

# PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Pearl River Community College met at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, for their monthly meeting in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria Board of Trustees Room on the Poplarville Campus.

### TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE/ABSENT:

Mr. Tony Waits, Chairman	Mr. Dale Purvis
Mr. Frank Ladner, Vice Chairman	Mr. Ike Haynes
Mr. Ronald Fortenberry	Mr. Al Brooks
Dr. Ben Burnett - Absent	Mr. M.L. "Sonny" Knight - Secretary
Dr. Kay Clay	Dr. Gale Harris
Mr. Barry Harper	Mr. P.W. Polk
Ms. Sandy McCardle - Absent	Ms. Melissa Holston
Mr. Alan Dedeaux	Mr. H. R. Nobles

**PRCC STAFF:** President Dr. William Lewis, Dean of Business Services Mr. Roger Knight, Dean of Student Services Dr. Adam Breerwood, Director of Public Relations Mr. Chuck Abadie, Vice President for Instruction Dr. John Grant, Dean of the Forrest County Center Dr. Cecil Burt, Director of Development Foundation Mr. Ernie Lovell, Director of Workforce Education Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, PRCC Faculty Association President Robin Nix, President's Administrative Assistant Ms. Marilyn Dillard, and Board Attorney Mr. Martin Smith

**GUESTS:** Mr. Lewis Griffin, Griffin Architecture

Chairman Tony Waits, opened the meeting, and the Invocation was provided by Barry Harper. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following business was transacted.

Dr. Lewis informed the board that trustees Dale Purvis of Lamar County and Barry Harper of Pearl River County were recently reappointed to five-year terms by their respective boards of supervisors. Their reappointed five-year terms are effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015.

Chairman Waits requested approval of the **December 14, 2010, board meeting minutes**. A motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Dr. Clay, to approve the December 14, 2010, board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Departmental reports were then presented by staff administrators. Those presenting reports included Dr. Grant, Dr. Burt, Dr. Breerwood, Mr. Lovell, and Sonny Knight (Buildings and Grounds Committee).

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Sonny Knight provided a report on the bid results for the Holden-Brownstone Performing Arts Center held in Jackson on December 16, 2010. Mr. Knight stated that the low bid was in excess of the funds currently available for the project. Mr. Knight made a motion that the board approve Architect Lewis Griffin to meet with his consultants and PRCC administration to discuss ways and items that could be deleted or modified in order to bring the project's bid within budgeted funds. At Dr. Lewis's request, Mr. Griffin stated that

approximately \$1.5 million will have to be cut from the Center's building plans. After discussion, Mr. Dedeaux seconded Mr. Knight's motion as stated, and the motion carried.

Roger Knight then presented and reviewed the **Reconciled Bank Balances for December 31, 2010**, and the **Statement of Expenditures for December 31, 2010**. No action was necessary.

Mr. Knight presented for review and approval the **December 2010 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) in the amount of \$2,081,088.14**. A motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Dr. Clay, to approve the December 2010 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) as presented herein. The motion carried. The original Disbursement Register is on file in the Business Office.

Dr. Lewis then requested for the presentation of personnel matters.

The following personnel transfer was presented by Dr. Grant:

- Transfer of **Mr. Jason Bordelon** from the position of Networking and Systems Specialist to the position of Systems Analyst II effective January 12, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Ladner, seconded by Dr. Clay, to approve the transfer of Mr. Bordelon as stated and defined herein. The motion carried.

There were no legal matters presented at today's meeting.

In the President's Report, Dr. Lewis requested Roger Knight to provide an overview of the PRCC Hazard Mitigation Plan Open House. Mr. Knight informed the board that FEMA will be providing state-wide meetings to inform the public how to be prepared for all types of natural hazards and disasters. Mitigation planning, which is any sustainable action plan to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event, is the best way to be prepared. PRCC's first Hazard Mitigation Plan Open House will be held in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria Tuesday, January 25, 2011. The public is invited to attend the Open House.

Dr. Lewis stated that the following three deaths occurred during the recent holiday break: Dr. M. R. White, former PRCC president, Mr. Henry "Rudy" Thomas, PRCC friend and alumni, and Mr. Ken Winter, PRCC retired security officer.

In closing, Dr. Lewis requested that Dr. Alsobrooks provide a brief overview of the \$20,000 planning grant recently awarded to the College. Dr. Alsobrooks reported that the College has been awarded a \$20,000 Planning Grant for the development of applications for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program. The Mississippi Gulf South Consortium which will include Pearl River Community College, Jones County Junior College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and Southwest Community College has been formed to facilitate the development and submission of the TAACCCT proposal as well as to support future funding opportunities for the Colleges. The Consortium would like to contract with the University of Southern Mississippi to provide research services in the amount of \$20,000 to support the Consortium's TAACCCT proposal. Dr. Lewis then requested board approval of the contract with USM for this purpose. A motion was made by Mr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Sonny Knight, to approve the College's participation in said consortium contract as defined herein. The motion carried.

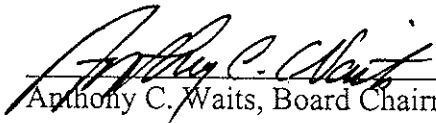
Dr. Lewis provided copies of an article entitled "Guns on College Campuses" to board members. He requested board members to read the article so that this issue can be discussed at the February board meeting.

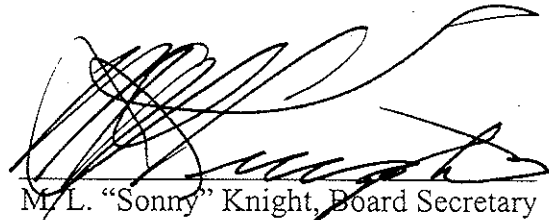
Dr. Lewis informed the board that the College has reached a Final Settlement agreement with FEMA on the replacement of Lamar Hall. The award is \$2.3 million.

Regarding M. R. White Coliseum, Dr. Lewis informed the board that the overall building size has been agreed upon by FEMA, but there are still some floor plan issues that have not received FEMA's approval. The entire plan for the building will require final approval from FEMA before a final agreement is reached.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, a motion was made by Mr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Ladner, to adjourn. The motion carried.

The next meeting of the PRCC Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria Board of Trustees Room.

  
Anthony C. Waits, Board Chairman

  
M/L. "Sonny" Knight, Board Secretary