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COLLEGE BOARD MEETING
12:30 p.m. – September 21, 2026

Minutes

The Patrick & Henry Community College Board convened for its regular meeting Monday, September 21, 2026, in the Frith Economic Development Center, with Mr. Tim Stone, Chair, presiding.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Dayna Bobbitt; & Mr. Roger Hayden.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Aaron, Eric Arrington; Jennifer Bowles; Sharon Claggett; Meghan Eggleston; Shannon Farmer; Dr. Colin Ferguson; Jack Hanbury; Monica Hatchett; Dr. Greg Hodges, Secretary; Brandon Johnson; Amber Shelton; Tiffani Underwood; Dr. Chris Wikstrom; Megan Willis; Roberta Wright; & Terry Young.

Mr. Tim Stone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

CONSIDERATION OF JULY 20, 2026, MEETING MINUTES: The Chair asked for additions or corrections to the July 20, 2026, meeting minutes. There being none, Mr. Stu Warren moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carl Cline, Jr. & unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presented by Dr. Greg Hodges, President

Dr. Hodges highlighted several accomplishments & initiatives since the Board's July meeting. The College received multiple grants & awards, including \$130,000 in RSVP funding, \$74,160 from the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) to support a high school career coach, \$224,000 from the Tobacco Commission for workforce training & high-demand career pathways, \$225,000 through the Chancellor's Award for the College Success Coach Initiative, & \$102,160 from the VFCCE through the Gerald Baliles Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative. The College also

received a \$10,576 award through the College Attainment for Parent Students (CAPS) Program Expansion to support childcare assistance.

Dr. Hodges reported that the P&HCC Foundation received a three-year Harvest Foundation grant totaling \$802,750 to establish a paid internship program designed to connect students with local employers & support the placement of approximately 100 interns over the next three years.

Additional accomplishments included signing a memorandum of understanding with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to provide workforce training opportunities for justice-impacted individuals & receiving a \$96,000 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant to expand CDL training opportunities for veterans & their family members.

Dr. Hodges also shared that the College's Practical Nursing program was ranked fourth in Virginia & second among Virginia Community College System institutions by PracticalNursing.org. In addition, both the Spring 2026 Practical Nursing & Registered Nursing cohorts achieved a 100 percent first-time pass rate on their licensure examinations. Continued approval was also received from the Board of Nursing for the Nurse Aide Program in Franklin County.

Dr. Hodges introduced two new employees: Courtney Hairston, Career Coach for Bassett High School, & JennyMarie Martin, Network & Security Specialist/Information Security Officer.

Dr. Hodges concluded his report by presenting annual Strategic Plan performance measures. Student enrollment increased from 4,971 students served in FY 2025 to 5,057 students served in FY 2026, a 1.7 percent increase. Course completion rates remained strong, Fast Forward completion increased to 93.8 percent, withdrawal rates declined from 2.59 percent to 2.26 percent, & credentials awarded increased 6.6 percent over the previous year.

ATHLETICS & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

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

Mr. Johnson reported several staffing updates, including the hiring of new coaches for baseball, volleyball, & women's basketball. He announced that women's basketball competition will resume during the 2027-2028 season, allowing time to recruit a full roster under newly hired coach Ebony Allen.

Mr. Johnson also shared positive updates regarding soccer & volleyball participation, increased campus support for athletic events, & the re-establishment of the Student Government Association. He noted that student leaders are actively planning campus community engagement activities for the academic year.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

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

Dr. Wikstrom reported that fall enrollment is currently up approximately 3% over the previous year. He noted that intentional student success strategies, retention efforts, & strong dual enrollment partnerships continue to contribute to enrollment growth.

Dr. Wikstrom also provided an update on the College's recent site visit by the Aspen Institute as part of the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence process. He reported that the review team was highly complimentary of the College's culture, student support systems, and community partnerships. The College remains one of the nation's Top 10 community colleges & will learn the final results during the Aspen awards ceremony in April 2027.

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 August 31, 2026.

Total local funds increased by approximately \$74,284 during the reporting period, resulting in an ending balance of \$1.76 million. Locality, auxiliary, student activity, and parking funds all reported positive balances. Investment accounts continued to perform well, posting gains during July and August.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

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

Ms. Underwood provided an update on grant funding & foundation activities. She reported that the College secured approximately \$4.4 million in grant funding during Fiscal Year 2026 to support programs, equipment, & student services.

She also announced a \$10,000 cash contribution & an in-kind donation of four commercial trucks valued at more than \$45,000 from the Lowe's Foundation to support the College's trades programs. In addition, Brightspeed Fiber provided \$11,500 in sponsorship support for scholarships, the Patriot Pantry, athletics, & P&HCC Productions.

Ms. Underwood discussed staffing changes at the IDEA Center, the launch of the StartUp MHC Business Bootcamp with 15 entrepreneurs selected from more than 60

applicants, & several upcoming community education & maker workshops. She also reported the successful completion of the P&HCC Productions children's theater production of *Trolls Jr.*, which included multiple sold-out performances.

WORKFORCE & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

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

Dr. Ferguson reported continued growth in workforce enrollment & shared updates regarding the development of the College's Career Center. Staffing has been added to support work-based learning & career placement initiatives associated with newly awarded grant funding.

He also reported that construction of the Industrial Skilled Trades Academy in Philpott Hall remains on schedule, with plans to begin offering classes in the new facility following Thanksgiving & a formal opening anticipated later this year.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Board Report #464: Strategic Plan Alignment & Extension

On behalf of the Legislative Committee, Pam Allen presented Board Report #464, which proposed extending the College's current Strategic Plan through 2031 to maintain alignment with the Virginia Community College System's revised strategic planning cycle. Administration explained that the extension would allow the College to continue updating goals every two years while remaining aligned with the VCCS Accelerate Opportunity 2030 strategic plan.

The Board unanimously approved Board Report #464.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Board Report #465: Fiscal Year 2027 Local Funds Budget Amendment

On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Dr. Shana LeGrant presented Board Report #465. Mr. Hanbury reviewed the proposed amendment to the FY 2027 Parking Fund Budget to appropriate up to \$80,366 for replacement of campus directional and building signage. Administration explained that the project would improve campus wayfinding & update outdated signage & that final costs are expected to be lower due to the removal of illuminated sign features. The project will be competitively bid, & the College reserves the right to reject bids exceeding available funding.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved Board Report #465.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Hodges noted that board members received a copy of the annual President's Report, highlighting key accomplishments from the previous academic year. He also indicated that copies would be shared with local governing bodies in recognition of their continued support of the College.

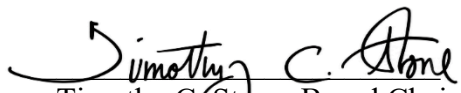
Additional announcements included the upcoming retirement celebration for Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent of Franklin County Public Schools as well as the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast scheduled for October 8

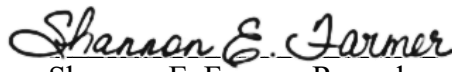
The next Board meeting will be held on November 16, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Tim Stone, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:


Timothy C. Stone, Board Chair


Shannon E. Farmer, Recorder


Dr. J. Greg Hodges, Board Secretary