

**PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ad hoc Nominating Committee**  
**11:00 a.m., January 24, 2022**

**Minutes**

The Patrick & Henry Community College Board ad hoc nominating committee met at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2022, in the Frith Economic Development Center conference room, with Mr. Barry Helmstutler, Chair, presiding.

Committee members present were: Ms. Monica Hatchett; Mr. Robert Vogler; and Dr. Delshana LeGrant.

Others present were: Sue Ann Ehmann, recorder, and Bill Wyatt from the Martinsville Bulletin.

Mr. Helmstutler called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

Mr. Helmstutler advised the committee that their purpose was to select nomination recommendations for the offices of Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2022-2024. Typically, the Vice Chair would assume the role of Chair at the end of the two year term. This year the Vice Chair (Dr. Dennis Casey) resigned after moving out of the service area and could not assume the role of Chair. Therefore, the committee must propose a slate of officers that includes both Chair and Vice Chair.

The duties of the Chair can be somewhat time-consuming, so the person nominated for that position must be able to commit to that. One of those duties is to complete an annual assessment of the College President each year. This report is sent to the Chancellor of the VCCS. Attendance at the Chancellor's yearly retreat is also a typical travel responsibility for both the Chair and the Vice Chair.

Three Board vacancies resulting from resignations by Mr. Bill O'Brien, Dr. Dennis Casey, and Mr. Wren Williams had been recently filled. However, none of the new members had been met personally, making it difficult to consider them for an office. Three other members (Janet Copenhaver, Barry Helmstutler, and Paul Geib) will be rotating off the board at the end of June 2022. That left a pool of 9 members to consider for these offices.

Discussion ensued with points to consider being the number of years those 9 members had already served, how many years remained for them to serve, and who of those 9 may have expressed a desire not to serve in an office due to other obligations to which they were already committed.

It was also suggested that members with the most seniority might be better considerations for the position of Chair, while newer members might be a good choice for the Vice Chair giving them two additional years to become more familiar with Board operations/procedures.

Having a former Chair on the Board could be advantageous for new Chairs to have as a mentor or sorts. That prospect was kept in mind in deliberating a Chair candidate who would remain on the board after his/her term ended.

After much discussion, the pool was narrowed down to two candidates for nomination.

**Motion #1.** Robert Vogler made the motion to nominate Robert Haley as Chair, and Monica Hatchett as Vice Chair. Dr. LeGrant seconded the motion, and it was passed by the committee with Monica Hatchett abstaining from the vote.

Robert Haley was contacted by phone and agreed to accept the nomination. Monica Hatchett also agreed to accept her nomination. These nominations will be presented for approval at the March 21, 2022 Board meeting.

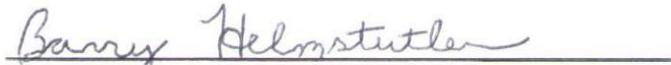
**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm. Barry Helmstutler, Chair, ad hoc Nominating Committee

Minutes Recorded By:



Sue Ann Ehmann

Minutes Approved By:



Barry Helmstutler, Chair, ad hoc Nominating Committee