

**PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

**Thursday, March 19, 2026
11:00 AM**

**Pierpont's Advanced Technology Center (ATC)
500 Galliher Drive
Fairmont, WV 26554
Room 216A**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. BOG Action Items

(Dale Bradley, VP of Finance and Administration)

A. *Approval of Supplemental and Program Fee Changes for Academic Year 2026-2027

B. *Approval of Tuition and Fee Changes for Academic Year 2026-2027

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III. Adjournment

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**Pierpont Community & Technical College
Board of Governors
Meeting of March 19, 2026**

ITEM: Approval of Tuition and Fee Changes for Academic Year 2026-27

COMMITTEE: Finance and Administration Committee

STAFF MEMBER: Dale Bradley

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Resolved that the Pierpont Community and Technical College Board of Governors approve the Tuition and Fee changes identified below for Academic Year 2026-27.

ATTACHMENTS: The Education and General Fee Planning Schedule – Per Semester (Attachment F) identifying the proposed fee changes for Academic Year 2026-27

BACKGROUND:

- **Education and General Tuition Fees** are charges levied on all students to support educational and general program services or optional fees levied for education and general services collected only from students using the service or from students for whom the services are made available. Educational and general expenditures include instruction, research, academic support, student services, institutional support, operation and maintenance of the physical plant, scholarships, and fellowships. Educational and general expenditures do not include expenditures for auxiliary enterprises or independent operations.
 - Pierpont will increase to the Resident (In-State) Education and General Tuition Fees, the Reduced Non-Resident (Out-of-State) (Metro) Education and General Tuition Fees and the Non-Resident (Out-of-State) Education and General Tuition Fees for AY 2026-27.
 - Increase the Resident Education and General Tuition by \$86 per semester.
 - Increase the Reduced Non-Resident Metro Education and General Tuition by \$166 per semester.
 - Increase the Non-Resident Education and General Tuition by \$205 per semester.
 - Refer to Attachment F “Education and General Fee Planning Schedule – Per Semester” Academic Year 2026-27 for fee changes details.
- **Justification for Education and General Tuition Fees Increases**
 - Pierpont did not increase Education and General Tuition and Fees in the previous Academic Year while 75% other WV Community and Technical Colleges increased Education and

General Tuition and Fees ranging from a low of 3.24% to a high of 10% with an average increase of 3.54%.

- Pierpont's average Education and General Tuition and Fees increase between 2020-21 through 2024-25 has been 2.53% while the WV Community and Technical College System's Education and General Tuition and Fees average increase during the same period of time has been 2.62%.
- The Higher Education Inflation Rate in 2023 was 4%; in 2024 3.4%; and in 2025 3.6%.
- Modest annual Education and General Tuition and Fee increases to keep up with inflation avoids the need for large increases in any single year.
- The WV Community and Technical College System (WV CTC) had total debt obligations at June 30, 2025 of \$12.7 million. Pierpont's obligations made up \$11 million or 86.53% of the total debt obligation of the WV CTC System.
 - The annual debt payments for the WV CTC System totals \$1.9 million. Pierpont's annual obligation payment is \$1.7 million or 91.25% of total annual debt payments of the WV CTC System.
 - Pierpont's annual debt obligations account for approximately 9.37% of the Annual Unrestricted Operating Budget.
- The Institution needs to continue to support financial sustainability through the Composite Financial Index (CFI) and days cash on hand. These measures of financial health are heavily dependent on adequate revenues above expenditures and increases in Net Position. A modest increase in tuition supports a healthy CFI.
- The Institution continues to review expenditures and efficiencies in software and contractual services to minimize operational costs.
- With Labor costs accounting for approximately 63% of Pierpont's Unrestricted Operating Budget, the Institution continuously evaluates vacant staff and faculty position to determine if the vacancies need to be filled as potential costs savings measures. The national typical labor (%) costs in community college higher education is 55-65% of operating budgets (NACUBO).

Required Tuition and Fees. Charges levied to all students and include educational and general fees, auxiliary fees, and capital fees.

ATTACHMENT F

**Fee Planning Schedule- Per Semester
Academic Year 2026-27**

Institution: Pierpont Community & Technical College

Student Institutional Level: Community College
(Community College, Undergraduate)

	Resident 2023-24	Resident 2024-25	Resident 2025-26	Resident 2026-27	Increase (Decrease)	Non-Resident 2023-24	Non-Resident 2024-25	Non-Resident 2025-26	Non-Resident 2026-27	Increase (Decrease)	Reduced Non-Resident 2023-24	Reduced Non-Resident 2024-25	Reduced Non-Resident 2025-26	Reduced Non-Resident 2026-27	Increase (Decrease)	Projected Revenue Increase * 2026-27
I. Regular Fees Charged to All Students																
a. Tuition and Required Education and General Fees	\$2,332	\$2,416	\$2,416	\$2,502	\$86	\$5,708	\$5,907	\$5,907	\$6,112	\$205	\$4,790	\$4,951	\$4,951	\$5,117	\$166	\$131,729
b. Required Educational and General Capital Fees																
i. System E&G Capital Fees	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$0	\$798	\$798	\$798	\$798	\$0	\$455	\$455	\$455	\$455	\$0	
ii. Special Institutional E&G Capital Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
c. Auxiliary and Auxiliary Capital Fees																
i. Standard Auxiliary Fees	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$0	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$0	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$0	
ii. Mandatory Auxiliary Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
iii. Auxiliary Capital Fee	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Student Fee Request	\$2,797	\$2,881	\$2,881	\$2,967	\$86	\$6,631	\$6,830	\$6,830	\$7,035	\$205	\$5,370	\$5,531	\$5,531	\$5,697	\$166	
Percentage of Increase Requested Over Previous Year		3.00%	0.00%	2.99%			3.00%	0.00%	3.00%			3.00%	0.00%	3.00%		\$131,729
Three-year Average Increase					2.00%					2.00%					2.00%	
* Please provide projected revenue increases for any change in tuition.																