance Shawley, seconded by Michael Diehl, was made to make a motion to advertise for bids to purchase a used John Deere 540G Skidder or

equivalent. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

IV. Executive Session

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Lance Shawley, prevailed to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

V. Minutes:

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Brian Brant, prevailed to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Joint Operating Committee meeting held 4/16/2026. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

VI. Financial Reports: Chairperson- Michael Diehl

A. Treasurer's Report as of 5/15/2026 for General and Adult Education Funds.

B. Approval/ratification of bills.

1. General Fund bills totaling \$557,527.80
2. Adult Fund bills totaling \$2,2207.65.
3. Practical Nursing bills totaling \$23,846.54.
4. Activity Fund bills totaling \$8,946.19.

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Brian Brant, prevailed to approve financial reports listed under section VI, Financial Reports, paragraphs A and B as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

VII. Program/Project Reports

Director's Report – Karen Remick

Principal's Report – Matthew Danel

Adult Education Report – Kim Cicmansky

Financial Report – Jennifer Booth

VIII. Committee and Administrative Reports

A. Education & Personnel Report: Chairperson- Brian Brant

1. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Mandy Marteney, prevailed to approve the Student trips as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
2. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Lance Shawley, prevailed to approve the staff trips as presented. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
3. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Mandy Marteney, prevailed to approve the following New OAC members:
Brenda Szelong, CJL Engineering – Drafting
Jeff Shaffer, Shaffer's Bottled Gas – HVAC
Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
4. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Lance Shawley, prevailed to approve the 2026-27 lease with Allegany College of Maryland for \$9500, effective July

- 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
5. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Lance Shawley, prevailed to approve Lori Schafer as substitute nurse for the 26-27 school year pending all certifications and clearances. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
 6. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Lance Shawley, prevailed to approve the Board Affirmation Statement for the 2026-27 School Year as presented.
 7. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Michael Deihl, prevailed to approve the hiring of part-time summer help for maintenance at minimum wage. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.
 8. A motion by Brian Brant, seconded by Michael Deihl, prevailed to approve the tuition increase for State Inspection:
 - a. Tuition increase from \$145 to \$200
 - b. Category I increase from \$45 to \$50
 - c. Category II increase from \$45 to \$50
 - d. Category III decrease from \$70 to \$50

B. Buildings, Grounds, Equipment & Supply Committee: Chairperson-Joe Swank

- i. Approve the obsolete item list. [tabled]
- ii. A motion by Lance Shawley, seconded by Brian Brant, prevailed to approve advertising to purchase a used John Deere 540G Skidder or equivalent. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

C. Negotiations Committee: Chairperson- Michael Diehl

D. Budget & Finance: Chairperson- Michael Diehl

1. A motion by Michael Deihl, seconded by Brian Brant, prevailed to approve the Final Adoption of the 2026-27 General Fund Adult Budgets. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.

E. Policy Committee: Chairperson – Donna Dively

F. Grievance Committee: Chairperson- Donna Dively

IX. Correspondence and Information

X. Executive Sessions

XI. Other Items For Action

XII. Additional Items

1. The June meeting of the Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Somerset County Technology Center.
2. The Certificate Ceremony is on May 22nd at 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

Adjournment

A motion by Michael Diehl, seconded by Lance Shawley, prevailed to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Section 508 vote: All delegates present voted in the affirmative; motion carried.