

Approved by Board July 19, 2021

**PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Special Called College Board Meeting  
12:00 p.m., June 21, 2021**

**Minutes**

The Patrick Henry Community College Board held a special called meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021, via Zoom, with Dr. Dennis Casey, Vice-Chair, opening the meeting, and Ms. Janet Copenhaver, Chair, presiding after a late arrival.

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

Dr Casey, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Statement Regarding Attendance Through Electronic Means – Read by Dr. Casey**

*This meeting of the Patrick Henry Community College Board of Directors is being held through electronic means due to the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with Section 4-0.01(g) of Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of the Virginia General Assembly. Members attending are using Zoom as the electronic platform for this meeting.*

Attendance was checked by roll call. A quorum was present.

<b>Board Members by Roll Call</b>		
Present (arrived at 12:25 pm)	Janet	Copenhaver, Chair
Present	Dr. Denny	Casey, Vice Chair
Present	Gary	Collins
Present	Paul	Geib
Present	Robert	Haley
Present	Monica	Hatchett
Present	Roger	Hayden

Present	Barry	Helmstutler
Present	George	Hippisley
Absent	Dr. Shana	LeGrant
Present	Dr. John	McCraw
Present	Wayne	Moore
Present	Robert	Vogler
Present (left after voting on Motion #1)	Wren	Williams

**College Staff present**

Dr. Angeline Godwin  
Amanda Broome  
Ronnie Carter  
Sharon Claggett  
Sue Ann Ehmann

Randy Ferguson  
Jack Hanbury  
Brian Henderson  
Dr. Greg Hodges  
Rhonda Hodges

Matthew Ratliff  
Tiffani Underwood  
Roberta Wright

**Others Present**

Bill Wyatt, *Martinsville Bulletin*  
Brandon Martin, *Henry County*  
*Enterprise*

Rachel Schneider, *WDBJ7*  
Lindsey Ward, *WSLS*

Dr. Casey stated that the purpose of the meeting was to come to an agreement on names to submit to the State Board, then opened the floor for comment.

Dr. Godwin stated that this would be her last day on campus and her last meeting with the Board. Her official tenure will end on June 30, 2021.

Regarding these renaming meetings, she reminded the Board several things:

- This college was created by the University of Virginia through a statutory action of the Virginia General Assembly. The University of Virginia chose to name us for the localities we serve, and most constituents from the area know that we are named for those two counties – Patrick and Henry.
- When the State Board tasked us with reviewing the appropriateness of our name, we created our own processes and procedures (which have been shared with colleges across the country).
- We solicited public comment through various means and shared that with our Naming Committee.
- The integrity and character of the Naming Committee was made evident when they came to their decision on the naming recommendation without being influenced by the cost analysis developed by the Financial Analysis team.
- The team recommended that the hyphen be restored to the name as it was originally created.
- The full Board, taking into consideration the commentary from public feedback, voted to retain the name as is, without the hyphen.
- That recommendation was sent to the State Board Facilities Committee who recommended the hyphen be added back. Both their recommendation, as well as the recommendation of our Local Board to retain the name as is, were rejected by the State Board.
- The State Board concluded that our localities are inappropriately named (after Patrick Henry, the person); therefore, our college name is inappropriate. They urged us to reconsider.
- We put out an anonymous survey asking the community for new name suggestions. We received more than 800 responses. The Board has narrowed that number to a list of top favorites, based on community input.
- Our Financial Analysis Team reconvened and has carefully and thoughtfully come up with the cost analysis involved with renaming the college. They expect the cost to be between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. Undoubtedly there will be costs that were unforeseen. Other colleges have found that to be the case in their own re-naming processes.

- We expect that we will have to go to our PHCC Foundation for help with these costs. Money they usually direct to scholarships and aid to students will have to be re-directed to pay for this instead. For this reason, the Foundation has become involved. They are quite concerned. Any money that is taken away from directly helping students must be justified.

Ms. Janet Copenhaver, Chair, (present at 12:25 pm) continued the meeting with further discussion on how to move forward. Names that would likely not be acceptable to the State Board were struck from the list.

**Motion #1. Include “Patrick and (&) Henry in the list of names to consider sending to the State Board.**

Motion by Janet Copenhaver, seconded by John McCraw.

Motion passed with a roll call vote as shown.

Board Members' Vote by Roll Call		
Yes	Janet	Copenhaver
No	Dr. Dennis	Casey
Yes	Gary	Collins
No	Paul	Geib
Yes	Robert	Haley
No	Monica	Hatchett
Yes	Roger	Hayden

Yes	Barry	Helmstutler
Yes	George	Hippisley
Absent	Dr. Shana	LeGrant
Yes	Dr. John	McCraw
Yes	Wayne	Moore
Yes	Robert	Vogler
Yes	Wren	Williams

**Motion #2. Include “Patriot Hills” in the list of names to consider sending to the State Board.**

Motion by Dr. Denny Casey, seconded by Wayne Moore.

Motion passed with a roll call vote as shown.

Board Members' Vote by Roll Call		
No	Janet	Copenhaver
Yes	Dr. Dennis	Casey
Yes	Gary	Collins
No	Paul	Geib
Yes	Robert	Haley
Yes	Monica	Hatchett
No	Roger	Hayden

Yes	Barry	Helmstutler
No	George	Hippisley
Absent	Dr. Shana	LeGrant
No	Dr. John	McCraw
Yes	Wayne	Moore
Yes	Robert	Vogler
Absent	Wren	Williams

**Motion #3. Accept the names Patrick and (&) Henry, Patriot Heights, Patriot Hills, and Patriot Heritage as our preliminary slate of names to consider.**

Motion was made by George Hippisley, seconded by Dr. Denny Casey.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Board Members' Vote by Roll Call		
Yes	Janet	Copenhaver
Yes	Dr. Dennis	Casey
Yes	Gary	Collins
Yes	Paul	Geib
Yes	Robert	Haley
Yes	Monica	Hatchett
Yes	Roger	Hayden

Yes	Barry	Helmstutler
Yes	George	Hippisley
Absent	Dr. Shana	LeGrant
Yes	Dr. John	McCraw
Yes	Wayne	Moore
Yes	Robert	Vogler
Absent	Wren	Williams

During discussion of those names, it was mentioned that the word “heritage” embodies a feeling of looking back, whereas “heights” engenders a feeling of looking forward (as in school and students attaining new heights). There are also negative connotations associated with the word “heritage”. In a twitter poll that was sent out during the meeting, Patriot Heights received 44.8%, Patriot Hills received 27.6%, and Patriot Heritage received 6.9%.

The Board then ranked their favorite names by assigning a point to each choice as listed here:

1<sup>st</sup> choice – 4 points

2<sup>nd</sup> choice – 3 points

3<sup>rd</sup> choice – 2 points

4<sup>th</sup> choice – 1 point

Or Zero points for non-considerations

Results:

1<sup>st</sup> choice – Patriot Heights – 29 points

2<sup>nd</sup> choice – Patriot Hills – 27 points

3<sup>rd</sup> choice – Patrick & Henry – 21 points

4<sup>th</sup> choice – Patriot Heritage – 7 points

**Motion #4. Send to the State Board, as options if “Patrick-Henry” is not approved, two names: Patriot Heights as our first alternate and Patriot Hills as our second alternate.**

Motion made by Barry Helmstutler. Seconded by Dr. Denny Casey

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Board Members' Vote by Roll Call		
Yes	Janet	Copenhaver
Yes	Dr. Dennis	Casey
Yes	Gary	Collins
Yes	Paul	Geib

No	Robert	Haley
Yes	Monica	Hatchett
No	Roger	Hayden
Yes	Barry	Helmstutler
Yes	George	Hippisley

Absent	Dr. Shana	LeGrant
Yes	Dr. John	McCraw
Yes	Wayne	Moore

Yes	Robert	Vogler
Absent	Wren	Williams

Ms. Copenhaver thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to this task during the last four weeks. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on July 19, 2021.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Copenhaver adjourned the meeting at 1:26 pm.

**Link to recording of the meeting:**

[https://vccs.zoom.us/rec/play/pjvS9N0RTx04KofX9hS7tBJpoqJMONep74fhBFkxb7C5f3\\_QlluBgfo5QvfHoYSpRm9PPTGXkcmXbPSU.8W-m2JKmUyNtZorH?autoplay=true&startTime=1624289793000](https://vccs.zoom.us/rec/play/pjvS9N0RTx04KofX9hS7tBJpoqJMONep74fhBFkxb7C5f3_QlluBgfo5QvfHoYSpRm9PPTGXkcmXbPSU.8W-m2JKmUyNtZorH?autoplay=true&startTime=1624289793000)

Minutes Recorded By:



Sue Ann Ehmann

Minutes Approved By:



Janet Copenhaver, Chair



Angeline Godwin, Secretary to the Board