

# PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Pearl River Community College met Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. for their monthly meeting. This meeting was held in-person and by Webex (zoom) in the West Dining Room of the Olivia Bender Cafeteria on the Pearl River Community College Campus in Poplarville, Mississippi.

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

Mr. Tony Waits, Chairman  
Mr. M. L. "Sonny" Knight, Secretary  
Mr. Dale Purvis, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Alan Lumpkin  
Mr. Dexter Jordan  
Ms. Teenia Perry  
Mr. Don Welsh  
Mr. Alan Dedeaux - Absent

Mr. Frank Ladner  
Mr. Michael T. Waits  
Ms. Wendy Bracey  
Mr. Donnie Williamson  
Mr. Brian Freeman - Absent  
Dr. Gale Harris  
Ms. Teresa Lynn Stafford  
Dr. Steven Hampton

**PRCC STAFF:** President Dr. Adam Breerwood, Senior Vice President for College Operations Mr. Roger Knight, Senior Vice President for Instruction/Provost Dr. Martha Smith, Vice President for Institutional Research Dr. Jennifer Seal, Vice President of the Forrest County Center Dr. Jana Causey, Executive Director of Development Foundation/Alumni Association Mr. Ernie Lovell, and President's Assistant Ms. Marilyn Dillard

### **Invocation and Pledge**

Chairman Tony Waits presided and opened the meeting. Dexter Jordan provided the Invocation. Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the following business was transacted.

### **Guests**

No guests were present.

### **Presentations/Recognitions**

None.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Waits called for approval of the **January 12, 2021 board meeting minutes**. A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Sonny Knight, to approve the January 12, 2021 board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimous.

### **Departmental Reports**

Departmental Reports were presented by Dr. Martha Smith, Dr. Jana Causey, Dr. Jennifer Seal, and Ernie Lovell.

### Financial Reports

Mr. Knight presented and reviewed the **Reconciled Bank Balances and Unrestricted Current Fund Statement of Expenditures ending January 31, 2021**. No action was necessary.

Mr. Knight presented for review and approval the **January 2021 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) in the amount of \$2,210,115.79**. Student refunds in the amount of \$63,591.61 are included in the total amount. A motion was made by Sonny Knight, seconded by Dale Purvis, to approve the January 2021 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 the **February 2021 Fixed Assets Deletion Report** for institution-wide in the amount of \$183,929.51. The report contains various unserviceable computers, electronic items, and/or vehicles that are no longer in use and will be prepared for salvage. A motion was made by Teresa Stafford, seconded by Don Welsh, to approve the Fixed Assets Deletion Report as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous. The original report is on file in the Business Office.

### Personnel Matters

Dr. Smith presented for acceptance the **resignation of Ms. Caroline Clark** from the position of Librarian/Testing Proctor (11 Mos) (Hancock Center) effective January 30, 2021. A motion was made by Teresa Stafford, seconded by Alan Lumpkin, to approve and accept the resignation of Ms. Clark as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

Dr. Smith presented for acceptance the **resignation for the purpose of retirement of Dr. Edward Pinero** from the position of Dean of Career & Technical Education Programs effective June 30, 2021. A motion was made by Teresa Stafford, seconded by Don Welsh, to accept the retirement of Dr. Pinero as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

### Legal Matters

None.

### Other Business

Dr. Breerwood presented for approval the **2021 Summer Work Schedule**. As in years past, this schedule will consist of all campuses observing a four-day work schedule (Monday through Thursday) and closed each Friday beginning the week of June 2 and ending the week of July 30. Work hours will be lengthened to accommodate the Friday closures. The normal work schedule will resume August 2, 2021. This schedule provides a significant energy savings for the College and allows a needed break for summer employees. A motion was made by Alan Lumpkin, seconded by Teresa Stafford, to approve the 2021 Summer Work Schedule. The motion was unanimous.

Dr. Seal reviewed and discussed the **2021-2022 Mission Statement, Strategic Goals, and Internal Performance Indicators** and recommended board approval of the document. A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Mike Waits, to approve the 2021-2022 Mission Statement, Strategic Goals, and Internal Performance Indicators as reviewed and presented by Dr. Seal. The motion was unanimous.

**President's Report**

Dr. Breerwood expressed his appreciation to all who attended the building dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony of the James W. Barnes STEM Center held prior to today's board meeting.

Dr. Breerwood gave an update on the Enoch Seal Hall renovation project and Campus Bookstore renovation/relocation project. Both projects are progressing on schedule.

Dr. Breerwood mentioned the Show Choir Competition and Athletic Teams. He encouraged the board to view the on-line videos highlighting these areas by logging into the College's website. He added that many great things are happening with our Fine Arts and Athletic students.

Dr. Breerwood reported that Pearl River Community College, the City of Hattiesburg, and Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc., recently entered into a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** to offer tuition assistance to Hattiesburg residents. The total investment for 2021 will be \$103,500.00 and is the third partnership between PRCC and the City of Hattiesburg in the past three and a half years. The MOU promotes higher education opportunities at Pearl River for eligible participants who reside in the City of Hattiesburg. It will be paid for from the city's CARES Act reimbursement and continues the 2018 City Tuition Assistance Program (CTAP) for recent high school graduates. The 2021 annual allocation also contains funding for an Outstanding Balance Assistance Program, Career Technology Education Tuition Assistance Allied Health Tuition Assistance and Pine Belt Works Basic Manufacturing Tuition Assistance. It also will provide Work Keys Testing (NCRT) for Hattiesburg High students.

Dr. Breerwood presented and discussed a handout on the **PRCC Hancock Aviation Aerospace Workforce Academy**. The site and floor plans for the hangar (18,000 square feet) and classroom space (26,000 square feet) were discussed. Dr. Breerwood stated that the College will request \$2 million for the necessary equipment for the facility. He reminded the board that the lease agreement was already established with the Port and Harbor Commission. After discussion, Dr. Breerwood requested the board's approval of the PRCC Hancock Aviation Aerospace Workforce Academy floor plans as presented and discussed at today's meeting. A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Mike Waits, to **approve the PRCC Hancock Aviation Aerospace Workforce Academy floor plans as presented and defined herein**. The motion was unanimous. A copy of the PRCC Hancock Aviation Aerospace Workforce Academy floor plans is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part of these official minutes.

In closing, Dr. Breerwood provided an update on the **Golf Program**. He stated that a meeting was held with official of **Millbrook Country Club** in Picayune, Mississippi, to discuss the use of their facility for the College's golf students. Millbrook has agreed on a partnership to include use of the Millbrook Country Club's facility, assistance with fundraising for both male and female students (Division I, II, and III), and the provision of a Millbrook coach (at a minimal cost by the College). At this time, there will be no outside hiring of a golf coach. The College will develop a budget for the Golf Program. After discussion, Dr. Breerwood requested board approval of this arrangement with Millbrook Country Club. A motion was made by Alan Lumpkin, seconded by Frank Ladner, to approve the arrangement with Millbrook Country Club as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Waits called for the meeting to be adjourned. A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Mike Waits, to adjourn. The motion was unanimous.

The next meeting of the PRCC Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. by in-person, Webex (zoom), or call-in attendance in Pearl River Community College's Olivia Bender Cafeteria.

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Mr. Anthony C. "Tony" Waits  
Chairman of the Board

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M. L. "Sonny" Knight  
Secretary of the Board

Exhibit Items for the  
February 9, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Exhibit A            PRCC Hancock Aviation Aerospace  
Workforce Academy Floor Plans

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