

**PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING
March 1, 2022
5:00 PM**

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

MINUTES

Notice of Meeting and Attendance

A special meeting of the Pierpont Community & Technical College (Pierpont) Board of Governors was held on March 1, 2022, beginning at 5:00 PM. This meeting was held at the National Aerospace Education Center, Bridgeport, WV. A videoconference (Zoom) option was made available to participants. 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, Rick Pruitte (via Zoom), Larry J. Puccio, Jr. (via Zoom), Anna Romano, Jillian Sole, and Haley Thomas (via Zoom)

Others Present:

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

II. Executive Session – Closed Session

1. *Entering Executive Session – Closed Session*

Ms. Lisa Q. Lang moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with WV Code §6-9A-4. Mr. Jeffery H. Powell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Items brought into Executive Session:

- a. Discuss merger with Fairmont State University (*David L. Hinkle, Chairman of the Board*)
 - b. Adopt any resolutions concerning merger with Fairmont State University (*David L. Hinkle, Chairman of the Board*)
 - c. Discuss hiring legal representation (*David L. Hinkle, Chairman of the Board*)
2. *Exiting Executive Session – Back to Open Session*

Mr. Thomas F. Cole moved to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Mr. Jeffery H. Powell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

3. *Items brought forward from Executive Session*

a. Hire Legal Representation

Mr. Anthony Hinton moved:

That Pierpont Board of Governors will seek to hire legal counsel to represent Pierpont and/or Pierpont BOG for any legal actions, including the current legal suit reference 22-P-63.

Ms. Lisa Q. Lang seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

b. Adopt Resolution

Mr. Anthony Hinton moved:

That Pierpont Board of Governors adopts proposed resolution to include clarification letter.

Ms. Anna Romano called for a formal vote from the Board. The recorded votes were as follows:

Voting Board Member	Vote
Brian S. Bozarth	Yea
Thomas F. Cole	Yea
Lisa Q. Lang	Yea
David L. Hinkle	Yea
Anthony Hinton	Yea
Rick Pruitte	Not present
Jeffery H. Powell	Yea
Larry Puccio, Jr.	Yea
Jillian Sole	No
Haley Thomas	Not present
Anna Romano	No

Motion Carried.

III. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Lisa Q. Lang offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Anna Romano seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda N. Hawkinberry

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

Pierpont Tagline: Education that Works.