

**PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Presidential Search Committee Meeting**

**Monday, February 9, 2026  
12:30 PM**

**Pierpont’s Advanced Technology Center (ATC)  
500 Galliher Drive  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
Room 201A**

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**MINUTES**

**Notice of Meeting**

A meeting of the Pierpont Community & Technical College (Pierpont) Board of Governors Presidential Search Committee was held on February 9, 2026, beginning at 12:30 PM. The meeting was conducted in person at the Advanced Technology Center in Fairmont, WV. Advanced announcement of this meeting was posted on the WV Secretary of State’s Meeting Notices Webpage.

**I. Call to Order**

Anthony Hinton called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

**II. Roll Call**

Amanda Hawkinberry conducted a roll call:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/Not Present</b>
Debra Benedetti	Present
Alex Billiris	Present
Gia Deasy	Present
Rusty Elliott	Present
Maynard “Chip” Hawkins	Present
Joni Gray	Present
Anthony Hinton	Present
Joanne Seasholtz	Present
Melissa White	Present

*Others Present:* Kimberly Cale and Amanda Hawkinberry

Amanda Hawkinberry announced there was a quorum present.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2026**

Joanne Seasholtz moved to accept the meeting minutes from the February 5, 2026 Committee meeting. Melissa White seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**IV. Executive Session – Closed Session**

**A. Entering Executive Session – Closed Session**

Gia Deasy moved that the Committee go into Executive Session in accordance with WV Code §6-9A-4 at 12:31 PM. Debra Benedetti seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Items brought into Executive Session:

- Presidential Search – Candidate Interviews

**B. Exiting Executive Session – Back to Open Session**

Gia Deasy moved to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session at 6:46 PM. Rusty Elliott seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**C. Items brought forward from Executive Session**

Anthony Hinton moved to invite Candidates 8, 9, 18, and 23 to participate in campus interviews to be held March 2–6. Gia Deasy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Alex Billiris moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM. Melissa White seconded the motion. All agreed. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Amanda N. Hawkinberry*



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