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PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

College Board Meeting

12:00 p.m.—November 16, 2020

Minutes

The Patrick Henry Community College Board held its regular meeting at noon on Monday, November 16, 2020, with Janet Copenhaver, Chair, presiding.

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held electronically via Zoom in accordance with § 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia and Chapter 1283 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly.

Link to recording of meeting:

https://vccs.zoom.us/rec/share/Isk3A0jt055QaMEqWs8jWq_HBSiunNkSvJSN6LIWofB6iW3f8TE8N884FUOjgpqF.Er9cpXIU4Eu2dzwu?startTime=1605544322000 (Meeting begins approximately at the 20 minute mark.)

Janet Copenhaver, Chair, called the meeting to order. Attendance was checked by roll call.

ROLL CALL

Board Members

<u>Present</u>	Dr. Denny Casey
<u>Present</u>	Gary Collins
<u>Present</u>	Janet Copenhaver
<u>Present</u>	Paul Geib
<u>Present</u>	Robert Haley
<u>Present</u>	Monica Hatchett
<u>Present</u>	Roger Hayden
<u>Present</u>	Barry Helmstutler
<u>Present</u>	George Hippisley
<u>Present</u>	Dr. DelShana LeGrant
<u>Present</u>	Dr. John McCraw
<u>Present</u>	Wayne Moore
<u>Absent</u>	Bill O'Brien
<u>Present</u>	Robert Vogler
<u>Absent</u>	Wren Williams

College Staff present

Dr. Angeline Godwin	Jack Hanbury	Ronnie Carter
Amanda Broome	Jencie Gibson	Shannon Peters
Christy Tilley	Letitia Pulliam	Sue Ann Ehmann
Colin Ferguson	Randy Ferguson	Terry Young
Dr. Greg Hodges	Rhonda Hodges	Tiffani Underwood
Dr. Virginia Jones	Roberta Wright	

Others Present

Holly Kozelsky, *Martinsville Bulletin*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 MEETING

Ms. Copenhaver called for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21 meeting. Dr. John McCraw made a motion that they be approved. Dr. Denny Casey seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by a roll call vote.

Motion	<u>Dr. John McCraw</u>		
Second	<u>Dr. Dennis Casey</u>		
<u>Yes</u>	Dr. Dennis Casey	<u>Yes</u>	George Hippisley
<u>Yes</u>	Gary Collins	<u>Yes</u>	Dr. DelShana LeGrant
<u>Yes</u>	Janet Copenhaver	<u>Yes</u>	Dr. John McCraw
<u>Yes</u>	Paul Geib	<u>Yes</u>	Wayne Moore
<u>Yes</u>	Robert Haley	<u>Absent</u>	Bill O'Brien
<u>Yes</u>	Monica Hatchett	<u>Yes</u>	Robert Vogler
<u>Yes</u>	Roger Hayden	<u>Absent</u>	Wren Williams
<u>Yes</u>	Barry Helmstutler		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Angeline Godwin shared the following informational items:

- We have notified the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) that our spring semester 2021 will mirror our fall semester with only a few minor modifications. We will continue with the same schedule, structure, guidelines, and protocols that were in place for the fall semester. Thanks to our Safe Welcome Back team we have an excellent COVID-19 plan in place that has been working well.
- REV (Re-Employing Virginians) is a fund offered through the CARES Act to help unemployed or under-employed Virginians. For spring semester 2021 part-time students could be eligible for \$1500 and \$3000 for full-time students who are fully enrolled in their classes by December 14, 2020. This aid is for a select number of G3 programs on both the academic and work-force side. Information is included on our Website for anyone interested in taking advantage of this program.

BUDGET & FINANCE**Report on Local Funds Expenditures**

Barry Helmstutler, Chair, said that the Budget & Finance Committee met prior to the meeting and asked Jack Hanbury, Vice President for Financial & Administrative Services, to discuss the agenda items. Mr. Hanbury reported the following:

Our total Local Fund revenues have exceeded expenses by \$82,000.

- Locality Funds show a significant surplus because we haven't incurred very many expenses so far this year. A draw down request for funds from Henry County will be submitted shortly.
- The big expense item is a \$61,000 construction project for the new lighting for Walker which we expect to begin within the next couple of weeks.
- Auxiliary funds show a deficit because we started off the year with a transfer of \$37,500 to Student Activities support. We expect revenues to be on target with the budget though and that will put that fund in the black.
- Investment performance is strong. Gary Collins reported that as of this morning we are up 6.2% thus far in November.
- Student Activities shows a surplus mainly because, due to COVID-19, we have had very few activities particularly Athletics. Athletics are expected to resume in the spring, but with the lack of fall semester travel expenses we should show a surplus at year end.
- Parking Funds show an expense for sidewalk repairs that were not completed last year and had to be moved to this year. We don't anticipate any further expenses this year.

All the funds are in good shape and should finish the year in the black.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Local Funds Request (Board Report #417)

Mr. Hanbury said that he is recommending we request a 5% increase in local contributions for all three jurisdictions (Patrick County, Henry County, and the city of Martinsville). Calculated on a per-student basis this is a nominal expense for what the counties get in return. Barry Helmstutler said the Budget & Finance Committee had met and unanimously approved the proposed budget and made a motion that that it be approved by the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. John McCraw and approved by a roll call vote, with one abstention.

Motion	<u>Barry Helmstutler</u>		
Second	<u>Dr. John McCraw</u>		
<u>Yes</u>	Janet Copenhaver	<u>Yes</u>	Dr. Dennis Casey
<u>Yes</u>	Gary Collins	<u>Yes</u>	Dr. DelShana LeGrant
<u>Yes</u>	Paul Geib, Jr.	<u>Yes</u>	Dr. John McCraw
<u>Yes</u>	Robert Haley	<u>Yes</u>	Wayne Moore
<u>Abstained*</u>	Monica Hatchett	<u>Absent</u>	Bill O'Brien
<u>Yes</u>	Roger Hayden	<u>Yes</u>	Robert Vogler
<u>Yes</u>	Barry Helmstutler	<u>Absent</u>	Wren Williams
<u>Yes</u>	George Hippisley		*Monica Hatchett abstained due to other affiliation

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Greg Hodges, Vice President of Academic & Student Success Services, reminded everyone that higher education is one of the many sectors that have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 resulting in significant enrollment declines. Patrick Henry Community College is 9.5% down compared to last fall. For our students right out of high school and returning adult students we are only down 5% for typical on-campus or distance-learning enrollment, and we are down 21% in dual enrollment from this time last year. Students in our local school divisions are

having significant challenges with enrolling especially in our Career and Technical Ed courses that require them coming here to campus. Nationally, however, we are in line with typical enrollment. We are actually in good standing budget-wise since in anticipation of a potential enrollment decline we budgeted to be down 14%. National indicators show that once COVID-19 is behind us enrollment will increase again. Also, as of this date, 20% of the current REV certifications across the state have been here at Patrick Henry Community College.

FACILITIES

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS

Update report from the Naming Review committees.

Note: Each committee's full recommendation is included following these minutes.

Janet Copenhaver provided the following explanation regarding these reports:

“On Thursday, July 16, the State Board for Community Colleges passed the resolution that I distributed to the local college board the next day, Friday, July 17th. This resolution charged the local college board with two major tasks that require extensive research, review, and analysis:

1. To review and analyze for “appropriateness” the names of buildings and facilities at Patrick Henry Community College main campus and all teaching sites and to take action, as delegated by the State Board for Community Colleges, to change, remove, and/or modify names as the local board deems necessary; and
2. To review and analyze for “appropriateness” the name of Patrick Henry Community College and to develop and submit a recommendation to the State Board for Community College as to whether or not the name should be changed. In addition, though not specified in the resolution, a local college board, if recommending that the name of the college be changed, may suggest a new name with appropriate justification.

As the local board of Patrick Henry Community College, we must complete this review, take its actions, and make recommendation before the March 2021 meeting of the State Community College board. Today, we will be presented with recommendations from the individual naming review committees. These recommendations are being presented as information items only. We will not take action on these recommendations today. Immediately following today's meeting, we initiate a two-week public feedback period that will conclude on November 30th.

To address the mandate by the State Board for Community Colleges, as board chair, I conferred with Dr. Godwin, our board vice chair, Dr. Denny Casey, and our immediate past chair, Barry Helmstutler. Collectively, we recommended the following review process, which the local board affirmed at our July 20th board meeting:

- The review process includes an historic review, a cultural review, a public feedback component, a philanthropic impact review, and a financial analysis.

- Review committees include two local board members as chair and vice chair of each committee, college faculty and staff, members of the college Equity Alliance Response Team, student representatives, subject-matter experts, and research and support services personnel.
- Committees are: Mascot Names Committee, Facilities Names Committee, Buildings Names Committee, College Name Committee, and Financial Analysis Committee

Please note that the review work of each team is being reported to the full board today as information items in complete compliance with the public meetings act. All reports, future actions, and additional recommendations will be considered and approved by the full board.

- A copy of the committee reports and the powerpoint presentations will be emailed to each board member, the media, and the college faculty and staff immediately after the end of this meeting.

We are requesting that all questions by the media and the community be directed to the college's public information officers, Amanda Broome and Randy Ferguson. We will then respond appropriately and promptly.

A two-week public feedback begins immediately after this meeting. We encourage every board member to share this feedback opportunity.

Our top priority is the success of our students and our community. Our goal is to conduct this review with a commitment to mutual respect, integrity, transparency, and professionalism. I believe that we have maintained that priority and met that goal in all of the proceedings of this review process.”

Financial Analysis Committee report:

Barry Helmstutler, Chair, reported that the purpose of this committee was to provide each of the Naming Committees with an estimate of what any changes they recommended would cost the college, or impact future donations, which he feels they accomplished.

Mascot Names Committee report:

Committee purpose: To review the name and associated images of Patrick Henry Community College for their appropriateness.

Robert Haley, Chair, reported the following recommendations:

- Continuation of the use of the name “Patriot” based upon the definitions and etymology derived from several dictionary sources. “A person who loves, supports, and defends his or her country”.
- Remove the use of the current iconography/mascot based upon the following rationale:
 - No persona or icon can adequately convey the image of a Patriot.
- Endorse the utilization of a “compass” as the symbol for PHCC.
- If the name of the college is changed, the committee requests the opportunity to revisit the name and image of the iconography.

Facilities Names Committee report:

Committee purpose: To research, analyze, and review the appropriateness of twenty-three named facilities throughout the campus.

Monica Hatchett, Vice Chair, reported the following recommendation:

- Retain the names of twenty (20) facilities deemed to be appropriately named based on the mission and values of both Patrick Henry Community College and the Virginia Community College System, as none of the names represent symbols of racism.

Roger Hayden, Chair, reported the following recommendations:

- Remove the name plaques of three (3) facilities deemed to be incompatibly named, given the discontinuation of the original use at the time of naming. Plaques would be moved to a newly established Hall of Appreciation and remain on display there.
- In addition, the committee recommends that the Patrick Henry Community College Foundation Board of Directors amend the existing naming policy to include policies and procedures for retiring, renaming, or removing a named facility.

Buildings Names Committee report:

Committee purpose: To research, analyze, and review the appropriateness of seven building that currently bear or are slated to bear the names of individuals.

Dr. Dennis Casey, Chair reported the following recommendations:

- Remove from consideration buildings that are not owned by the college or the state but are rather under a use agreement only.
- Retain the names of the J. Burness Frith Economic Development Center and the Walker Fine Arts/Student Center with unanimous confirmation of appropriateness.
- Retain the names of A.L. Philpott Hall, Stone Hall, and West Hall with acknowledgement of concerns regarding appropriateness.

College Name Committee report:

Committee purpose: To research, analyze, and review the appropriateness of the name of the college.

Terry Young, committee member, reported the following recommendations:

- Because the review produced no evidence in any form that proved, or even suggested, that the college was named after the historical figure, Patrick Henry, but did reveal evidence that the college was, in fact, named after the counties of Patrick and Henry, geographical locations, the recommendation is to retain the name of the college.
- Recognizing that the County of Patrick and the County of Henry were named for Patrick Henry, the committee recommends the following responsive and corrective actions:
 - The college will disassociate itself from the historical figure by discontinuing the use of the colonial male image in any form

- The college name will return to its original nomenclature by adding a hyphen between the words “Patrick” and “Henry”, adopting Patrick-Henry Community College as the official name.
- The college will continue the engagement of the Equity Alliance Response Team to ensure that equity, inclusion, and diversity are part of the core values and authentic cultural dynamics of the college.
- We ask the Local Board of Patrick Henry Community College to request that if the State Board for Community Colleges rejects the Local Board’s recommendation on the naming of the college, the State Board will provide the Local Board the opportunity to propose a new name in collaboration with the college and the community.

At the conclusion of these reports Janet Copenhaver stated that we will now enter a two-week period for receiving public feedback via email at feedback@patrickhenry.edu, by phone (276) 299-0640, and/or through social media. Feedback will end on November 30, 2020.

She recommended a Special Called Board Meeting to be held on December 14, 2020 to assess the public feedback and vote on these reports. John McCraw made a motion to set the Special Called Board Meeting. Dr. Dennis Casey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Motion	<u>Dr. John McCraw</u>		
Second	<u>Dr. Dennis Casey</u>		
<u>Yes</u>	Janet Copenhaver	<u>Yes</u>	Dr. Dennis Casey
<u>Yes</u>	Gary Collins	<u>Yes</u>	Dr. DelShana LeGrant
<u>Yes</u>	Paul Geib, Jr.	<u>Yes</u>	Dr. John McCraw
<u>Yes</u>	Robert Haley	<u>Yes</u>	Wayne Moore
<u>Yes</u>	Monica Hatchett	<u>Absent</u>	Bill O’Brien
<u>Yes</u>	Roger Hayden	<u>Yes</u>	Robert Vogler
<u>Yes</u>	Barry Helmstutler	<u>Absent</u>	Wren Williams
<u>Yes</u>	George Hippisley		

Update Report on Institutional Advancement

Tiffani Underwood, Director of Development and the PHCC Foundation, reported the following:

- Amanda Broome will be issuing a press release shortly about a new scholarship opportunity.
- Patriot Players will be doing the first live production since the COVID-19 pandemic began. “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” will be presented via live-stream November 19 – 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm, and on November 22, 2020 at 2:00 pm and can be watched from the safety of your own home. Tickets will be available to purchase online. With only six cast members, safety and social distancing were maintained. A proposed drive-in production had to be cancelled due the new restrictions imposed by Governor Northam.

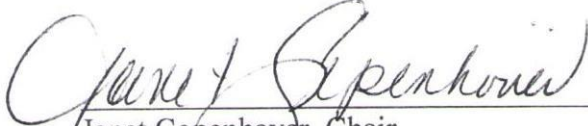
- The Foundation's end-of-year donor appeals will be mailed shortly, and Ms. Underwood encouraged everyone to consider supporting the college in their end-of-year charitable giving.

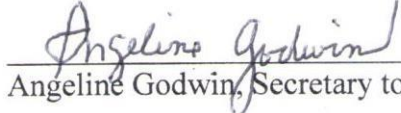
Update Report on Athletic Activities

Dr. Angeline Godwin reported that we are anticipating the resumption of sports in the spring semester following NJCAA guidelines. We are very proud of our track team qualifying for the National Championship this year. We are waiting to see if we can get our wrestling facility up and running. Brian Henderson could not be with us today as he is with his wife anticipating the imminent arrival of the latest addition to their family.

Adjournment

With no further discussion or comments brought forth, Janet Copenhaver, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:47 pm. The next meeting will be the Special Called meeting on December 14, 2020.


Janet Copenhaver, Chair


Angeline Godwin, Secretary to the Board

Full recommendations of all Naming Committees are included below.

MASCOT NAMING REVIEW COMMITTEE
Patrick Henry Community College Naming Review Taskforce
November 16, 2020

Local Board Chairs: Robert Haley
Robert Vogler

Recommendations:

The Mascot Naming Review Committee recommends the following:

1. Continuation of the use of the name “Patriot” based upon the definitions and etymology as noted below:
 - Patriot. (n.d.). In *Dictionary.com*. Retrieved from <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/patriot?s=ts>
 - *a person who loves, supports, and defends his or her country and its interests with devotion*
 - *a person who regards himself or herself as a defender, especially of individual rights, against presumed interference by the federal government.*
 - Patriot. (2002) In *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary* (n.e.). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc
 - *one who loves his or her country and supports its authority and interests.*
 - Patriot. (2011) In the *American Heritage dictionary of the English Language* (5th ed.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.
 - *one who loves, supports, and defends one’s country.*
 - Etymology: In *Dictionary.com*. Retrieved from <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/patriot?s=ts>
 - *Late 16th century: from French patriote, from late Latin patriota ‘fellow countryman’,*
2. Change in the use of the current iconography/mascot based upon the following rationale:
 - No persona or icon can adequately convey the image of a Patriot; thus, the committee recommends removing the image of a person as a mascot.
3. Endorsement of the utilization of a compass as a symbol for PHCC based upon the following:

- The persona icon has been used on a limited basis. The girls' volleyball team and the cross-country team are the only sports that currently utilize that persona as an image.
- A very modest inventory of promotional apparel and materials with the persona currently exists.
- Students and college/community stakeholders have broadly embraced the compass which has become the dominant symbol used with athletics.
- The compass represents the mission of Patrick Henry Community College.

Special Note:

The Committee requests the opportunity to revisit the name and image of the mascot/iconography following the decision regarding the name of the college (local board recommendation and state board decision).

Any and all financial analyses related to the naming status of the college mascot were reviewed after the Committee conducted its in-depth investigation and affirmed in a unanimous roll call voice vote its support of these conclusions and recommendations. After a review of the financial analyses, related to the possible changing of the college's mascot name, the Mascot Naming Review Committee confirmed its stated position without modification.

FACILITIES NAMING REVIEW COMMITTEE
Patrick Henry Community College Naming Review Taskforce
November 16, 2020

Local Board Chairs: Roger Hayden
Monica Hatchett

The Facilities Naming Review Committee was charged with reviewing the labels of all named classrooms, laboratories, outdoor spaces, and other facilities within Patrick Henry Community College. Through this process, the committee identified twenty-three named facilities located throughout the campus. Historical research was conducted and reviewed for each of the twenty-three spaces to determine the appropriateness of the naming. The committee recommendations are as follows:

Appropriately Named Facilities

Upon further review and discussion of the research conducted by the committee, the following named facilities have been deemed appropriate and, therefore, no additional action is recommended at this time. The committee's research indicates that the naming of the facilities listed below is consistent with the mission and values of both Patrick Henry Community College and the Virginia Community College System and does not represent symbols of racism.

Facilities within West Hall

Collins Classroom/Laboratory (West 135)
Irving M. Groves, Jr. and Jett Carter Groves Classroom (West 222)
Ralph C. Lester Classroom (West 205, 206, 207)
Fleetus Lee Owens Classroom/Computer Lab (West 110)
Catherine Bass Pannill Lecture Room (West B102)
Nancy Long and Nick Prillaman, Jr. Classroom/Laboratory (West 305)

Facilities within Philpott Hall

Clyde & Kitty Sue Hooker Classroom/Laboratory (Philpott 129)
Susie Rives Hobbs Smith Nursing Lab (Philpott 118)

Facilities within Stone Hall

Susan Adams and William A. Collins, Jr. Gymnasium (Stone Hall 100)
Barry L. Nelson and Family Weight Room (Stone 119)
Wingett Court (Stone Hall 100)

Facilities within Frith Hall

Davis Memorial Terrace (Frith Hall)
John and Carol Hooker Exhibit Hall (Frith 129)
Kennedy Classroom/Laboratory (Frith 124)
Pannill Classroom/Laboratory (Frith 133, 134)
Stanley Electronic Classroom (Frith 154)

Facilities within the Learning Resource Center

Carolyn R. Byrd Math Lab (LRC 108)

Victor A. and Louise R. Lester Library (LRC Second Floor)

Outdoor Facilities

Thomas Dalton Quad

Martin Softball Field

Incompatible Named Facilities

While reviewing the named facilities throughout the college, the committee determined that there are three classrooms/laboratories that are not being used in their original named capacity. These changes occurred due to building renovations and/or restructuring of programs to better accommodate student needs and changing technologies. Because the facilities are not currently used as initially intended, the committee has deemed the subsequent facility names as incompatible and, therefore, recommends that the naming plaques be moved to a newly established Hall of Appreciation where they will remain on display. In addition, the committee recommends that the PHCC Foundation Board of Directors amend the existing naming policy to include policies and procedures for retiring, renaming, or removing a named facility.

Facilities within Philpott Hall

Bassett Walker Corporation CADD Lab

Hooker Furniture Technology Lab

Francis T. West Industrial Engineering Lab

Any and all financial analyses related to the naming status of the college buildings were reviewed after the Committee conducted its in-depth investigation and affirmed in a unanimous roll call voice vote its support of these conclusions and recommendations. After a review of the financial analyses, related to the possible changing of the college's facilities names, the Facilities Naming Review Committee confirmed its stated position without modification.

BUILDINGS NAMING REVIEW COMMITTEE
Patrick Henry Community College Naming Review Taskforce
November 16, 2020

Local Board Chairs: Dr. Denny Casey
Dr. John McCraw

The Patrick Henry Community College Naming Review Taskforce formed and charged the Building Names Committee to research, analyze, and review the “appropriateness” of seven (7) buildings that currently bear, or are slated to bear the names of individuals and report the Committee’s position and recommendations for each.

The Committee recommends removing buildings which are not owned by Patrick Henry Community College or the state of Virginia from consideration. It is the understanding of the Committee that Patrick Henry Community College carries only a use-agreement with the Thomas P. Dalton IDEA Center which is owned by the Patrick Henry Community College Foundation. Likewise, the College carries a use-agreement with the former Food Lion building in Patrick County, which is owned by the Town of Stuart.

The Committee recommends retaining the names J. Burness Frith Economic Development Center and the Walker Fine Arts/Student Center. It was evident to the Committee that Patrick Henry Community College, the City of Martinsville, and Henry County would not be the same without the positive outcomes and contributions of these community leaders. Therefore, the Committee finds both of the names (J. Burness Frith and the Walker family name) appropriate.

In 1962, Delegate A.L. Philpott along with Senator Stone and fellow members of what is now known as the College Steering Committee of Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce were vital in the aggressive weekend pursuit to present convincing cases and pass legislation to establish Patrick Henry Community College. Based on A.L. Philpott’s contributions to supporting and establishing the College, the Committee recommends retaining the name A.L. Philpott Hall and finds the name appropriate because research confirmed that A.L. Philpott’s stance on segregation changed over time. This conclusion was more evident based upon Philpott’s actions in 1958 when Philpott refused to go along with lawmakers who voted to close schools in an effort to block integration. Research also indicated that Philpott put his political career and life on the line to become a key ally of the nation’s first elected black governor, Mr. Douglas Wilder. By driving Wilder’s nomination and supporting his campaign, it was clear that Philpott was committed to seeing Wilder become the first African American governor. “[Philpott’s] early endorsement of then-state Senator Douglas Wilder’s campaign to become the state’s first black lieutenant governor was credited by many with contributing heavily to Wilder’s success—including Wilder, who after his election hosted an appreciation banquet for Philpott” (Wilson et al., 1989¹). Philpott also supported Mary Sue Terry who became the first woman elected to statewide office in Virginia. The Committee respected Philpott’s evident change of heart and his support of diversity.

Based on William F. Stone's aforementioned contributions to supporting and establishing the College, the Committee recommends retaining the name William F. Stone Hall and finds the name appropriate because the Stone family's direct financial contribution behind the naming was made after the College was integrated. After which, the Stone family persisted to support educational opportunity for everyone and continues to do so. Today, William F. Stone Hall is the hub of Patrick Henry Community College and serves the most diverse student population on-campus.

The Committee recommends retaining the name Frances T. West Hall and finds the name appropriate because contributions to Patrick Henry Community College via Mr. West were made via a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT). Mr. West established the CRUT in 1999 after integration and identified Patrick Henry Community College as a beneficiary. Mr. West or his family had the power to liquidate or re-route the CRUT funding at any time, but until Mr. West's death in 2007, he continued to be an advocate for education after desegregation. Furthermore, Mr. West contributed to Roanoke College after it was integrated in 1964. In 1988, Mr. West established a charitable scholarship: the Thomas E. West Honors Scholarship opportunity at Roanoke College to support students in the College's Honors Program. Mr. West continued to contribute to PHCC and other schools long after integration.

Any and all financial analyses related to the naming status of the college buildings were reviewed after the Committee conducted its in-depth investigation and affirmed in a unanimous roll call voice vote its support of these conclusions and recommendations. After a review of the financial analyses, related to the possible changing of the college's building names, the Buildings Naming Review Committee confirmed its stated position without modification.

¹ Wilson, J., Hartig, D., Stone, E., & Day, B. K. (1989, June 4). Philpott Powerful but homespun Speaker tames Richmond. *The Martinsville Bulletin*.

COLLEGE NAMING REVIEW COMMITTEE
Patrick Henry Community College Naming Review Taskforce
November 16, 2020

Local Board Chairs: Janet Copenhaver
Wayne Moore

After extensive research, analysis, and collaborative discussion, the College Naming Review Team has determined the name “Patrick Henry Community College” is appropriate based on evidence of the origination of the name. Specifically, research overwhelmingly demonstrates the college was named in recognition of the localities served by the college at the time of its establishment. The building that initially housed the college when it was a two-year branch of the University of Virginia bore the name “Patrick-Henry Branch College” **[Exhibit A]**. In addition, the hyphen between the proper nouns “Patrick” and “Henry” appears in the board minutes of December 4, 1963. At some unknown point in time, the hyphen was dropped.

However, on June 9, 1971, when the board met with Chancellor Dana Hamel of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), the VCCS provided the board the opportunity to either keep the name or change it to coincide with the college joining the system. Senator William Stone indicated at the meeting that, “he hoped the local board would retain the name Patrick Henry because of the contributions to developing the college made by Patrick County, Henry County, and the City of Martinsville” **[Exhibit B]**. The local board voted to officially adopt the name “Patrick Henry Community College” at its August 12, 1971, board meeting.

As a result of this evidence, the College Naming Review Team has concluded that the college was named for the localities it serves and not for the historical figure of Patrick Henry. The college, like 17 of the 23 colleges in the Virginia Community College System, is named for its geographical location and is not named for an individual. The team recommends to the college’s local board that the name of Patrick Henry Community College be retained.

Nevertheless, the College Naming Review Team recognizes Henry County (formed out of Pittsylvania County in 1777) and Patrick County (formed out of Henry County in 1791) were both named for the historical figure Patrick Henry. The team further acknowledges that Patrick Henry was a complex individual who made great contributions to the state and to the nation as the first post-colonial governor of Virginia and as a leading patriot in the American Revolution. Henry famously proclaimed, “Give me liberty or give me death!” and declared slavery was “repugnant to humanity” and “destructive to liberty.” Yet Henry was himself a slaveholder who neither freed his slaves during his lifetime nor through the disposition of his estate upon his death. Therefore, the College Naming Review Team further recommends the local board considers the following actions:

1. Patrick Henry Community College will disassociate itself from the historical figure, Patrick Henry, by discontinuing the use of the colonial male image in any form including, but not limited to, print, social media, athletic representations, and mascot persona;
2. Patrick Henry Community College will return to its original nomenclature by adding a hyphen between the words “Patrick” and “Henry” **[Exhibit C]** on all print, social media,

signage, and other representations within a reasonable time-period to be determined after a review of the financial requirements for the modifications;

3. Patrick Henry Community College will continue to engage its Equity Alliance Response Team in an ongoing effort to assure that equity, inclusion, and diversity are part of the core values and authentic cultural dynamics of the college; and
4. The local board of Patrick Henry Community College will request that if the State Board for Community Colleges rejects the local board's recommendation on the naming of the college, the State Board will provide the local board the opportunity to propose a new name in collaboration with the college and the community.

Any and all financial analyses related to the naming status of the college were reviewed after the team conducted its in-depth investigation and affirmed unanimously in a roll call voice vote its support of these conclusions and recommendations. After a review of the financial analyses, related to the possible changing of the college's name, the College Naming Review Committee confirmed its stated position without modification.

Exhibit A

**College name above the entrance to the original building
used for the Patrick-Henry Branch College
of the University of Virginia
(from the 1965 college yearbook, *The Orator*)**

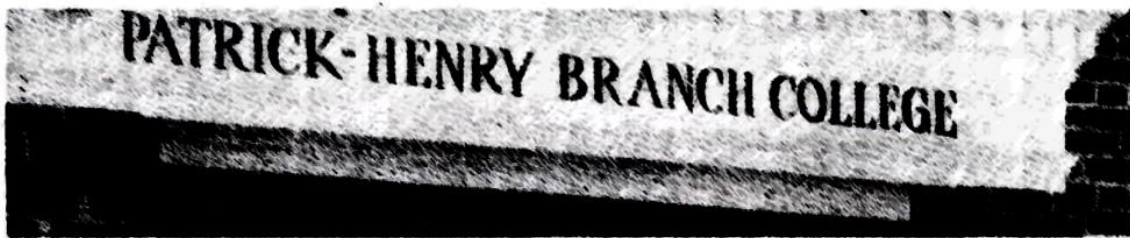


Exhibit B
College Timeline and Excerpts from Minutes
College Name

From October 3, 1962 to October 12, 1971, the Board minutes refer to the college by several different names:

October 3, 1962 -September 4, 1963:: Patrick Henry Branch of the University of Virginia

December 4, 1963: Patrick-Henry Branch of the University of Virginia

(only place that shows a hyphen between Patrick and Henry)

April 1, 1964 - October 20, 1965 Patrick Henry Community College

April 6, 1966 - October 12, 1966 Patrick Henry College

November 8, 1967 – February 12, 1971 Patrick Henry College in minutes header; Patrick Henry Branch of the University of Virginia in body of the minutes

June 9, 1971 Patrick Henry College. It was noted that the college was set to transfer to the Community College System on July 1, 1971

August 12, 1971 Patrick Henry College in minutes header, Patrick Henry Community College in body of the minutes

October 12, 1971 - Patrick Henry Community College

June 9, 1971 Board Minutes

Dana Hamel outlined additional responsibilities of a local board and listed 5 major areas where boards are involved in policy. Item 2 was “Naming of the college. Department needs official recommendation from local board. The name of Patrick Henry may be retained if local board wishes to do so.”

Senator Stone commented that he hoped the local board would retain the name Patrick Henry because of the contributions to developing the college made by Patrick County, Henry County, and the city of Martinsville.

August 12, 1971 Board Minutes

The first item of business was concerned with the naming of the college. After some discussion, Judge Hooker moved that the name of the institution be Patrick Henry Community College. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Windle. Reference was made to Point # 1 of Mr. West’s letter of February 17, 1971. The motion

EXHIBIT C

PHCC Logos with addition of hyphen



Patrick-Henry