



## BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: November 10, 2022

Time: 10:15 AM

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Present:

Thomas Jennings, Chair  
Richard Balukas, Ed.D.  
James Dancy  
Blake Eisenhart  
Jamie Fazzalore  
Elizabeth Fineburg via Zoom  
Shamsul Huda

William Maeglin  
Linda Mannherz  
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson  
Carol Shelly via Zoom  
Philip Wursta via Zoom  
Jeffrey Garton, Esq., Solicitor  
Felicia L. Ganther, J.D., Ph.D., President

Absent: Broadus Davis, Frank Farry, Ronni Fuchs

Mr. Jennings called the meeting to order at 10:39 AM. He introduced Mr. Omar Al-Laty & Ms. Hailey Diehl, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Hailey is a sophomore at Bucks pursuing her degree in Business. She is President of the student group SPA (Students Planning Activities) and the Secretary of H4H (Habitat for Humanity). She hopes to pursue a career in AgriBusiness. Omar is also a sophomore Business student. He is the President of the student organization Habitat for Humanity. His plan is to complete his degree and transfer to Kutztown University to pursue studies in Business with the hopes of owning his own business one day.

Following the Roll Call, the Chair announced that, prior to the meeting, the Board met in Executive Session with Solicitor Garton and President Ganther to discuss matters of legal importance, litigation, and contracts. In addition, the Board received information from President Ganther.

**Upon motion by Ms. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Eisenhart, the Board approved the minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting.**

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Jennings reported that he recently attended the ACCT Leadership Congress in New York City, where he attended sessions, promoted Trustee Eisenhart's bid for an at-large position on the ACCT board, and provided him the opportunity to talk with others about Bucks County Community College. Next week, he will participate in a virtual PACCC meeting for trustees. He asked that, if other trustees are interested in attending, please let Ms. Brower know.

Following the Pledge, the Chair acknowledged and thanked veterans on the eve of Veterans Day. The Chair also acknowledged and congratulated Trustee Farry on his election to the Pennsylvania Senate.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ganther reported on several exciting developments at the College. First, she thanked the Board for their 100% support of the inaugural Celebrating Student Success Gala. Ms. Christina McGinley, Executive Director of the Foundation & Alumni Relations, also thanked board members for their support and reported that we had nearly 200 guests in attendance and raised \$90,000 for student funds.

Dr. Ganther also thanked Trustee Farry for introducing us to the ATT Foundation. We recently received a \$20,000 grant to support our emergency services programs.

Dr. Ganther said to please join us in the Zlock Performing Arts Center on the evening of November 18 for Della Mae and Sister Sadie. Della Mae is a Grammy nominated all-woman string band founded by lead vocalist/guitarist Celia Woodsmith, and two-time Grand National Champion fiddle player Kimber Ludiker. Sister Sadie was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Bluegrass category. If you'd like complimentary tickets for you and a guest, please contact Christina McGinley.

Dr. Ganther reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual First-Generation Celebration Day was held at all campuses on Tuesday, Nov 8. She said it was a great way to acknowledge our first Gen student and provide them with some information on scholarships, financial aid, and other campus resources.

Dr. Ganther then invited Mr. Chris Seifert and Mr. Matt Cipriano to report on campus activities and athletics.

Mr. Seifert reported that the Bucks "Thriller" video is on Instagram and TikTok for everyone to see. He also said that several student events were recently held, including an outdoor movie night, fall festivals and a Halloween Bash. In closing, Chris noted that there has been a huge uptick in Bucks+ usage from last year, indicating much greater student involvement on campus.

Mr. Cipriano reported on athletics. He said we hosted the Eastern States Athletic Conference soccer championship game between Bucks Centurions and Manor College Blue Jays on October 29. The Centurions won 5-4 in double overtime and were crowned conference champions. We now transition into basketball season. This weekend, the men's team will participate in a tournament at Penn State University in Scranton.

Dr. Ganther then reported that our Medical Laboratory Technician program had the on-site portion of the reaccreditation cycle on October 27 and 28. She said the on-site visitors were pleased with our labs at the Epstein Campus, the overall program curriculum, and our program director. The exit summary indicated no citations and just a few collegial suggestions regarding the program. It will take some time to process the paperwork and the official reaccreditation certificate will not be issued until June. The maximum award would be for 10 years of continuing accreditation.

She also reported that Education professor Alison Angelaccio has become the first Bucks professor to publish an OER textbook.

Dr. Ganther asked AVP Tracy Timby to report on Workforce Development. Ms. Timby reported the following:

- Senior Director Donna Kirn has been working with the Maternity Care Coalition and provided credit and non-credit info. As a result of her efforts, one of the girls is graduating high school this year and applied to Bucks in our radiology program for next year.
- Operation Afghan Open Road has reached the next milestone in getting the students behind the wheel for range and on road training. This training will be complete in December.
- In partnership with Health Sciences, the Center for Workforce Development is starting a new Medical English program in response to the increasing need for English language support for our students. We received a grant from the Provident Bank Foundation to develop the program and will be piloting the program with our prospective LPN students.
- Our youth workforce programs are significantly ahead of schedule for meeting program goals for the year. In-School-Youth has reached 70% of their student participation goal and Out of School Youth has hit 58% of their goal just 4 months into the year.
- The Center for Workforce Development has been busy developing its two awareness campaigns with several commercial shoots and creation of new marketing materials. One campaign is to promote our new Center for Advanced Technologies, and the other one is to launch our new building & construction trades programs.
- The County of Bucks Leadership Academy finished up on Friday. Commissioners Harvey and Marseglia, along with County COO Margie McKeivitt presented certificates.
- Doylestown Health is more than ½ way through their 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort in the Doylestown Health Leadership Academy. We are in further discussions for executive coaching programs.

- NTMA held its monthly meeting at the CAT and it included a panel discussion that we participated in. The business development pipeline remains strong, and we are bringing companies into the CAT.
- Public Safety is developing an Unmanned Aircraft Training Program to serve the public safety sector as well as construction and warehousing. We will partner with Warren County Community College in NJ, and the first training is anticipated for March 2023.

Dr. Ganther then thanked Chair Jennings for introductions with members of the building trades and unions. She noted that we hope to work with them in the future on pre-apprenticeship opportunities.

She also reported that we are looking at how we can duplicate work being done in Bristol at Perkasio, such as CDL licensing and future unmanned aircraft programs.

In closing, she gave a shout out to AVP Timby, Ms. Sue Herring and their team for working around the clock to make sure we are looking at the needs of the County with respect to workforce development.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Phil Wursta, Chair

Mr. Kevin Murray presented an update on the Upper Bucks Campus. He said there is a strong welcoming feeling for students on the Upper Bucks Campus. Some ways this is accomplished are through New Student Orientation and Welcome Week. He reported on several additional student engagement efforts, such as fall fest, political power hour, LGBTQ history and pride day, substance abuse prevention/recovery, goat yoga and a Halloween Dance. Mr. Murray also reported that we are partnering with area high schools on dual enrollment, advising and registration days at the high schools, visit days on the Upper Bucks Campus, and a Health Sciences Exploration Day. On Community Events, he reported that the Upper Bucks Campus held a PairUp for Unity 3K walk/run and a suicide prevention walk. Kevin closed by introducing and thanking the Upper Bucks Team for their continued hard work for our students.

CONSENT AGENDA – Mr. Maeglin, Finance Committee Chair & Mr. Phil Wursta, Academic Affairs & Workforce Development Committee Chair

The Chair announced that all action items would be considered on the Consent Agenda unless a Trustee requested that an item be removed for specific discussion and individual action. There were no requests.

**Upon motion by Ms. Mannherz and second by Mr. Dancy, the Board of Trustees approved all items as set forth on the Consent Agenda:**

**Finance Committee:**

Other Contracts

- Public Safety Fire Training Translation Services Request for Proposal

**Academic Affairs & Workforce Development Committee**

- PA Department of Education E Signature Resolution

BOARD COMMENT

There was no Board comment.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the Newtown Campus on December 8, 2022, at 10:15 AM.

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William Maeglin, Secretary