

# PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Pearl River Community College met Tuesday, March 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 - Absent  
Mr. Don Welsh - Absent  
Mr. Alan Dedeaux - Absent

Mr. Frank Ladner  
Mr. Michael T. Waits  
Ms. Wendy Bracey  
Mr. Donnie Williamson  
Mr. Brian Freeman  
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, Vice President for Poplarville Campus and Student Services, 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. Dale Purvis provided the Invocation. Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the following business was transacted.

### **Guests**

Dr. Breerwood recognized and welcomed Dr. and Mrs. James Barnes as special guests for today's meeting. Dr. Barnes addressed the board and expressed his appreciation for the construction of the new annex and the renovation to the science and math building. He also thanked the board for naming the new annex, the James W. Barnes STEM CENTER, in his honor.

### **Presentations/Recognitions**

None.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Waits called for approval of the **February 9, 2021 board meeting minutes**. A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Donnie Williamson, to approve the February 9, 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, Jeff Long, and Ernie Lovell.

### Financial Reports

Mr. Knight presented and reviewed the **Reconciled Bank Balances and Unrestricted Current Fund Statement of Expenditures ending February 28**. No action was necessary.

Mr. Knight presented for review and approval the **February 2021 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) in the amount of \$3,214,472.68**. Student refunds in the amount of \$142,579.52 are included in the total amount. A motion was made by Teresa Stafford, seconded by Sonny Knight, to approve the February 2021 Disbursement Register as presented herein. The motion was unanimous. The original Disbursement Register is on file in the Business Office.

### Personnel Matters

Dr. Causey presented for acceptance the **resignation** of **Mr. Clifton “Lee” Byrd** from the position of Department Chair/Instructor of Medical Laboratory Technology (12 Mos) effective April 30, 2021. A motion was made Teresa Stafford, seconded by Frank Ladner, to accept the resignation of Mr. Byrd as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

Dr. Causey presented for acceptance the **retirement** of **Ms. Camille Soulier** from the position of Instructor of HPR effective May 31, 2021.

Dr. Smith presented for acceptance the **retirement** of **Mr. James “Buddy” Elbers** from the position of Department Chair/Instructor of Electrical Technology effective May 31, 2021; and the **retirement** of **Ms. Judith “Judy” Shaw** from the position of Department Chair/Instructor of Early Childhood Education Technology effective May 31, 2021.

A motion was made by Teresa Stafford, seconded by Sonny Knight, to accept and approve the retirements of Ms. Soulier, Mr. Elbers, and Ms. Shaw as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

Dr. Smith presented the **transfer** of **Ms. Lucy Hunt** from a full-time, on-campus Instructor of English position **to** a full-time, online Instructor of English position, and the **transfer** of **Ms. Christie Brady** from the position of Adult Education Counselor **to** the position of Instructor of Psychology (9 Month). These transfers will be effective August 1, 2021. A motion was made by Sonny Knight, seconded by Teresa Stafford, to approve the transfers of Ms. Hunt and Ms. Brady as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

### Legal Matters

None.

### Other Business

Dr. Breerwood presented the certified bid tabulation sheet for the **Football Field Lighting project**. The bid opening for this project was held at 10:00 a.m. this morning. After review and discussion of the certified bid tabulation sheet, Dr. Breerwood recommended approval of the Alternate Bid Award to GeoService, Inc., for a contract price in the amount of \$355,000.00 which includes the

poles. A motion was made by Mike Waits, seconded by Dale Purvis, to approve the bid award for the Football Field Lighting project to GeoService, Inc., as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

**President’s Report**

- Dr. Breerwood reported that the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship has five applicants from Mississippi with three of those semi-finalists being from Pearl River Community College.
- Regarding budget issues, Pearl River Community College could possibly receive a 2 percent budget cut, but bond funding is currently looking good.
- After maintaining nine consecutive semesters of student enrollment growth, this spring’s semester enrollment is a bit troublesome. Although the College is down by four percent, we have the smallest enrollment decrease in the state which places Pearl River Community College as the fourth largest community college in the state this year.

**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 Sonny Knight, seconded by Donnie Williamson, to adjourn. The motion was unanimous.

The next meeting of the PRCC Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, April 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

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.

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