

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**AT CHARLESTON**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19-21**  
**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the State of West Virginia to take a more holistic approach to our talent development system, by better integrating the various training and certification programs offered through the West Virginia Community and Technical College system and West Virginia's Workforce Development system with the needs, both present and future, of the businesses and industries that employ the people of our State, as well as those businesses and industries that may be seeking opportunities to move or expand into the State of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, a blue ribbon task force, consisting of State officials, business leaders, and other stakeholders from across our State is necessary to develop the roadmap for this integration and to provide a strategic vision for the State of West Virginia that will afford all West Virginians equitable opportunities for lifelong learning and increased personal economic mobility, and will provide employers in West Virginia with individuals with the particular skill sets, knowledge, and education needed to improve their businesses and provide additional career opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, our State Community and Technical College system and our State Workforce Development system will, as a result of the work and recommendations of this blue ribbon task force, submit a combined plan to address both education and workforce development to the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the public that all State resources necessary or helpful to the work of the blue ribbon taskforce created under this Order, be made available to the blue ribbon task force so that it may conduct and complete its work and make findings and recommendations to the Governor; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that:

1. There is hereby created a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Aligning the Roles and Missions of the State Community and Technical College System and Workforce Development System (the “Blue Ribbon Task Force”) to develop a roadmap for integration of the State Community and Technical College and Workforce Development systems and to provide a strategic vision for our State to afford all West Virginians equitable opportunities for lifelong learning and increased personal economic mobility, as well as to provide current and prospective employers and industries in West Virginia with individuals who have the particular skill sets, knowledge, and education necessary to grow their businesses provide additional career opportunities.

2. The Blue Ribbon Task Force shall be comprised of the following members:

- The Governor’s Deputy Chief of Staff or her designee;
- The President of the Senate or his designee;
- The Speaker of the House or his designee;
- The Secretary of Commerce or his designee;
- The Secretary of Economic Development or his designee;
- The Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission and the Community and Technical College System or her designee;
- The Interim Vice Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission and the Community and Technical College System or her designee;
- The Technical Education Officer at the West Virginia Department of Education;
- Two Presidents of WV Community and Technical Colleges;
- The Executive Director of WorkForce West Virginia;
- Two Local Workforce Development Center Directors; and
- Four business community leaders, representing interests of various industry sectors and regions within West Virginia.

3. The Blue Ribbon Task Force shall deliver its findings and recommendations to integrate the roles and missions of the State Community and Technical College and Workforce Development systems to the Governor upon completion of their work.

4. All State resources necessary or helpful to the work of the Blue Ribbon Task Force shall be made available to the Blue Ribbon Task Force so that it may conduct and complete its work.

5. The Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff or her designee shall serve as Chair of the Blue Ribbon Task Force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.



**By the Governor**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James I. Gooden".

**GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mac Warner".

**SECRETARY OF STATE**