

**PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING
January 26, 2022
5:00 PM**

**National Aerospace Education Center (NAEC)
1050 East Benedum Industrial Drive, Room 103
Bridgeport, WV 26330**

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Notice of Meeting and Attendance

A special meeting of the Pierpont Community & Technical College (Pierpont) Board of Governors was held on January 26, 2022, beginning at 5:00 PM. This meeting was held at the National Aerospace Education Center, Bridgeport, WV. The meeting was published on the West Virginia Secretary of State's Meetings Notice Webpage.

I. Call to Order – Open Session

1. Opening Comment

David Hinkle, Chair, called the meeting to order in open session at 5:07 PM.

Board members present:

Brian S. Bozarth, Thomas F. Cole, David L. Hinkle, Anthony Hinton, Lisa Q. Lang, Jeffery H. Powell, Larry J. Puccio, Jr., Anna Romano, and Jillian Sole

Board Members Absent:

Rick Pruitte and Haley Thomas

Others Present:

Members of President's Cabinet, faculty, staff, and others

II. Executive Session – Closed Session

1. Entering Executive Session – Closed Session

Jillian Sole moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with WV Code §6-9A-4. Anthony Hinton seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Items brought into Executive Session:

- a. Review and discuss institutional operations, functions, and structure (*David L. Hinkle, Chairman of the Board*)

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

Jillian Sole moved to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Jeffrey H. Powell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

3. *Items brough forward from Executive Session*

The Pierpont Board of Governors will meet on February 2, February 9, and February 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The meetings will take place at the National Aerospace Education Center in Bridgeport, WV.

a. Review cost analysis of the Veterinary Technology and Culinary programs

Anthony Hinton moved:

That the Pierpont Board of Governors will meet on February 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to review a cost projection the Veterinary Technology and Culinary program. The cost projection will include a clear understanding of what funding is available and what the gap is for each program.

Jeffrey H. Powell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

b. Move forward with a discussion of a strategic partnership with Fairmont State University

Anthony Hinton moved:

That the Pierpont Board of Governors will discuss a potential strategic partnership between Pierpont Community & Technical College and Fairmont State University to look at opportunities from an operational perspective.

Anthony Hinton moved to amend this motion by inserting the statement that Pierpont Community & Technical College will engage with a legislative consultant to assist in the exploratory process with the intent of maintaining the College's best interests.

Jillian Sole seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

c. Pause on spending of new programs

Anthony Hinton moved:

That Pierpont Community & Technical College will pause spending on any new programs until Pierpont sees where strategic partnership with Fairmont State University may lead.

Anna Romano seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

d. Pause Pierpont Community & Technical College's Presidential Search

Jillian Sole moved:

That Pierpont Community & College will pause the Presidential Search for 30 days.

Anthony Hinton seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Jeffery H. Powell offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian S. Bozarth seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda N. Hawkinberry

Pierpont Mission Statement: To provide accessible, responsive, comprehensive education that works.

Pierpont Vision Statement: Empowering individuals to transform their lives through education.

Pierpont Tagline: Education that Works.