

# PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Pearl River Community College met at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, for their monthly meeting in the Olivia Bender Cafeteria Board of Trustees Room on the Poplarville Campus.

### TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE/ABSENT:

Mr. Tony Waits, Chairman  
Mr. Frank Ladner, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Ronald Fortenberry  
Dr. Ben Burnett - Absent  
Dr. Kay Clay  
Mr. Barry Harper  
Ms. Sandy McCardle  
Mr. Alan Dedeaux

Mr. Dale Purvis  
Mr. Ike Haynes  
Mr. Al Brooks  
Mr. M.L. "Sonny" Knight, Secretary  
Dr. Gale Harris  
Mr. P.W. Polk  
Ms. Melissa Holston  
Mr. H. R. Nobles

**PRCC STAFF:** President Dr. William Lewis, Vice President for Business and Administrative Services Mr. Roger Knight, Vice President for Poplarville Campus and Hancock Center Dr. Adam Breerwood, Director of Public Relations Mr. Chuck Abadie, Vice President for General Education and Technology Services Dr. Martha Lou Smith, Vice President for Forrest County Operations Dr. Cecil Burt, Vice President for Economic and Community Development Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, Director of Development Foundation/Alumni Association Mr. Ernie Lovell, PRCC Faculty Association President (Poplarville Campus) Ms. Marjory Thrash, President's Administrative Assistant Ms. Marilyn Dillard, and Board Attorney Mr. Martin Smith

**GUESTS:** None

Chairman Tony Waits opened the meeting, and the Invocation was provided by Alan Dedeaux. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following business was transacted.

Chairman Waits requested approval of the **August 9, 2011, board meeting minutes**. A motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Nobles, to approve the August 9, 2011, board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Departmental reports were then presented by staff administrators. Those presenting reports included Dr. Burt, Dr. Breerwood, Dr. Alsobrooks, and Mr. Lovell.

The board then discussed issues concerning the student population who will be permitted to live in the new dormitory that will be constructed with FEMA funds. Earlier plans were discussed to construct the new dorm at the former Bilbo Hall site to house athletic (football) students. Suggestions were made to house football students in Huff Hall and to house paying students in the new dorm. This arrangement would mean additional money for the college if paying students are living in the new dorm. After a lengthy discussion, it was board consensus to let Roger Knight perform some calculations on the possible revenue that this could provide to the college and to discuss the issue again at a later date when the calculations are complete.

A motion was then made by Dr. Harris, and seconded by Mr. Ladner, to have Roger Knight perform a cost analysis on the projected revenues that would be generated by the new men's

dorm to determine if it would be more financially feasible to house general population students in the dorm versus the housing of full scholarship athletes in the dorm. The motion carried.

Roger Knight then presented and reviewed the **Reconciled Bank Balances for August 30, 2011**, and the **Statement of Expenditures for August 30, 2011**. No action was necessary.

Mr. Knight presented for review and approval the **August 2011 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) in the amount of \$14,006,021.74**. A motion was made by Mr. Nobles, seconded by Sonny Knight, to approve the August 2011 Disbursement Register (Claim Docket) as presented herein. The motion carried. The original Disbursement Register is on file in the Business Office.

Mr. Knight then presented the **July – August 2011 Fixed Asset Deletions Report** for approval. The report contains non-serviceable, salvaged computer and electronic items in the amount of \$23,556.92. A motion was made by Mr. Purvis, seconded by Dr. Clay, to approve the Fixed Asset Deletions Report. The motion carried. Said report is on file in the Business Office.

Mr. Knight then presented for approval a bid for the construction of a new multi-purpose parking lot located next to the M. R. White Coliseum site. The low bidder, W. A. Warren Construction Company, in the amount of \$218,980 is recommended for approval for this project. This project will be paid by Enlargement and Improvement Funds. A motion was made by Mr. Sonny Knight, seconded by Dr. Clay, to approve the bid as defined herein. The motion carried.

The following personnel matters were then presented for board action.

#### New Employees/Employee Transfers

- Dr. Alsobrooks recommended the employment of Ms. Ashley Rebekah Nelson for the grant position of Dislocated Worker Program Representative effective September 19, 2011. A motion was made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Clay, to approve the employment of Ms. Nelson as defined herein. The motion carried.

There were no legal matters to be presented at today's meeting.

In other business, Chairman Waits reminded board members that the trustee scholarship payments are now due.

In the President's Report, Dr. Lewis reported on the following items:

- Based on unaudited enrollment numbers from the state board office at the end of the third week of the fall semester, the community college system experienced a student enrollment decrease of approximately 3.5 percent state-wide. PRCC has an overall decreased enrollment of approximately 2.5 percent for the Fall 2011 semester at all three sites (Poplarville Campus, Forrest County Center, and Hancock Center) including on-line classes.
- Announced that PRCC did not make the top 10 colleges to be considered for the Aspen Prize, but was pleased to be one of the top 120 finalists named nationally for the award.
- Announced that the College was not awarded the federal road project grant for the Forrest County Center.

- Invited board members to the pre-game dinner to be held on Thursday, September 15, in the Special Events Room of the Olivia Bender Cafeteria. PRCC will host Copenhag Community College at 7:00 p.m.

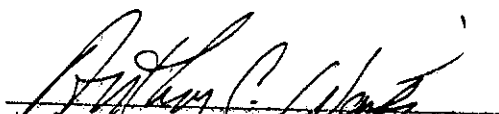
At the request of Dr. Lewis, the board then entertained a motion to **consider entering** executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was made by Mr. Nobles, seconded by Dr. Clay, to consider entering into executive session. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.


A motion was then made by Mr. Ladner, seconded by Mr. Purvis, to **enter** into executive session. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

A motion was then made by Dr. Harris, seconded by Dr. Clay, to **exit** executive session. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

No action was taken during the executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, a motion was made by Mr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Ladner, to adjourn. The motion carried. The next meeting of the PRCC Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

  
Anthony C. Waits, Board Chairman

  
M. L. "Sonny" Knight, Board Secretary