

**Approved by Board, May 20, 2024**

**PATRICK & HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
College Board Meeting  
12:30 p.m. – March 18, 2024**

**Minutes**

The Patrick & Henry Community College Board held its regular meeting at 12:30 pm on Monday, March 18, 2024, in the Hooker Exhibit Hall, Frith Economic Development Center, with Ms. Jewell Drewery, Vice-Chair, presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Pamela Allen, Ms. Dayna Bobbitt; Mr. Tim Chitwood; Mr. Gary Collins; Ms. Jewell Drewery, Vice-Chair; Mr. Robert Foster; Mr. Roger Hayden; Mr. George Hippisley; Mr. Wayne Moore; Mr. Ouss Sahhar; Mr. Tim Stone, and Mr. Stu Warren.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Belinda Graham, Dr. Shana LeGrant, Mr. Brandon Scott.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Greg Hodges, Sue Ann Ehmann, Gerry Bannan, Jennifer Bowles, Sharon Claggett, Meghan Eggleston, Dr. Colin Ferguson, Monica Hatchett, Brian Henderson, Rhonda Hodges, Sarah Beth Morrison, Shannon Peters, Letitia Pulliam, Tiffani Underwood, Amy Webster, Dr. Chris Wikstrom, Donata Worrell, Roberta Wright, and Terry Young.

Ms. Jewell Drewery, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm. She welcomed the Board members and media representative, Monique Holland, from the *Martinsville Bulletin*. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2024, MEETING**

**Motion #1.** Mr. Wayne Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024, regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Robert Foster, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Given by Dr. Greg Hodges

Dr. Hodges pointed out that regalia was placed at each Board member's seat for use at our May commencement exercises. More information about that will be forthcoming.

**Enrollment:**

- We are up 2% over last year. This is the first time in 14 years that we have had back-to-back enrollment increases.
- Our Workforce enrollment is up 83% over last year. This is the highest percentage increase in the entire Virginia Community College System.

**Two Major Awards:**

- Partnering with FESTO and NC3 for our Mechatronics and Industrial Electronics Certifications, we awarded the most FESTO Certificates in the country.
- In February, Achieving the Dream (ATD) named Patrick & Henry Community College a Leader College of Distinction, a very prestigious award.

**Patrick County Education Foundation (PCEF):**

- PCEF received a donation of \$70,000 from the Patrick County High School class of 1973 to benefit the Patrick Promise (which is the Patrick County equivalent to the SEED program offered to Martinsville and Henry County Students by the Harvest Foundation.)
- The class of 1971 also donated to PCEF this morning. Press release pending.

**Legislative Visit:**

- On February 14<sup>th</sup> Dr. Hodges, along with six of our students, and Board member Jewell Drewery, went to Richmond and met with all three of our legislators to lobby for VCCS funding. They also met with Lt. Governor Winsome Sears and were introduced on the floor of the House. Our students did an excellent job advocating to our delegates.

**New Employees:**

- Dr. Hodges introduced our new full-time employees who had come aboard since our January meeting.
- Kenneth Guzman – Disability/Transfer Advisor
- Desmond Prillaman – Workforce Advising & Coach Specialist

**Board Member Terms:**

- Dr. Hodges will be sending emails to those members whose terms are ending in June 2024, to ascertain their willingness to serve another 4 years if they are eligible.

**BUDGET & FINANCE****Report on Local Funds Expenditures – Period Ending February 29, 2024**

Report given by Dr. Hodges in the absence of Mr. Jack Hanbury, Vice President of Financial & Administrative Services.

- **Local Funds Summary**
  - All funds are in the black except for Student Activities. That will be resolved once the transfer from Auxiliary Funds is completed.
- **Locality Fund Budget**
  - The \$50,000 allocated for the MET II floor is not expected to be used, so we should end the year with a significant surplus well within budget.

- **Auxiliary Funds Budget**
  - We will be transferring \$35,000 to Student Activities shortly, which we do every year.
  - Revenues and expenses are balancing well.
- **Auxiliary Funds Investments Performance**
  - Our portfolio is performing well. FYTD return is at 5.84%
- **Student Activities Budget**
  - We still have student activity fees to collect, so we are still within budget.
- **Student Activities Funds**
  - All student clubs are doing well. Athletics shows a deficit due to expenses incurred earlier in the year. Revenues continue filtering in throughout the year.
- **Parking Funds**
  - We plan to update the lighting in the parking lot in front of West Hall which will make the area much safer. We will be within budget for the year.

### **ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Report given by Dr. Chris Wikstrom, VP of Academic & Student Success Services.

- Enrollment is showing positive growth, with strong Dual Enrollment numbers.
- Summer/Fall enrollment begins in April. We have high expectations for a good fall.
- We have had back-to-back enrollment increases for the last two years.

### **WORKFORCE, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WECD)**

Report given by Rhonda Hodges, VP of WECD

- **Fast Forward** (Short-Term, Non-Credit programs that lead to industry recognized credentials/certification.)
  - Fast Forward enrollments are up 68% over this time last year. This is the second highest increase in the VCCS as of today's date.
  - We are again hosting events at the MET and the Baliles-Reynolds Learning Center for NC3 National CTE Signing Day on Thursday, April 18, 2024. These events celebrate graduating seniors from Martinsville City Public Schools, Henry County Public Schools, and Patrick County Public Schools who intend to attend P&HCC in the fall in a CTE-related program of study.
  - P&HCC is again participating as a Leader School with NC3.

- **Community Development**

- In partnership with the M-HC Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber's Partnership for Economic Growth, we recently began another Success Mindset entrepreneurial bootcamp as part of CPEG's Startup MHC program. We have fifteen participants in the bootcamp.

- **Career Services**

- A Job Fair is scheduled from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2024, in the Stone Hall Gymnasium. This event is for students and is also open to the public. 40+ employers are planning to be in attendance.
- P&HCC is the lead (in partnership with DCC and SVCC) on a grant from SCHEV to provide Mike Rowe Works Work Ethic certification training throughout GO Virginia Region 3. JC Hazelwood is the lead on the project and is now providing free training to employers, workforce partners, students, and job seekers.

## **INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

Report given by Tiffani Underwood, Assoc. VP of Institutional Advancement & P&HCC Foundation Executive Director.

Tiffani congratulated Jewell Drewery and Ouss Sahhar on their performance in the Dancing for the Arts fundraiser. They danced beautifully and raised a lot of money for Piedmont Arts Association!

- **Distinguished Alumni Nominations**

- Distinguished Alumni nominations have closed. The committee will review nominations and announce the selected alumni soon.
- The awardees will be honored at a dinner at Chatmoss Country Club on June 7, so please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

- **Patrick & Henry Scholars**

Applications for the Patrick & Henry Scholars opened on February 1, 2024.

- Now open to students from Franklin County.
- Prestigious award provides full tuition and fees.
- Honors academic achievement, leadership potential, and civic engagement.
- Deadline to apply is March 31, 2024.

- **All other Foundation Scholarships**

- Applications will open on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a deadline of May 31<sup>st</sup>.

- **Awards**

- In Richmond in April, we will be honoring Carter Bank & Trust with the Chancellor's Award for Philanthropy. We are thrilled to be able to recognize Carter Bank & Trust for their work in supporting P&HCC.

- **P&HCC Productions**

- P&HCC Productions will be presenting *9 to 5 the Musical* April 25 – May 5.
- Season 11:
  - The Wizard of Oz in the summer.
  - Road to Oz summer camp.
  - Holiday Extravaganza in the fall.

**ATHLETICS**

Report given Mr. Brian Henderson, Asst Vice President of Student Engagement & Inclusion/Athletic Director.

- Wrestling had six competitors in this year's NJCAA National. Coach Lange already has seven signees heading into this offseason.
- Men's Soccer continues to do well.
- Baseball sits at #1 in Region 10 currently. Softball has competed against and upset several Division 1 programs early in the season. Both Softball and Baseball are nationally ranked.
- Morgan Strickland was named national Softball player of the year. She is number 1 in the nation in hits, hrs, rbis, and doubles. She is also the number 1 pitcher in the nation leading the nation in wins and is 2nd in the nation in strikeouts.
- Last month we hosted the Juco jamboree. Teams came from Ohio, New Jersey, and New York.
- Megan Condone is our new Volleyball Coach. She already has great plans for this summer.
- 11th Annual P&HCC Athletics Banquet will be on April 18th with guest speaker Lucas Jones, former P&HCC Head Baseball Coach, 2023 D3 National Champion, and 2023 NCAA D3 National Coach of the Year.
- Baseball hometown heroes and fireworks night is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORT - ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

- **Presentation for approval of Academic Program Changes (Board Report #443)** (Wayne Moore, chair/Dr. Chris Wikstrom)

**Motion #2.** Wayne Moore, Chair, stated that the committee had met and approved this Board Report and they are bringing it to the Board in the form of a motion to accept. Jewell Drewery explained to the Board that since the committee had already voted to accept Board Report #443 it does not require a second.

In discussion, Wayne Moore asked Dr. Chris Wikstrom, VP of Academic & Student Success Services to explain the proposed changes. Dr. Wikstrom explained that to remain on the cutting-edge of Advanced Manufacturing it became clear that two Career Studies Certificates in Mechatronics and Robotics & Automation Technology had become antiquated and no longer served the needs of employers.

By replacing these with more relevant credentials the needs of both the students and employers will be met resulting in more opportunity to earn higher wages.

Within the General Studies degree it has been determined that the Art Studies Career Studies Certificate does not enhance employability or lead to viable wages as it is not a standalone associate degree.

The recommendation is to close the Industrial Controls, CSC, the Industrial Maintenance CSC, and the Art Studies CSC.

By unanimous vote, the Board approved Board Report #443.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT – BUDGET & FINANCE**

- **Presentation for approval of Lease/Purchase of Passenger Bus (Board Report #444)** (George Hippisley, chair/Jack Hanbury)

**Motion #3.** George Hippisley, Chair, stated that the committee had met and approved this Board Report and they are bringing it to the Board in the form of a motion to accept.

In discussion, Mr. Hippisley asked Dr. Hodges (in the absence of Jack Hanbury) to review the proposal. Dr. Hodges explained that the college is seeking to replace the current 2007 bus with a new 25-passenger bus. The current bus is not even running, and the cost of repair is prohibitive. The purchase price for the new bus is \$130,282.80 with a 5-year lease (monthly payments of \$2,171.38) with the option to purchase it for \$1 at the end of the lease with no limit on mileage. The lender requires Board approval for this purchase.

Jewell Drewery reminded the Board that since the committee had already voted to accept Board Report #444 it does not require a second.

By unanimous vote, the Board approved Board Report #444.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Ad hoc Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Drewery reported that on January 22, the ad hoc Nominating Committee met and is recommending Jewell Drewery to serve as Chair (filling the position vacated by Robert Haley) and Tim Stone to serve as Vice Chair (filling the position vacated by Jewell Drewery becoming Chair). Their term of office will be for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026.

**Motion #4.** Gary Collins made a motion to approve the slate of officers. Ouss Sahhar seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

**Bob Vogler Teaching Scholarship**

- Ms. Drewery reminded the Board that they voted last year to support this scholarship which was set up in memory of our former Board member, Bob Vogler. Bob was a dedicated Board member for many years. His background was teaching and education. This scholarship will help a student seeking a career as a teacher. Each Board member received information about the scholarship and a return address envelope if they would like to donate in support of this cause. Donations can also be made online through the P&HCC Foundation. Gary Collins reiterated that Bob Vogler had been a super supporter of P&HCC. Dr. Hodges said that he and Mrs. Hodges will match anything the Board donates to this scholarship.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion or comments brought forth, Jewell Drewery, Chair, reminded the Board that the next regular meeting of the Board will be May 20, 2024. She then adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Minutes Approved By:



Jewell Drewery, Chair

Minutes Recorded By:



Sue Ann Ehmann



Greg Hodges, Secretary to the Board