

Advisory Board / Business and Leadership Council

Surgical Technology

April 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

Amarillo College Business and Leadership Councils will ensure to comply with GIPWE Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes by incorporating the following agenda items into the meeting minutes. For more information about the characteristics of these committees, review pps. 7-8 in the GIPWE.

- (1) Identification of committee members (name, title, and affiliation);
- (2) Indication of the committee members' presence or absence from the meeting;
- (3) The names and title of others present at the meeting;
- (4) The signature of the recorder; and
- (5) Evidence that industry partners have taken an active role in making decisions that affect the program as outlined below:
  - a. Evaluating the goals and objectives of the program curriculum;
  - b. Establishing workplace competencies for the program occupation(s);
  - c. Suggesting program revisions as needed;
  - d. Evaluating the adequacy of exciting college facilities and equipment;
  - e. Advising college personnel on the selection and acquisition of new equipment;
  - f. Identifying local business and industry leaders who will provide student with wor-Obased learning experience, employment, and placement opportunities;
  - g. Assisting in the professional development of faculty;
  - h. Assisting in promoting and publicizing the program to the community and to business and industry; and
  - i. Representing the needs of students from special populations as defined in Perkins V.

**For recorders/notetakers**

Please review the guidelines above and below as you prepare the agenda and/or minutes.

If a motion is made, make note in the section of who made the motion, who seconded, and include results of vote. If there is no motion or action taken on a discussion or a point in the agenda, note "no action or vote taken" in the section.

**Signatures and Routing**

Upon completion of the minutes, please send them to advisory board/BLC chair and program chair and/or program coordinator for review and signature. *Include the meeting agenda with the minutes. Afterwards, send it to Dean for review and final initial before you submit to the library for the electronic archives.*

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**Instructions for Advisory Board / BLCs**

**Chairperson** – appointed by program manager (someone outside of Amarillo College)

**Recorder** – person taking notes from meeting

**Members** – Include all members of committee; place an X to left of name if present.

**Ex-Officio** – Include all other people present. AC faculty, staff, and guests are ex-officio; they do not vote on motions.

**“Program Name”  
Business and Leadership Council Meeting Minutes**

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b> Miri Cook		
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> April 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	<b>MEETING TIME:</b> 6:00 AM	<b>MEETING LOCATION:</b> AC Simulation Center
<b>RECORDER:</b>		<b>PREVIOUS MEETING:</b> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025 @ 6:00 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT: (P = Present) Add nonmembers to bottom of table with heading “Others Present.”**

P?	Name and Title (List all)	Business Affiliation	Email	Best contact number
X	Miri Cook	Northwest Texas Hospital	Miri.cook@nwrths.com	806-570-2234
X	Cara Segura	CST Quail Creek Hospital	Cara.coop@segura@email.com	806-640-4106
X	Ryan Terry	Baptist St. Anthony’s Hospital	Ryan.terry01@BSAhs.org	806-223-3963
A	Ashley Hamrich	Northwest Texas Hospital		

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A	Orion Herrera	Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital	
A	April Dickens	Panhandle Surgical Hospital	
A	Jennifer Evans-Gandy	Quail Creek Hospital	
A	Paulina Perez	Northwest Texas Hospital	
X	Jaelyn Hanbury	AC Student	

Minutes	
Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Old Business:	Approval of previous minutes Ryan Terry 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cara Segura 2 <sup>nd</sup> all approved
Advisor Report	Leslie McCaslin - Leslie stated that the advisors have been very busy helping students register for fall. Application process closes on April 10 <sup>th</sup> . Surgical Technology has 104 applications.
Student Report	Jaelyn Hanbury - Jaelyn stated she is thankful for the clinicals sites. She appreciates the knowledge she has received from them.

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Clinical Sites Reports	<p><b>Miri Cook NWTHS</b> – Miri stated her area has been closed. Hopefully opening in June. There have been issues with some scrub techs...they can be territorial. Let Melinda or Miri know if there are issues. Miri told the student to let her know of any issues.</p> <p><b>Ryan Terry BSA</b>- No issues with students. They have two open spots; they might be opening two more. Volume isn't there.</p> <p><b>Ryan</b> stated BSA is getting Texas Tech Doctors. There might be a short pause on getting students. They are gearing up for one more room.</p> <p><b>Cara Segura Quail Creek</b> -- Cara stated they are in their slow phase at this time. Students are doing better. They don't have any openings currently. Everything is good.</p> <p><b>Melissa Burns</b> -- Melissa stated they have been busy in CCHCE. CNA is now required for nursing. CCHCE is offering Medical Billing and Coding in person.</p>
Melissa Burns -- Director CCHCE	
Kim Boyd for John Smoot SIM Center Director	<p><b>Kim Boyd for John Smoot</b> -- Kim stated the Simulation Center has been very busy. Surgical Technology and Sonography is in the simulation center.</p>
PT Instructors	<p><b>Ben Segura</b> - thanked the hospitals for their partnership and supplies donations. Ben said the Surgical Technology program is doing well. Ben stated Angela is also doing good. Miri donated supplies to the program.</p> <p><b>Lluvia Lopez</b> - Lluvia stated she is proud of the students. She also mentioned the techs have been very helpful to the students. Supplies donations help a lot.</p>
Angela Vaughan -- Program Director	<p>Angela stated she is thankful to be at AC. Other instructors and the hospitals have been welcoming.</p> <p><b>Strategic Plan - AORN STDS</b> – <b>11 months</b>. Currently the program has 6 facilities. Would like to add one or two more for the summer.</p> <p><b>Program Outcomes:</b> 2025 20 students in program. 84% OAE pass rate. Graduation rate <b>18/19 95%</b>.</p> <p>Angela mentioned that the simulation center is amazing. They have working OR lights, so it has the feel of a real surgery center.</p> <p>A Medical Assisting class was taught by Surgical Technology students. There have been several High School tours, so Angela has had an opportunity to talk about the program. Kim Boyd mentioned that students pay for surgical counts and study materials. Money was found to help pay fees for students next year. Fees are being added to tuition to help. Financial Aid will also help if a student qualifies. Angela will be attending a Surgical Technology conference this summer. The class size is staying the same for 2026-27. Miri stated having fees in tuition is a good idea.</p>
Other:	
Adjourn:	6:32 AM

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Committee Chairperson: <i>Miri Cook</i>	MEETING DATE: 4-8-2026	NEXT MEETING:
Recorder's Signature: <i>Janet Barton</i>	04/15/2026	
DEPARTMENTAL CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE: <i>Angela Vaughan</i>	DATE: 04/15/2026	
DIVISION DEAN'S SIGNATURE <i>Kim M. Boyd</i>	DATE: 04/15/2026	

# Surgical Technology Business Leadership Council 4/8/2026

# Amarillo College Strategic Plan

## AC President – Dr Jamelle Connor

1. Increase Completion
2. Align Degrees and Certificates with Current and New Labor Market Demand
3. Increase Student Learning
4. Equitable Degree and Certificate Attainment
5. Build Systems for Financial Effectiveness

Committee formed to write new Strategic plan

# Program Information

## **AORN and ARC/STSA standards are utilized.**

The program is 11 months in duration, running from August through the end of June, and includes Fall, Spring, and Summer sessions.

Clinical sites currently consist of six facilities:

- BSA
- NW
- Quail Creek
- Panhandle
- Proffer Surgical
- Amarillo Cataract & Eye

The goal is to add 1–2 additional facilities by the summer.

# Surgical Technology Program Outcomes

# Graduation Rates

	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
<b>Initial Enrollment</b>	21	20	20	20
<b>Number Graduated</b>	15	18	16	19
<b>OEC Participation</b>	15	18	15	19
<b>OEC Pass Rate</b>	73%	78%	88%	84%
<b>Graduation Placement Rate</b>	93%	100%	100%	95%

OEC-Students participating in National Certification Exam

# Health Science Simulation Center

New Operating Room Learning Environment includes:

- Four OR beds, four scrub sinks, anesthesia machine, scope tower, OR lights, a medical supply & an instrument storage room

## Interprofessional Events

- Collaborate with Medical Assistant students for sterile technique training
- Tours and informational sessions for future students

Thank you for your  
time and support of the  
Surgical Technology  
Program.

# BUSINESS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Program: Surgical Technology

Year: 2026

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Committee Chair: Miri Cook

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