

# PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Pearl River Community College met at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 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	Mr. M.L. "Sonny" Knight, Secretary
Dr. Kay Clay	Dr. Gale Harris - Absent
Mr. Barry Harper	Mr. P.W. Polk
Ms. Sandy McCardle	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, PRCC Faculty Association President Robin Nix, President's Administrative Assistant Ms. Marilyn Dillard, Men's Basketball Coach Richard Mathis, Director of Distance Education and Instructional Design Dr. Martha Lou Smith, and Board Attorney Mr. Martin Smith

**GUESTS:** None

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

At the request of Dr. Lewis, Dr. Martha Lou Smith provided a brief report on the Virtual Community College. A current on-line enrollment chart was provided to all board members.

Chairman Waits requested approval of the **February 8, 2011, board meeting minutes**. A motion was made by Mr. Ladner, seconded by Mr. Purvis, to approve the February 8, 2011, 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 made a motion to approve the employment of Attorney Lucien Bourgeois (from the law firm Butler and Snow) to begin the bond sale for funds from Lamar County for the construction of the Performing Arts Building. The motion is contingent upon approval by the Lamar County Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Frank Ladner, and the motion carried.

Roger Knight then presented and reviewed the **Reconciled Bank Balances for February 28, 2011**, and the **Statement of Expenditures for February 28, 2011**. No action was necessary.

Mr. Knight presented for review and approval the **February 2011 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) in the amount of \$5,527,308.84**. A motion was made by Mr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Knight, to approve the February 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 by Dr. Grant:

- **Retirement of Mr. Charles Ferguson** from the position of Instructor of Biology effective May 31, 2011.
- **Retirement of Ms. Peggy Dease** from the position of Director of Nursing Education effective May 31, 2011.
- **Retirement of Ms. Mary Benson** from the position of Librarian - Forrest County Center effective June 30, 2011.

A motion was made by Dr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Polk, to accept the retirements of Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Dease, and Ms. Benson as stated and defined herein. The motion carried.

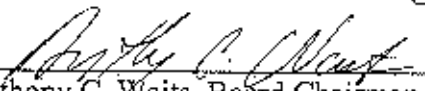
There were no legal matters presented at today's meeting.

In the President's Report, the following items were presented and discussed:

- Dr. Lewis requested Coach Richard Mathis to provide a report on the recent softball recruiting violations (against Southwest Community College) incurred by PRCC softball coaches. Coach Mathis reported that MACJC Commissioner Jim Southward investigated and confirmed the violation of recruiting in an out-of-state district. He added that the softball program has been placed on probation for one year due to the violation.
- Dr. Lewis reported that he has submitted a letter to Transportation Commissioner Wayne Brown regarding the College's request to have a traffic light installed at the Forrest County Center's entrance on Highway 49 due to recurring traffic accidents at this site. The College will continue to monitor this request.
- Discussed a planning meeting held recently with Architect Larry Albert. Mr. Albert is in the planning phase of the Forrest County Center's Master Plan. The proposed plan will be presented to the board upon its completion.
- Dr. Lewis reported that the recent Capital Day event was very successful and was well attended statewide by faculty, staff, and students. He expressed appreciation to PRCC Trustee Dale Purvis for his well-presented speech at this event. He informed the board that Mr. Purvis represented the College extremely well at Capital Day.

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

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Board of Trustees Room in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria.

  
Anthony C. Waits, Board Chairman

  
M. L. "Sonny" Knight, Board Secretary