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**PATRICK & HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
College Board Meeting
12:30 p.m. – March 17, 2025**

Minutes

The Patrick & Henry Community College Board held its regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 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. Gary Collins; Ms. Jewell Drewery, Chair; Mr. Robert Foster; Mr. Roger Hayden; Mr. George Hippisley; Mr. Wayne Moore; Mr. Ouss Sahhar; Mr. Tim Stone, Vice-Chair; and Mr. Stu Warren.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Carl Cline; Ms. Belinda Graham; and Dr. Shana LeGrant.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Greg Hodges, Eric Arrington, Jennifer Bowles, Sharon Claggett, Amabeli Da Silva, Meghan Eggleston, Sue Ann Ehmann, Dr. Colin Ferguson, Jack Hanbury, Monica Hatchett, Brian Henderson, Rhonda Hodges, Courtney Lemoire, Sarah Beth Morrison, Shannon Farmer, Letitia Pulliam, Koda Rainier, Tiffani Underwood, Amy Webster, Donata Worrell, Roberta Wright and Terry Young.

Monique Holland, representing the Martinsville Bulletin, was also present.

Ms. Jewell Drewery, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m. A quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE JANUARY 27, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

Motion #1: Mr. Wayne Moore moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 27, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ouss Sahhar and was approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Presented by Dr. Greg Hodges

New Presidential Evaluation Process

The chancellor has implemented a new presidential evaluation process. A survey will be emailed to all local board members today, along with a PDF outlining the president's responsibilities as defined in the VCCS Policy Manual: Section 2.A, 2.9, D., 2.a-j. The survey is due by April 11, 2025. Summary reports will be distributed to college advisory board chairs, presidents, and the chancellor by the end of April. The board chair will draft a summary evaluation letter for presentation to the full board on

May 19, 2025. Once approved, the letter will be submitted to the chancellor as part of the overall evaluation process.

State and National Updates

Board members received five key documents at the request of the Secretary of Education. These include Executive Order 14173 (January 21, 2025), which focuses on ending illegal discrimination and restoring merit-based opportunity, along with a Dear Colleague Letter (February 14) and a FAQ document from the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights regarding racial preferences under Title VI. Additionally, a letter from Virginia Secretary of Education Aimee R. Guidera and a memo from the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia Jason Miyares were provided.

Patrick & Henry Community College remains in compliance with these directives, as it has never operated exclusionary programs based on race, gender, or ethnicity. The college continues to focus on inclusivity and ensuring that all students have opportunities to succeed. Cultural celebrations, such as Hispanic Heritage Month and Black History Month, remain unchanged, and the college continues to analyze disaggregated data to identify and address student achievement gaps.

To ensure compliance, the college is reviewing website language and strategic planning documents. These efforts align with ongoing accreditation and strategic planning updates. Despite policy shifts, the college remains committed to its primary mission: enhancing the economic mobility of all students through education and workforce training.

UPDATES

- Three of the six Presidential Scholars were introduced to the board by Dr. Hodges: Amabeli Da Silva, Courtney Lemoire, and Koda Rainier. The Fellowship of Presidential Scholars Program is a competitive entry program requiring students to have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be enrolled in at least their second semester at the college. Applicants also submit an essay as part of the selection process. The three scholars in attendance introduced themselves and shared their fields of study. This semester-long program meets biweekly and incorporates guest speakers from the community, focusing on topics such as economic development, education, and advocacy. A highlight of the program is a trip to Richmond, where students engage in advocacy efforts, meet legislators, and are recognized on the House floor. The program is made possible through a scholarship contribution from Dr. Hodges and his wife, reinforcing their commitment to student success.
- Board members attending graduation received their regalia along with a reserved parking pass, a new addition this year. The back of the pass indicates the reserved parking location.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Report on Local Funds Expenditures – Period Ending February 28, 2025.

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

A significant portion of local funds has been leveraged to support capital projects. The "MET Complex" (MET I and MET II buildings) is a key investment area, housing technical and vocational programs. Local contributions have been crucial, with \$1.75 million in local funds leveraged into \$17 million in total project costs—a 10:1 leverage ratio.

Looking ahead, the institution aims to accumulate funds for completing renovations on the remaining portion of MET II. Construction costs have risen significantly, with an estimated \$10.6 million needed for completion. The institution is beginning efforts to secure local funding contributions for this next phase.

Local Funds Summary

The total local funds balance is being rebuilt after significant capital project expenditures. Although the balance remains modest, these funds are crucial as they provide local contributions needed to secure state and grant funding for major construction and renovation projects.

Locality Fund Budget

There has been minimal significant spending from locality funds, except for changes related to student activities restructuring. Some deficit exists due to the timing of installment payments from localities. The institution is focused on replenishing these funds, which are necessary for future capital projects.

Auxiliary Funds Budget

Auxiliary revenues are slightly below expectations for the semester, with a projected shortfall of approximately \$5,000. To address this, expense reductions may be necessary.

Auxiliary Funds' Investments Performance

Investment performance remains strong, with an 11% return year-to-date. While the overall market has outperformed this, the institution's conservative investment strategy has yielded safe and steady growth.

Student Activities Budget

Student activity funds are currently in the black, a positive shift from previously faced deficits. This is due to restructuring efforts aimed at improving financial stability and revenue generation.

Student Activities Funds

The restructuring of student activities has helped ensure more revenue is available upfront, preventing previous shortfalls. Various student clubs and organizations continue to operate within their designated budgets.

Parking Funds

There has been no significant expenditure from parking funds this period. The balance remains stable and available for future needs.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

Report given by Dr. Meghan Eggleston on behalf of Dr. Chris Wikstrom, VP of Academic & Student Success Services

Regular enrollment remains stable, with only slight fluctuations. While there is a small percentage change, overall enrollment is still growing due to dual enrollment. Final enrollment numbers will be confirmed later this week. The institution is also continuing enrollment for the second eight-week session while already preparing for summer registration, which will begin on April 1, 2025.

WORKFORCE, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WECD)

Report given by Rhonda Hodges, VP of WECD

Enrollment & Programs

Fast Forward (Short-Term, Non-Credit programs that lead to industry recognized credentials/certification) enrollments are up 29% from last year. On March 4, 2025, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the Baliles-Reynolds Learning Center in Patrick County to mark the launch of a new Heavy Equipment Operator Lab, established with funding from the Ratcliffe Foundation. Classes began in late February.

Grants & Equipment

The college received a grant from the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission to outfit a mobile learning lab for Greenlee electrical certification programs across the service region. The Greenlee equipment is being delivered, the trailer has been wrapped, and an instructor has been hired. The first Fast Forward Greenlee program is planned to launch in April at the Henry County Adult Detention Center.

Work-Based Learning

P&HCC has received a \$150,000 capacity-building grant from SCHEV and Virginia's Talent Opportunity Partnership (V-TOP) to expand its previous visioning grant and work-based learning initiatives. The Work-Based Learning Taskforce, chaired by Dr. Hodges, will meet quarterly to update the Work-Based Learning Handbook and expand apprenticeship programs.

Community Development

A new cohort of Startup MHC businesses began in February, with twelve businesses currently working on their business plans and pitches. Since 2016, the combined Startup and Grow programs have had 357 graduates, 104 businesses awarded, and a total of \$747,578 in cash and in-kind funding distributed.

Upcoming Events

The NC3 National CTE Signing Day is scheduled for April 10, 2025, with a morning event at the MET and an afternoon event at the Patrick County site to celebrate high school seniors enrolling in career and technical education programs at P&HCC.

Dr. Hodges added that for the first time in two decades, the college has achieved three consecutive years of enrollment growth, thanks to efforts across both academic and workforce programs. While an enrollment decline is anticipated in the future, the college is proactively preparing.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

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

Grants

The college has received a total of \$3.29 million in grants, thanks to the efforts of grant writer, Sarah-Beth Morrison.

Distinguished Alumni

Nominations have closed, and the committee is reviewing submissions. The Distinguished Alumni Dinner is scheduled for June 13, with invitations to be sent soon.

Scholarships

- **Patrick & Henry Scholars Program:** Applications opened on February 1, 2025, and will close on March 31, 2025. The scholarship recognizes academic achievement, civic engagement, and leadership.
- **Foundation Scholarships:** The application for all Foundation scholarships will open on April 1, 2025.

Honoring Donors

In April, representatives from the college will travel to Richmond to honor Darrell Bowling and family, who have organized a motorcycle ride for 20 years to fund a P&HCC Foundation scholarship in memory of Cpl. Jonathan Bowling. They will be receiving the Chancellor's Philanthropy Award.

P&HCC Theater Production

Sister Act the Musical will run from May 29 – June 8, 2025, at the Walker Theatre, with tickets going on sale April 17, 2025.

ATHLETICS

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

- Spring sports are in full swing, while fall sports commitments to four-year schools are being highlighted on social media.
- Men's soccer won 3–2 against Division I VMI, showcasing their competitiveness.
- Golf will participate this weekend at Pinehurst, and outdoor track and field begins next weekend at Lynchburg University.
- Baseball has started strong with a 16–7 record, winning five of their last seven games in a tough conference.
- Softball boasts a 20–14 record, being ranked #1 nationally in the first five weeks of the season. The team has secured four "Players of the Week" and one "Pitcher of the Week." They are also preparing to host the Region 10, Division III regional softball tournament from May 2–4, 2025.
- The annual athletics banquet will be held on April 17, 2025, featuring speakers who created a sports media and entertainment career app. A sports career workshop will be held the same day to help athletes plan for life beyond sports.
- A new partnership for NIL (Name, Image, and Likeness) opportunities is being launched to empower student-athletes to monetize their personal brands.
- The department continues to emphasize the importance of academics, athletics, and community service.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Motor Sports Collaboration:** Monica Hatchet reported that in collaboration with the DMV and Drive Smart Virginia, NASCAR driver Ross Chastain will deliver a Safe Driving presentation on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 10 a.m. in the Flex Space at MET I. The event is open to the Racing College, welding, and Governor's School students, as well as staff, board members, and other PHamily members. Following the talk, Chastain will answer questions, tour the Racing College facilities with students, and sign autographs. Regional media representatives have been invited to attend. Additionally, the college will be featured in an upcoming motorsports program with a two-page spread, further highlighting its involvement in the racing community.
- **Bob Vogler Teaching Scholarship:** This scholarship, established by the local board in memory of Bob Vogler, supports students in teacher education with full or part-

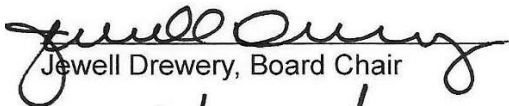
time enrollment, a minimum 2.5 GPA, and financial need. Donations can be made via check to the P&HCC Foundation or online on their website.

- The next meeting will be May 19, 2025, with all committees expected to convene.


ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion or comments brought forth, Ms. Jewell Drewery, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:


Jewell Drewery, Board Chair


Greg Hodges, Secretary to the Board


Recorded by Shannon Farmer