

# PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2012

The Board of Trustees of Pearl River Community College met at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, for their monthly meeting in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria Board of Trustees Room on the Poplarville Campus.

### TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE/ABSENT:

Mr. Frank Ladner, Chairman	Mr. Dale Purvis
Mr. Herbert Ray Nobles, Vice Chairman	Mr. Craig Robbins
Mr. M.L. "Sonny" Knight, Secretary	Mr. Albert Brooks
Mr. Brian Freeman	Mr. Alan Lumpkin
Mr. Alan Dedeaux – Absent	Mr. Purvis W. "P.W." Polk, Jr.
Mr. Ike Haynes	Dr. Gale Harris
Mr. Anthony Charles "Tony" Waits	Mr. Don Welsh
Dr. Ben Burnett	Ms. Teresa Lynn Stafford

**PRCC STAFF:** President Dr. William Lewis, Vice President for Business and Administrative Services Mr. Roger Knight, Vice President for Poplarville Campus and Hancock Center Dr. Adam Breerwood, Director of Public Relations Mr. Chuck Abadie, Vice President for General Education and Technology Services Dr. Martha Lou Smith, Vice President for Economic and Community Development Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, Director of Development Foundation/Alumni Association Mr. Ernie Lovell, Vice President for Forrest County Operations Dr. Cecil Burt, Vice President for Research and Planning Dr. Becky Askew, Director of HPR/Wellness Center Ms. Tara Rouse, President's Administrative Assistant Ms. Marilyn Dillard, and Board Attorney Mr. Martin Smith

**GUESTS:** Ms. Sheila Grogan, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation, Ms. Jodi Marze, *Picayune Item*; Mr. Charles Herrington, WDAM-TV; Mr. Ed Kemp and Mr. Bryant Hawkins, *Hattiesburg American*

Chairman Frank Ladner opened the meeting, and the Invocation was provided by Herbert Ray Nobles. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following business was transacted.

Chairman Ladner, who was elected at the December 2011 board meeting to serve as board chair for the next two years, welcomed new board members to today's meeting. The new board members include Brian Freeman, Superintendent of Education of the Forrest County School District; Craig Robbins, Superintendent of Education of the Marion County School District; Alan Lumpkin, Superintendent of Education of the Pearl River County School District; and Teresa Stafford, Instructor at South Side Lower Elementary School in Picayune, Mississippi. All trustees then had the opportunity to introduce themselves and their respective county.

Dr. Lewis then recognized and welcomed all guests in attendance. At this time, he asked Dr. Askew to provide an introduction for Ms. Grogan. After her introduction, Ms. Grogan provided a presentation on the Wellness Enhancement Initiative Grant which has been awarded to the College's Wellness Center. Ms. Grogan stated that the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation has awarded the College a Wellness Enhancement Initiative Grant based on the grant application submitted by Tara Rouse, Director of the PRCC Wellness Center. She added that the

amount of the grant is \$286,270.00 and will provide new equipment and an outdoor walking track for the Wellness Center. Ms. Grogan congratulated the College on this grant award and emphasized the importance and benefits of providing a wellness program for employees.

Chairman Ladner requested approval of the **December 13, 2011, board meeting minutes**. A motion was made by Mr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Knight, to approve the December 13, 2011, board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Departmental reports were then presented by staff administrators. Those presenting reports included Dr. Smith, Dr. Burt, Dr. Breerwood, Dr. Alsobrooks, Mr. Lovell, and Sonny Knight (Buildings and Grounds Committee). Mr. Knight reported that sealed bids will be opened on Tuesday, January 17, for the re-construction of M. R. White Coliseum.

Roger Knight then presented and reviewed the **Reconciled Bank Balances for December 31, 2011**, and the **Statement of Expenditures for December 31, 2011**. No action was necessary.

Mr. Knight presented for review and approval the **December 2011 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) in the amount of \$1,668,354.46**. A motion was made by Mr. Nobles, seconded by Sonny Knight, to approve the December 2011 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) as presented herein. The motion carried. The original Disbursement Register is on file in the Business Office.

The following personnel matters were presented as follows:

Dr. Smith presented the employment of Mr. Eric Reid for the position of Webmaster effective January 11, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Waits, seconded by Dr. Harris, to approve the employment of Mr. Reid as stated herein. The motion carried.

Dr. Breerwood presented the employment of Ms. Kathryn Hairston for the position of Student Services Coordinator (formerly titled Special Populations Coordinator)(Carl Perkins funding) effective January 10, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Purvis, to approve the employment of Ms. Hairston as stated herein. The motion carried.

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

In the President's Report, Dr. Lewis reported on the following items:


- Legislative session has begun its 120 day session; a fish fry is being planned for the annual MACJC Legislative Appreciation Luncheon on January 24. The fish fry will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Galloway Methodist Church in Jackson (across from the Capital). Dr. Lewis invited board members to attend if schedules will allow. The College will provide transportation to this event.
- Reminded board member that the M. R. White bid opening will be held at 2:00 p.m. on January 17.
- Requested that board members begin thinking about the College becoming a "Tobacco Free Campus"; no recommendations are forthcoming on this issue at this point in time.

- Discussed the possible re-organization of board committees: Buildings and Grounds Committee and Budget and Personnel Committee. There is a need to formalize and strengthen policies and implement a rotation basis for these committees. An insurance committee may also be developed. This item will be discussed more in detail in the near future.

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

The next meeting of the PRCC Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria Board of Trustees Room.

  
Frank Ladner, Board Chairman

  
M. L. "Sonny" Knight, Board Secretary