

**PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS EMERGENCY MEETING
January 6, 2021
2:00 PM**

MINUTES

Notice of Meeting and Attendance

An emergency meeting of the Pierpont Community & Technical College (Pierpont) Board of Governors was held on January 6, 2021, beginning at 2:00 PM. This meeting was conducted via video conference on Zoom, to follow the recommended COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

I. Call to Order – Open Session

1. Opening Comment

Thomas Barlow, Chair, called the meeting to order in open session at 2:02 PM.

Board members present:

Via videoconference: Thomas J. Barlow, Brian S. Bozarth, Brooke Nissim-Sabat, Rick Pruitte, Larry J. Puccio, Jr., Jillian Sole, Natalie Stone, and Christopher Sunseri

Board Members Absent:

Warren VanAlsburg. Three governor-appointed IBOG positions are vacant.

President's Cabinet Members Present:

Via videoconference: President Johnny M. Moore, Dale Bradley, Lyla Grandstaff, Ron Hamilton, Steve Leach, Cyndee Sensibaugh, and Michael Waide

2. Call for Public Comment

Mr. Barlow, Chair, asked if there were any requests for public sign up of comments to the Board. None recorded.

II. Executive Session – Closed Session

1. Entering Executive Session – Closed Session

At 2:03 PM Brooke Nissim-Sabat moved pursuant to 6-9A-4(b)2A of the WV Code that the Board shall go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and personnel matters, which if discussed in public might adversely affect the reputation of any person. Rick

Pruitt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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

At 2:15 PM, Brooke Nissim-Sabat motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Larry Puccio, Jr. seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

3. *Items brought forward from Executive Session*

a. Approval of Interim President

Brooke Nissim-Sabat brought forward, from Executive Session, a motion for the Board to approve the hiring Dr. Anthony Hancock as the Interim President to temporarily fill the position that will be vacated by Johnny M. Moore, Ph.D. on February 1, 2021. Dr. Moore has accepted a position with Arkansas State University – Newport as their new Chancellor. Jillian Sole seconded the motion.

Chairman, Thomas Barlow asked that a roll call be conducted to record the vote. The votes are recorded as follows:

Thomas J. Barlow – Yea
Brian S. Bozarth – Yea
Brooke Nissim-Sabat – Yea
Rick Pruitt – Yea
Larry J. Puccio, Jr. – Yea
Jillian Sole – Yea
Natalie Stone – Yea
Christopher Sunseri – Yea
Warren VanAlsburg - Absent

There was no further discussion on the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

III. Other Items

1. Appreciation and Recognition of President Johnny M. Moore, Ph.D.

Chairman Barlow publicly expressed his gratitude to Dr. Moore for his service as President to Pierpont Community & Technical College. Mr. Barlow noted the successful relationships that Dr. Moore has built over the years within the community and with Pierpont’s partners throughout Pierpont’s 13-county region.

President Moore expressed his appreciation to Pierpont’s Board, administration, faculty, staff and students and shared that he is taking with him lifelong friends.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Brooke Nissim-Sabat offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 PM. Jillian Sole seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Cyndee K. Sensibaugh

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

Pierpont Tagline: Education that Works.