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COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

12:30 p.m. – July 20, 2026

Minutes

The Patrick & Henry Community College Board convened for its regular meeting Monday, July 20, 2026, in the Gerald L. Baliles & Richard S. Reynolds, Sr. Learning Center, with Mr. Tim Stone, Chair, presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Dayna Bobbitt; Mr. Carl Cline, Jr.; Mr. Gary Collins; Dr. Buzz Custer; Ms. Jewell Drewery; Mr. Robert Foster; Mr. Wayne Moore; Mr. Ouss Sahhar, Vice-Chair; Mr. Tim Stone, Chair; & Mr. Stu Warren.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Pam Allen; Mr. Tim Chitwood; Mr. Roger Hayden; & Dr. Shana LeGrant.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Aaron, Shannon Farmer; Jack Hanbury; Monica Hatchett; Dr. Greg Hodges; Tiffani Underwood; Megan Willis; Dr. Chris Wikstrom; Ronnie Wray; & Roberta Wright.

Mr. Tim Stone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

CONSIDERATION OF MAY 18, 2026, MEETING MINUTES: The Chair asked for additions or corrections to the May 18, 2026, meeting minutes. There being none, Mr. Stu Warren moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Foster & unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & ATHLETICS UPDATE

Presented by Dr. Greg Hodges, President

Dr. Hodges welcomed Board members to the Baliles & Reynolds Learning Center and provided a brief history of the facility. He noted that the Center was made possible through a generous gift from the Reynolds Family Foundation and opened in December 2021. The facility supports workforce training, dual enrollment, and community education opportunities in Patrick County.

Dr. Hodges reported on the successful completion of the 2025-2026 academic year. The College awarded 732 academic credentials to 475 graduates and celebrated its

largest commencement participation to date, with 241 students taking part in the ceremony.

Additional highlights included:

- Receipt of a \$224,000 Tobacco Commission grant to support workforce students pursuing high-demand career pathways.
- Award of an \$802,000 Harvest Foundation grant to establish and expand a paid internship program connecting students with regional employers over the next three years.
- Expansion of healthcare offerings through a new part-time Practical Nursing program and a Practical Nursing-to-Registered Nursing transition program.
- Continued recognition as one of the Aspen Institute's Top 10 Community Colleges in America, with the site visit scheduled for September.

Dr. Hodges introduced faculty and staff leadership representatives serving in advisory roles, including:

- Ronnie Wray, Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee (CFAC) Representative;
- Steve Aaron, Chancellor's Staff Advisory Committee (CSAC) Representative; &
- Megan Willis, President of the Association of Classified Employees (PHACE).

Dr. Hodges noted the College's commitment to including faculty and staff representatives in Board meetings and governance discussions.

ATHLETICS

Update given by Brandon Johnson, Director of Athletics and Student Engagement

Mr. Johnson provided an update on athletics and student engagement initiatives. Mr. Johnson discussed efforts to strengthen campus culture, rebuild student engagement activities, and re-establish a Student Government Association.

He reported:

- Brandon Nania has returned as Head Baseball Coach.
- A new softball coach would be announced later in the week.
- Recruitment efforts are underway for a Head Women's Basketball Coach.

Mr. Johnson emphasized the importance of academic success, community involvement, and character development alongside athletic achievement.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

Report given by Dr. Chris Wikstrom, Vice President of Instruction & Student Support

Dr. Wikstrom reported positive enrollment trends for both academic and workforce programs.

Highlights included:

- Fall enrollment is currently running approximately 6% ahead of the previous year.
- Early indicators suggest significant growth in participation through the Patrick Promise program, with applications from Patrick County students expected to double compared to last year.
- Continued expansion of dual enrollment and workforce programs in Franklin and Patrick Counties through partnerships with local school divisions.
- Expansion of workforce training opportunities utilizing facilities in Franklin County and Patrick County.
- Upcoming partnership activities to serve justice-impacted populations in Franklin County.

Dr. Wikstrom also discussed plans to redesign the Career Center. The enhanced model will focus on student retention, paid internships, employer partnerships, and job placement to strengthen workforce outcomes and student employment opportunities.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Report given by John Hanbury, Vice President of Financial & Administrative Services/Title IX Coordinator

Mr. Hanbury reviewed the Local Funds Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

Key financial highlights included:

- Total local funds increased by approximately \$231,000 during the fiscal year.
- Locality funds ended the year with a surplus, aided by expenditures coming in below budget.
- Auxiliary funds reported positive results despite lower bookstore revenue, offset by higher-than-anticipated vending commissions.

- Auxiliary investments earned a 12.25% annual return, resulting in gains of approximately \$129,915.
- Student Activity Funds ended the fiscal year significantly below budget due to stronger-than-anticipated fee revenue and additional foundation support.
- Parking funds remained in a positive financial position despite revenue variances resulting from accounting changes.

Mr. Hanbury reported that all major fund categories ended the year with positive balances.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Report given by Ms. Tiffani Underwood, Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement & P&HCC Foundation Executive Director

Ms. Underwood reported that scholarship review and award processes are underway following the closing of scholarship applications on May 31.

Highlights included:

- More than \$150,000 in Foundation-managed scholarships were awarded for the upcoming academic year.
- Receipt of approximately \$132,000 through the Gerald Baliles Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative to support career coaching and student support services.
- Foundation audit activities are underway and preparations have begun for the next annual report.

Ms. Underwood also provided updates on community engagement activities, including:

- Completion of the STEM Achievers program, which served approximately 60 middle school students at locations in Patrick County and Martinsville.
- Awarding of seven GROW program grants totaling \$29,000 in partnership with the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.
- Since inception, the StartUp and GROW programs have supported 395 graduates, 142 business expansions, and distributed nearly \$880,000 in business awards.
- P&HCC Productions recently completed its production of *May We All* and is preparing for the upcoming children's theatre production of *Trolls, Jr.*

WORKFORCE & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

Report given by Dr. Greg Hodges on behalf of Dr. Colin Ferguson, Assistant Vice President & Chief Workforce Officer of Workforce & Technical Programs

Dr. Hodges reported that the Virginia General Assembly significantly increased funding for FastForward workforce training programs, providing approximately \$40 million in additional support statewide.

Other workforce highlights included:

- Patrick & Henry Community College's involvement in workforce development efforts related to the Rural King project.
- The College will serve as a primary training provider for new Rural King employees.
- Continued progress on the Industrial Skilled Trades Academy expansion in Philpott Hall.
- The project remains on schedule for a December opening and will expand training opportunities in HVAC, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and masonry.

Dr. Hodges noted that the expansion will increase training capacity and provide advanced credential opportunities to meet growing workforce demands throughout the region.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board was advised that committee assignments and appointments for the 2026-2027 Board year had been confirmed and provided in the meeting packet.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 21, 2026.

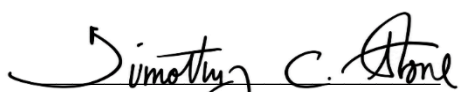
Board members were also invited to participate in a tour of the Wood Brothers Racing Museum immediately following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Tim Stone, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:


Shannon E. Farmer, Recorder


Timothy C. Stone, Board Chair


Dr. J. Greg Hodges, Board Secretary