

Approved by Board, March 17, 2025

**PATRICK & HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
College Board Meeting
12:30 p.m. – January 27, 2025**

Minutes

The Patrick & Henry Community College Board held its regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2025, in the Hooker Exhibit Hall, Frith Economic Development Center, with Ms. Jewell Drewery, Chair, presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Pamela Allen; Ms. Dayna Bobbitt; Mr. Tim Chitwood; Mr. Carl Cline, Jr.; Mr. Gary Collins; Ms. Jewell Drewery, Chair; Mr. Robert Foster; Mr. George Hippisley; Dr. Shana LeGrant; Mr. Wayne Moore; Mr. Ouss Sahhar; and Mr. Tim Stone, Vice-Chair.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Belinda Graham; Mr. Roger Hayden; and Mr. Stu Warren.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Greg Hodges, Eric Arrington, Jennifer Bowles, Sharon Claggett, Meghan Eggleston, Sue Ann Ehmann, Dr. Colin Ferguson, Jack Hanbury, Monica Hatchett, Brian Henderson, Rhonda Hodges, Heather Luther, Sarah Beth Morrison, Shannon Farmer, Letitia Pulliam, Tiffani Underwood, Amy Webster, Dr. Chris Wikstrom, Donata Worrell, and Roberta Wright.

Ms. Jewell Drewery, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

RECOGNITION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Carl T. Cline, Jr., representing Franklin County

Carl serves as Vice President/Administrator for Carilion Clinic/Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital. He is also a Registered Nurse. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Virginia Organization of Nurse Executives, the American Nurses Association, and the Virginia Nurses Association. Carl currently serves on the SW Chapter Board of the American RedCross (Roanoke, VA) as the board chair; Franklin County Free Clinic Board of Directors; Ferrum College Board of Directors; Roanoke Valley Speech and Hearing Board of Directors; and was selected by the Governor of Virginia to serve on the Virginia Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Rocky Mount Rotary Club. He holds a master's degree in nursing from Jefferson College of Health Sciences, where he also received his bachelor's degree in nursing (Magna Cum Laude). He and his wife, Sharon, have been married for more than 30 years and have adult twins, and two grandchildren.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024, MEETING

Motion #1. Ms. Dayna Bobbitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024, regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Robert Foster, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Given by Dr. Greg Hodges

- P&HCC was awarded \$127,527 from the Tobacco Commission for an Electrical Training Mobile Lab to serve the Henry County Adult Detention Center, the Franklin Center, and the Patrick County site.
- Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) has been recognized as one of nine institutions nationwide to receive the prestigious Advising Success Network (ASN) Student Choice Award for Holistic Advising. This honor acknowledges the college's dedication to providing comprehensive, student-centered advising that includes the voices and perspectives of students in shaping their academic journeys.
- P&HCC was awarded \$2.6 million from the Workforce Pipeline Funds to construct a 5,000 square foot Building Trades Academy in Philpott Hall. This will expand our plumbing, HVAC, and carpentry facilities.

Updates

- Reminder to Board members who might want/need to attend a meeting remotely to let Sue Ann know no later than the Wednesday prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made with the IT department.
- Thank you to those who have completed the Conflict-of-Interest filing. This is a state requirement and must be done by January 31.
- If you can participate in our college commencement which is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, Sue Ann will order regalia and distribute it at the March meeting.
- Sue-Ann Ehmann will be retiring on June 30. Shannon Farmer will be transitioning into the position of the president's Executive Assistant on July 1.
- Heather Luther, our new Financial Aid Specialist, was introduced.
- Enrollment remains very strong when we define enrollment by the number of students we serve.
 - We budgeted to be 4% down on the FTE side but that is not going to happen.
 - We are 50% up in Fast Forward enrollment over this date in time last year.
 - This is the first time in two decades that we have three years of back-to-back to back enrollment growth.
 - We also know that the demographic cliff is coming. We know that the High School and middle school classes are smaller, so we are positioning the institution now to get ready for that.
 - We are being proactive in preparation for what we believe is coming instead of being reactive and having to take emergency action when it hits.
 - Nationally, population is getting smaller.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Report on Local Funds Expenditures – Period Ending October 31, 2024

Report given by Mr. Jack Hanbury, Vice President of Financial & Administrative Services.

- **Local Funds Summary**
 - All funds are in the black except for Locality Funds because we have not yet received the Henry County funds. That should be rectified shortly.
- **Locality Fund Budget**
 - We have transferred \$45,000 to Student Activities, as planned.
- **Auxiliary Funds Budget**
 - Our college bookstore (Follett) funds are coming in as budgeted.
 - Vending should be good shortly. We switched vendors to the Virginia Dept of the Blind and Visually Impaired.
 - Our Auxiliary Fund Balance is doing well.
- **Auxiliary Funds Investments Performance**
 - The portfolio balance is up 6%.
- **Student Activities Budget**
 - Student Activity Fees are up a little this year and should be solid throughout the year.
- **Student Activities Funds**
 - The breakdown of the various student activity funds shows most are in the black.
- **Parking Funds**
 - No expenses yet. We anticipate using part of these funds for a new scoreboard for the softball field.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

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

- Spring Enrollment is looking good.
- Dual Enrollment has been strong.

Dr. Hodges elaborated that non-traditional student enrollment is down 2.8%, but Dual Enrollment is up 9%. Dual Enrollment has carried us for the last three semesters.

WORKFORCE, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WECD)

Report given by Rhonda Hodges, VP of WECD

- **Workforce development**
 - **Fast Forward** (Short-Term, Non-Credit programs that lead to industry recognized credentials/certification.)
 - As of this morning our enrollments are up 58.8% over this time last year.

- **Community Development**
 - In December, P&HCC hosted an international train-the-trainer class for the launch of NC3 Festo Industry 4.0 Level 3. Participants came from across the country and Canada. The training was developed and instructed by P&HCC faculty members Daniel Edwards and Amanda Wikstrom, in partnership with Festo.
 - A new Heavy Equipment Operator lab is being equipped at the Baliles-Reynolds Learning Center in Patrick County with funding from the Ratcliffe Foundation. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for March 4, 2025.
 - C-PEG held an awards ceremony for the completers of the Grow MHC program on January 9. Eight individuals were awarded a total of \$53,858.30. Since 2016, across both Startup and Grow, there have been 357 graduates, 104 businesses awarded, and the total cash and in-kind funding provided is \$747,578.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

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

- Annual Report copies have been placed at your seat. Special thanks to Amy Reed for her design and layout work. Check the Foundation Highlights Page.
- We have received an award of \$129,527 from the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission to expand electrical training via a mobile training lab. The mobile unit will allow us to bring expanded electrical training opportunities to our Patrick County Site, the Franklin Center in Rocky Mount, and to serve the Henry County Adult Detention Center. Students participating in the training provided by the mobile lab can earn up to eleven industry recognized Greenlee/NC3 certifications.
- P&HCC Productions presented "Holiday Extravaganza" Dec 4 – 7 in the Walker Theater. It was well attended. Devin is already hard at work planning an exciting

year for 2025 with big name shows that everyone will enjoy. Stay tuned for more details on the full lineup coming soon!

Announcements

- Distinguished Alumni Nominations are now open, deadline to nominate is February 25, 2025. Applications are available on the P&HCC Foundation website.
- Patrick & Henry Scholars applications open February 1, 2025. This is a prestigious award that provides full tuition and fees. It honors academic achievement, leadership potential, and civic engagement.
- Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in our annual end-of-year appeal. If you have not yet made your donation, it is not too late! We would love to add you to our donor list for 2025. You can donate by going to the P&HCC Foundation website and simply click “make a donation” or, as always, you can mail your checks directly to the Foundation. We would love to have 100% Board support at any level you can give.

ATHLETICS

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

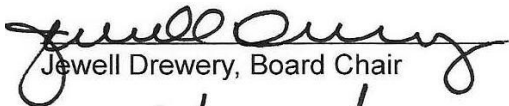
- Men’s basketball is playing well. We are #1 in the conference and top twenty-five in the nation. We are preparing to host DIII Region 10 men’s basketball tournament on Feb 21-24.
- This fall we will reestablish Women’s basketball. We have found an interim basketball coach that we will be announcing shortly.
- Baseball opens up this weekend. First pitch at 1 pm against Rockingham at Lou Whitaker Field.
- We had our first pitch dinner this past weekend celebrating 2020 Region 10 Baseball Championship team.
- The Softball team came into the season as the #1 NJCAA DIII team pre-season ranking. There will be a re-match in February against North Dakota State. Host tournament May 2-4, 2025.
- Wrestling is preparing to compete in a district tournament. Some of our young men will have a shot at qualifying for nationals.
- Outdoor track and field will get underway in March.
- We are finalizing the Soccer Spring 2025 schedule.
- We have thirty-three baseball players.
- Softball last year finished with seventeen players. We currently have twenty-two.
- Student athlete GPA average is 3.04.

- Sixty-four student-athletes have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. They will all be named to the All-Region Academic team.


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 March 17, 2025, and adjourned the meeting at 1:14 pm.

Minutes Approved By:


Jewell Drewery, Board Chair


Greg Hodges, Secretary to the Board


Recorded by Sue Ann Ehmman