

PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Pearl River Community College met Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 1:00PM 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, <i>Chairman</i>	Mr. Frank Ladner
Mr. John Shows, <i>Secretary</i>	Mr. Michael Waits
Mr. Dale Purvis, <i>Vice Chairman - Absent</i>	Mr. Don Welsh
Dr. Steven Hampton	Mr. Brian Freeman
Mr. Ike Haynes	Ms. Paulette Holliday
Ms. Teenia Perry	Ms. Teresa Stafford
Mr. Donnie Williamson	Dr. Marcus Houston
Mr. Rhett Ladner	

PRCC Staff in Attendance/Absent:

Dr. Adam Breerwood, *President*
Dr. Martha Lou Smith, *Executive Vice President for Instruction/Provost*
Dr. Jennifer Seal, *Executive Vice President for Planning and Accreditation*
Dr. Jana Causey, *Vice President for Forrest County Campus*
Dr. Raymunda Barnes, *Vice President for Hancock County Campus*
Dr. Jeff Long, *Executive Vice President for Student Services*
Ms. Candace Harper, *Executive Vice President for Enrollment Services*
Ms. Delana Harris, *Executive Director of Development Foundation and Alumni Services*
Ms. Bettye Clark, *Chief Financial Officer*
Mr. Craig Tynes, *Executive Director of Facility Planning and Capital Projects*
Mr. Matt Logan, *Chief Information Officer*
Ms. Maghan Smith, *Executive Assistant to the President*

Invocation and Pledge

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

Guests

None.

Recognitions

None.

Presentations

None.

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Approval of Minutes

Chairman Waits called for approval of the **December 12th board meeting minutes**. A motion was made by Teenia Perry, seconded by Frank Ladner, to approve December 12, 2024, board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimous.

Departmental Reports

Departmental reports were presented by Dr. Smith, Dr. Seal, Dr. Causey, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Long, Ms. Harper, and Ms. Harris.

Financial Reports

Ms. Clark presented and reviewed the **Reconciled Bank Balances ending December 31, 2024, and Unrestricted Current Fund Statement of Expenditures ending December 31, 2024**. No board action was necessary for these reports.

Ms. Clark presented for review and approval **December 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, Disbursement Register (Claim Docket)** in the amount of \$1,661,479.80 total disbursements. Included in this amount are student refunds in the amount of \$121,042.56. A motion was made by Donnie Williamson, seconded by Teenia Perry, to approve the Disbursement Register as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous. The original Disbursement Register is on file in the Business Office.

Ms. Clark presented for approval a **Bid Item** from iSimulate USA for the purchase of EMT Training Simulators and Equipment in the amount of \$98,170.00. A motion was made by Ike Haynes, seconded by Teresa Stafford to approve the bid item as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

Personnel Matters – Resignations and Retirements

Ms. Reid presented for acceptance the **resignation of Ms. Audrey Rogers** from the position of Instructor of Physical Therapist Assistant/Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education (12 Months) effective January 8, 2025.

Ms. Reid presented for acceptance the **resignation of Ms. Kirstin Rome** from the position of Human Resources Specialist (12 Months) effective January 13, 2025.

Ms. Reid presented for acceptance the **resignation of Ms. T. Nicole Brown** from the position of Academic Advisor/VA Certifying Official (12 Months) effective January 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Ike Haynes, seconded by Frank Ladner, to accept the resignations of **Ms. Rogers, Ms. Rome, and Ms. Brown** as presented and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

Personnel Matters – Recommendations for Employment and Employee Transfers

None.

Personnel Matters

Ms. Reid presented **Mr. S. Victor Cerniglia**, Instructor of Technology (9 Months) as a resignation for purposes of retirement effective May 2025. The board accepted and approved his resignation at the November 2024 board meeting. Mr. Cerniglia has rescinded his resignation.

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A motion was made by Frank Ladner, seconded by Teenia Perry, to approve Mr. Cerniglia's rescinded resignation as presented and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

Legal Matters

None.

Other Business

None.

President's Report

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met to discuss the **purchase of the 413 W Lamar St.** property adjacent to the Poplarville Campus. The property is 2.30 acres. Two appraisals were conducted. Dr. Breerwood made a recommendation to approve a total purchase price of \$85,000.00. A motion was made and seconded by the Buildings and Grounds Committee to approve the property purchase as stated and defined herein. The motion was unanimous.

Dr. Breerwood thanked Ms. Holliday for the invitation to recognize and honor Mr. Percy Foxworth, a Pearl River County native who was the Assistant Director of the FBI. Mr. Foxworth was killed in 1943 in a military airplane accident. The college held a luncheon in the West Dining Room to celebrate his life. Community members and FBI affiliates were present.

Dr. Breerwood informed the board that the legislative session was beginning and that the MS Community College presidents would be going to Jackson as a group to request a larger appropriation.

Dr. Breerwood informed the board that he would be spending time in Washington this spring to request funding at the federal level. The first request will be funding for a road project that will cost approximately \$5,000,000.00.

Dr. Breerwood discussed enrollment, and a headcount increase of 14.1% from spring 2024 and spring 2025.

Dr. Breerwood informed the board that the funding formula will change as of December 2024, but the college is committed to expanding programs in CTE.

Dr. Breerwood thanked the board for their continued support and acknowledged that he was blessed with a wonderful board of trustees.

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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 Mike Waits, seconded by Frank Ladner to adjourn. The motion was unanimous.

The next meeting of the PRCC Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 1:00PM at Pearl River Community College's Olivia Bender Cafeteria.

Tony Waits
Chairman of the Board

John Shows
Secretary of the Board

Exhibit Items for January 14, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

None.

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.