

Employee Benefits Committee Monthly Meeting
October 28, 2021
2:00 p.m.
Zoom Videoconference

Attendees: LaTawnya Burleson, Sara Leftwich, Pat Donovan, Patrick Pithua, Pamela Stell, Jennifer Earley, Richard Ashley, Marie Bliss, Leisa Shelor

Absent: Richard Shryock (with notice), Rachel Miles, Brittany May, Amanda Lucas

Guests: Kim Thomason

LaTawnya Burleson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Approval and posting of minutes from September 23, 2021

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the Web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>).

2. Presentation

Kim Thomason, Program Manager, ECE Initiatives, gave a presentation focusing on early care and education at the university and in surrounding communities. The presentation also addressed challenges finding quality childcare and initiatives available to help support families, including workforce planning, access, and affordability. She mentioned the importance of continued advocacy for the programs as a way the committee can help these efforts.

3. Announcements-

- LaTawnya will send a poll to the group to determine a date to hold the next meeting prior to the December break.

4. Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:51 p.m.