

PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Pearl River Community College met Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. for their monthly meeting. This meeting was held 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. Ike Haynes
Ms. Teenia Perry
Mr. Don Welsh
Ms. Teresa Merwin

Mr. Frank Ladner
Mr. Michael Waits
Mr. Carl Michael Day
Mr. Donnie Williamson
Mr. Brian Freeman
Dr. Gale Harris
Ms. Teresa Stafford
Dr. Steven Hampton - Absent

PRCC STAFF: President Dr. Adam Breerwood, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Business Services Ms. Candance Harper, Vice President for Instruction/Provost Dr. Martha Smith, Vice President for Forrest County Center, Allied Health and Nursing Programs Dr. Jana Causey, Vice President for Poplarville Campus and Student Services Mr. Jeff Long, Vice President for Planning and Institutional Research/Hancock Center/Dean of Honors Institute (Poplarville) Dr. Jennifer Seal, Executive Director of Development Foundation and Alumni Services Ms. Delana Harris and Executive Assistant to the President Ms. Maghan Smith.

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

None.

Presentations/Recognitions

None.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Waits called for approval of the **December 7, 2021 board meeting minutes**. A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Carl Michael Day, to approve the December 7, 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, Ms. Candace Harper and Ms. Delana Harris.

Chairman Waits reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee toured the Poplarville Campus renovation projects including Seal Hall, the Office of eLearning and the Wildcat Den as well as the newly constructed men's and women's dormitories. The committee also toured properties off campus that will provide areas of growth for the College in the future.

Financial Reports

Ms. Clark presented and reviewed the **Reconciled Bank Balances ending December 31, 2021, and Unrestricted Current Fund Statement of Expenditures ending December 31, 2021**. No board action was necessary for these reports.

Ms. Clark presented for review and approval the **December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket)** in the amount of \$1,353,921.57 total disbursements. Included in this amount is student refunds in the amount of \$106,882.04. A motion was made by Teenia Perry, seconded by Sonny Knight, to approve the Disbursement Register as presented herein. The motion was unanimous. The original Disbursement Register is on file in the Business Office.

Ms. Clark presented for approval the **January 2022 Fixed Assets Deletion Report** for institution-wide in the amount of \$163,145.68. The report contains various unserviceable computers and electronic items that are no longer in use and will be prepared for salvage. A motion was made by Carl Michael Day, seconded by Sonny Knight, to approve the January 2022 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 – Resignations

None.

Personnel Matters – Recommendations for Employment and Employee Transfers

Dr. Causey presented for approval the employee **transfer of Dr. Ryan Ruckel** from the position of Department Chair (FCC) (10 Mos.)/Instructor of Humanities and Social Sciences to the position of Instructor of Humanities and Social Sciences/Dean of Honors Institute (FCC) (10 Mos.) effective January 12, 2022.

A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Mike Waits, to approve the transfer of **Dr. Ruckel** as presented and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

Legal Matters

None.

Other Business

Dr. Smith presented and reviewed the Fall 2022, Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 Academic Calendar for approval. A motion was made by Sonny Knight, seconded by Carl Michael Day, to approve the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar as defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

President’s Report

- Dr. Breerwood extended his support to the Board K-12 Superintendents battling the current Covid-19 variant. Many K-12 schools have reported large numbers of faculty members out with Covid-19.
- Dr. Breerwood informed the Board that the College is expecting a great spring semester. Both Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams are off to a great start. The Baseball and Softball teams are preparing to begin their seasons in early February.
- Dr. Breerwood discussed the State’s Fiscal Year 2022 Revenue Report with the Board and explained that the State of Mississippi is over 106.8 million dollars in estimated revenue for the month of December. He mentioned the State could be potentially be one billion dollars over expected revenue by June 30th. Dr. Breerwood along with all MACC presidents will be in Jackson, MS during this legislative session working diligently for the community college system.
- Dr. Breerwood informed the Board of the Mississippi Public Community Colleges Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Priorities which include salary improvements, funding formula increase, career-technical programs and equipment and education technology.
- Dr. Breerwood informed the Board that the Mississippi Community Colleges have requested 35 million dollars per year in bond requests. On average Pearl River Community College receives approximately 1.6-1.7 million dollars per year. Due to the College’s enrollment increase, the College could receive nearly 2.6 million dollars per year if the MCCB’s request are funded by the State Legislature.

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 Alan Lumpkin, seconded by Dale Purvis to adjourn. The motion was unanimous.

The next meeting of the PRCC Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Pearl River Community College’s Olivia Bender Cafeteria.

Mr. Anthony C. “Tony” Waits
Chairman of the Board

M. L. “Sonny” Knight
Secretary of the Board

Exhibit Items for the January 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

2022-2023 Academic Calendar

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.