

**PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Wednesday May 11, 2022
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the Pierpont Community & Technical College (Pierpont) Board of Governors was held on May 11, 2022, beginning at 5:00 PM. This meeting was conducted in person at the National Aerospace Education Center, Bridgeport, WV. A videoconference (Zoom) option was made available to participants. Advanced announcement of this meeting was posted on the WV Secretary of State’s Meeting Notices Webpage.

I. Call to Order in Open Session

A. Opening Comment (*Chair: David L. Hinkle*)

Mr. David Hinkle, Chair, called the meeting to order in open session at 5:08 PM

II. Roll Call

Amanda Hawkinberry conducted a roll call:

Name	Present/Not Present
Brian S Bozarth	Present
Thomas F. Cole	Not Present
Lisa Q. Lang	Present
David L. Hinkle	Present
Anthony Hinton	Not Present
Jeffery Powell	Present (via Zoom)
Larry .J Puccio, Jr.	Not Present
Jillian Sole	Present
Haley Thomas	Not Present
Anna Romano	Present

Amanda Hawkinberry declared that there was a quorum.

Others present:

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

III. Approval of Minutes

David L. Hinkle called for a motion to approve minutes from agenda (Items A-E.)

March 22, 2022 (Regular Meeting) *Item A from agenda*

April 7, 2022 (Special Meeting) *Item B from agenda*

April 18, 2022 (Special Meeting) *Item C from agenda*

April 20, 2022 (Special Meeting) *Item D from agenda*

April 25, 2022 (Special Meeting/Budget Workshop) *Item E from agenda*

Brian S. Bozarth made a motion to approve minutes from agenda (Items A-E). Lisa Q. Lang seconded the motion All agreed. Motion carried

IV. Committee of the Whole

A. Resolution for Approval – FY 2023 Unrestricted Education and General (E&G) Budget

David Hinkle called for a motion to approve the budget as presented in the resolution. Brian S. Bozarth moved to approve the budget as presented in the resolution. Jillian Sole seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

B. Resolution for Approval – FY 2023 Pay Raise

David Hinkle called for a motion. Lisa moved to accept the resolution for approval of pay raises for 2023. Brian S. Bozarth seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

C. Resolution for Approval – 5-year Program Reviews

- a. Applied Design (AAS)
- b. Applied Process Technology (AAS)
- c. Business (AAS)
- d. Food Service Management (AAS)
- e. Health Sciences (AAS)
- f. Veterinary Technology (AAS)
- g. Laboratory Assistant (CAS)
- h. Petroleum Technology (CAS)
- i. Veterinary Assistant (CAS)

Dr. Michael Waide presented the resolution and answered various questions asked by Board members.

Jillian Sole moved to approve the five-year program reviews with the recommendation to continue each program at either the current level of activity or with modification/corrective action. Lisa Q. Lang seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

D. David L. Hinkle tabled items E-G from the agenda:

Buildout – 3rd Floor of the Advanced Technology Center *Item E from agenda*

Review, discuss, and approve contract with Omni Associates *Item F from agenda*

Go Out for Bid – Architectural Firm (A&P School) *Item G from agenda*

E. Resource Room – Veterinary Technology Building

Lisa Q. Lang moved to work with our contractor to get the price of a shell and the price of a finished room for the resource room for the Veterinary Technology building. Jeff Powell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

F. Acceptance and Engagement with Suttle & Stalnaker for Review of Financials

Brian Bozarth moved to accept the engagement with Suttle & Stalker for cash flow review. Lisa Q. Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Executive Session – Closed Session

A. *Entering Executive Session – Closed Session*

Brian S. Bozarth moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with WV Code §6-9A-4. Lisa Q. Lang seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion Carried.

Items brought into Executive Session:

1. Discuss legal agreement between Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College
2. Interim President Candidate Review

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

Jillian Sole moved to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Lisa Q. Lang seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

C. *Items brought forward from Executive Session*

Brian S. Bozarth made a motion approve the change to master facilities plan with Omni associates to include an aviation maintenance technology facility. Lisa Q. Lang seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

VI. Upcoming Meetings

A Special BOG Meeting will be scheduled for May 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the National Aerospace Education Center in Bridgeport, WV. A Zoom videoconference option will be made available for participants.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, David L. Hinkle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Q. Lang made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Bozarth seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda N. Hawkinberry



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Public Comment—May 11, 2022

By Susan Woods Coffindaffer, B.A., M.B.A., J.D.

From my reading of the minutes of the last five meetings, minutes which have not yet been approved, I see that this Board, under Chair Hinkle's leadership, continues to act in secret and without input from the college community. The faculty, staff, and student representatives are Board members just like the appointed members. Their membership on the Board does not constitute input from the college community that WV statutes and Pierpont by-laws require.

A board of governors is to provide oversight. This board of governors appears to have taken over the operation of the college—which is troubling given the lack of knowledge that Chair Hinkle and Member Hinton displayed during their testimony before the House Education Committee. The Board should be acting with and not in the absence of or in opposition to college administrators and personnel.

Without any context, Items magically appear on the Board's agenda for action, which leads me to believe that some members are acting outside the entire board, which is an ethical violation. The agenda for today's meeting includes a buildout for the third floor, a contract with Omni Associates, a bid for an architectural firm for the A&P School, a resource room for Vet Tech, and engagement with Stuttle & Stalnaker for financial review. No presenters are listed for any of these items, nor does the Board Book contain any supporting documents.

- How to use the third floor should be an operational decision that the Board approves or rejects. What action is intended? Rachel Plybon-Beach just received an international design award for her third-floor design work that Dr. Hancock had requested.
- Where is the contract with Omni Associates? What will Omni be contracted to do?

- Why pay for a bid for an A&P School when critical issues related to the Aviation Maintenance program have not been resolved?
- The Resource Room for Vet Tech was rejected two months ago. Why has it been resurrected? What is the cost for changing the plan yet again?
- Is the engagement with Stuttle & Stalnaker for financial review the usual annual review? Or is Chair Hinkle still trying to convey the message that Pierpont's financial reporting is fraudulent, thereby causing additional harm to Pierpont's image in the community?

Why has this Board authorized Chair Hinkle to negotiate with Fairmont State's Chair Goldberg on the Board's behalf? Chair Hinkle and Chair Goldberg conspired to dissolve Pierpont and to benefit Fairmont State many weeks before the Board discussed the possibility. Are we in the Pierpont community to believe that Chair Hinkle, who actively argued for the demise of our school and continually misrepresents Board action, can now act to promote our well-being? Are we in the Pierpont community to believe that this special interest Board cares about anything other than the aviation maintenance program and the aviation industry in Harrison County?

Is it true that this Board is considering hiring another interim for a year? If so, Pierpont will have had an interim for 2-1/2 years before a new president comes onboard. No one looking out for the well-being of the college should even suggest such a hiring, particularly when we should be able to hire a new permanent president in months. Why not follow the common practice of appointing the Provost as Acting President until the position is filled?

The possible executive session identifies discussing "legal agreement between Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College." What legal agreement is the subject of this discussion? An

element of any fiduciary relationship is acting in areas of competency. This Board lacks both the historical knowledge and legal expertise to address the existing separation agreement. As this item is identified as a possible action item, I object to any action taken on this issue as violating open meetings law and the Board's fiduciary duty.