

# PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

**January 10, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of Pearl River Community College met Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. for their monthly meeting in the Board of Trustees Room at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Mississippi.

### **All TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE/ABSENT:**

Mr. Alan Lumpkin, Chairman	Mr. Frank Ladner
Mr. Alan Dedeaux, Vice Chairman	Mr. Herbert Ray Nobles
Mr. M. L. "Sonny" Knight, Secretary	Ms. Wendy Bracey
Ms. Tess Smith	Mr. Donnie Williamson
Mr. Dale Purvis	Mr. Brian Freeman
Mr. Purvis W. "P.W." Polk, Jr. - Absent	Mr. Will Russell
Dr. Gale Harris	Mr. Don Welsh
Mr. Anthony Charles "Tony" Waits	Ms. Teresa Lynn Stafford

**PRCC STAFF:** President Dr. William Lewis, Vice President for Business and Administrative Services Mr. Roger Knight, Vice President for the Poplarville Campus and Hancock Center Dr. Adam Breerwood, Vice President for General Education and Technology Services Dr. Martha Lou Smith, Vice President for Planning and Institutional Research Dr. Jennifer Seal, Vice President for Forrest County Operations Dr. Jana Causey, Director of the Development Foundation and Alumni Affairs Mr. Ernie Lovell, Director of Public Relations Mr. Chuck Abadie, PRCC Board Attorney Ms. Manya Bryan, and President's Administrative Assistant Ms. Marilyn Dillard

### **Invocation and Pledge**

Chairman Lumpkin opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees to today's meeting. Dr. Gale Harris provided the Invocation. Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the following business was transacted.

### **Welcome/Guests**

No guests were present at today's meeting.

### **Presentation**

Dr. Jennifer Seal provided a report on Mississippi's Bi-Centennial celebration plans. She informed the Board that the South Mississippi Committee will be hosting a Bi-Centennial Celebration of the State of Mississippi on March 31 - April 1, 2017 at Centennial Plaza in Gulfport. The theme for celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mississippi statehood is "Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow". Pearl River Community College will be supporting the Education and Future Exhibit by offering hands-on activities and program demonstrations to students and the public.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Lumpkin requested approval of the **December 13, 2016 board meeting minutes**. A motion was made by Alan Dedeaux, seconded by Frank Ladner, to approve the December 13, 2016 board meeting minutes. The motion was unanimous.

### Departmental Reports

Departmental reports were given by Dr. Smith, Dr. Causey, Dr. Breerwood, Dr. Alsobrooks, and Ernie Lovell.

### Financial Reports

In the Financial Reports, Roger Knight presented and reviewed the **Reconciled Bank Balances and Unrestricted Current Fund Statement of Expenditures ending December 31, 2016**. No action was necessary.

Mr. Knight presented for review and approval the **December 2016 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) in the amount of \$1,249,778.84**. A motion was made by Sonny Knight, seconded by Will Russell, to approve the December 2016 Disbursement Register as presented herein. The motion was unanimous. The original Disbursement Register is on file in the Business Office.

Mr. Knight presented for approval a **single source item** for purchase from The Lincoln Electric Company for three mobile standard frequency welding simulators (\$72,288) and two standard frequency welding simulators (\$115,000) for the Workforce Development Center in the total amount of \$187,288.00. A motion was made by Herbert Ray Nobles, seconded by Dale Purvis, to approve the single source item purchase as stated and defined herein. The single source letter that provides justification of this purchase is made available to members of the board and is on file in the PRCC Business Office. The motion was unanimous.

### Personnel Matters

Mr. Knight recommended the acceptance of the **retirement** of **Ms. Marie Bowden** from the position of **Custodian Supervisor (Poplarville)** effective December 30, 2016. A motion was made by Tony Waits, seconded by Brian Freeman, to accept the retirement of Ms. Bowden as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

Dr. Alsobrooks recommended a new position, **Instructor of Unmanned Aerial Systems**, for the new Unmanned Aerial Systems Program. This will be a new nine (9) month instructor position and will be funded by the Challenge Grant. A motion was made by Tony Waits, seconded by Frank Ladner, to approve of the new position as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

### Legal Matters

Board Attorney, Manya Creel Bryan, reported that a complete accounting of the Ethel Holden Brownstone estate proceedings is expected by the end of January.

### Other Business

There were no items to discuss under Other Business.

### President's Report

- Discussed a recruiting violation in which the football program has been sanctioned. The sanctions levied by the MACJC Commissioner for Student Activities came as a result of a football recruit posting a picture of himself on a social media site in a PRCC football jersey. Even though the football coaches had no knowledge of the posting, it is a violation of current MACJC rules.

- Discussed a conflict with the College's Spring Break scheduled for March 13-17 and the March 14 Board meeting. The Board discussed rescheduling the March board meeting for the following Tuesday which would be March 21. A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Will Russell, to approve rescheduling the March 14 meeting to March 21. The motion was unanimous.
- A brief discussion was held regarding the state's retirement system (PERS). Dr. Lewis encouraged board members to contact their legislators to request their support in maintaining the stability of the PERS system.
- In closing, Dr. Lewis informed the Board that after seventeen years of service to the College, he will retire from his position as President of Pearl River Community College effective June 30, 2017. He stated that he looks forward to working with Dr. Breerwood to make the transition as smooth as possible. A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Dr. Gale Harris, to approve Dr. Lewis's retirement from the College effective June 30, 2017. The motion was carried.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was called for adjournment. A motion was made by Herbert Ray Nobles, seconded by Frank Ladner, to adjourn. The motion was unanimous.

The next meeting of the PRCC Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Room in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria on the College's main campus in Poplarville, Mississippi.

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Alan Lumpkin, Board Chairman

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M. L. "Sonny" Knight, Board Secretary

The official signed minutes and Exhibit Item(s), if applicable, are on file in the PRCC President's Office and are available for viewing upon request.