



## BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: February 12, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

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Present:

Thomas J. Jennings, Chair

Richard Balukas, Ed.D.

James Dancy

Broadus Davis, Ed.D., via Zoom

Tabitha Dell' Angelo, Ph.D., via Zoom

Blake Eisenhart

Jamie Fazzalore

Shamsul Huda

Carol Mignoni Ferguson, via phone

Ronni Fuchs, Esq.

Adrienne King

Vincent Magyar, Esq.

John Murray

Ed Tokmajian

Phil Wursta

Michael Clarke, Esq., Solicitor

Patrick M. Jones, Ph.D., President & CEO

Mr. Jennings called the meeting to order at 10:12 A.M. He introduced five members of the men's basketball team, who led the pledge of allegiance. Chair Jennings noted that the basketball team was coming off a 99-79 win over Williamson College of the Trades on Tuesday evening. He reported that their season would be coming to an end the following week, with one last home game against Mercer County Community College on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The players present were Noah Morris, who played basketball at Bucks for two seasons, is a Business Administration major, and plans to attend West Chester University after his time here at the College, Anthony Washington Jr., who played at Bucks for one season, is a Criminal Justice major, and plans to transfer to a four-year college after graduation, Niko Bianco, who played at Bucks for three seasons, is a Psychology major, and plans to attend Life University in Marietta, GA in their Doctor of Chiropractic Program, Morris Ivery, who played at Bucks for one season, is a Business Administration major, and plans to attend a four-year university and earn a bachelor's degree in business and marketing, and Idris Muhammad, who played basketball at Bucks for one season, is a Sports Management major, and plans to play basketball at a four-year college and earn his bachelor's degree.

Following the Roll Call, Mr. Clarke noted that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the public meeting to discuss personnel matters, potential litigation, and to consult with one of the professionals involved with the audit. No deliberations occurred and no votes were taken.

Mr. Jennings asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025 board meeting.

**Upon motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Fuchs, the Board approved the minutes of the December 18, 2025 meeting.**

Mr. Jennings then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2026 special board meeting.

**Upon motion by Mr. Magyar, seconded by Mr. Tokmajian, the Board approved the minutes of the January 22, 2026 meeting.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jennings reported that two strong themes emerged from the recent board retreat; the absolute need for loyalty and confidentiality by trustees, as well as the vital roles committees play. He then thanked the Finance Committee for working with the CFO on many issues including the audit filing and follow-up, and the Governance committee for addressing follow-up from the retreat, preparing a Public Comment Policy draft for consideration, and starting a formal trustee orientation program. He also thanked and congratulated Trustee Magyar for volunteering to assist with the Bylaw revisions of the College Authority. Chair Jennings then thanked the Student Success Committee and Dr. O'Sullivan for finding good data for the committee to consider, all in support of student success. He closed by thanking those who helped with the MLK Leadership Awards Ceremony and the recent America 250 program that was held at the College.

#### PRESIDENT & CEO'S REPORT

President Jones introduced the College's new Executive Director of Security and Safety, Mark Goldberg, who started on January 12. He noted that Mr. Goldberg served as Warwick Township's Chief of Police for 15 years, with 38 years of total service. He said, during that tenure, Mark served as a founding member and operator of the Central Bucks SWAT, chaired and served on committees including the Regional SWAT Executive Board, Bucks County Communications Committee, and as liaison between the Bucks County Chiefs of Police and Bucks County NAACP. President Jones noted that Mr. Goldberg also served as the Warwick Township Emergency Management Coordinator, and as a volunteer firefighter for both the Upper Moreland and Hartsville Fire Departments for many years. Since 2022, Mark has also worked as an adjunct professor at Temple University's Municipal Police Academy. Mr. Goldberg earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Holy Family University, a master's degree in public safety administration from Saint Joseph's University, and a Juris Doctor from the Beasley School of Law at Temple University. In addition, he is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

He then reported on recent and upcoming meetings:

- 1/22 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Leadership Awards

- 1/29 – America 250 Event – Why Civics Now with State Representative Brennan and former Governor Schweiker
- 2/13 – Show some HeART Opening Reception at LBC 6-8pm
- 2/23 – Black History Month Celebration – Lunch and Music Trivia organized by the Black Student Union
- Discounted lecture tickets for students at the Gather Place Museum in Yardley
  - 2/6 – Frederick Douglass (1<sup>st</sup> person reenactment)
  - 2/14 – The Underground Railroad: Bucks County & Beyond
  - 2/21 – Rosa Parks – The Civil Rights Movement
  - 2/28 – Harriet Tubman – Her Life, Her Legacy – A Journey Through Time (1<sup>st</sup> person reenactment)
- 2/27 – Guidance Counselor Breakfast at Newtown Campus
- 2/28-3/8 – Floral students featured at the Philadelphia Flower Show for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- 3/9 – Congressional debate – Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks

Dr. Jones then gave the following updates:

### **ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

- Fall 2025 enrolled credits exceeded the target by 5.4%
  - +2.8% in Enrolled Credits
  - +0.2% in Headcount
  - +5.8% in New Student Headcount
  - +2.8% in FTE
  - The increase in headcount was due to an increase in Dual Enrollment Headcount (+7.9%)
  - 23% of the increase in credits can be attributed to an increase in Dual Enrollment Credits
- Spring 2026 (as of 2/9/2026) – Enrolled Credits are at 108.4% of the target for the semester
  - +3.5% in Enrolled Credits
  - +3.6% in Headcount (+22.2% in New Student HC)
  - +3.5% in FTE

Dr. Jones closed by reporting the following:

- We surpassed 600 graduates from the Industrial Skills Pre-Apprenticeship Programs
  - Launched in 2014 – Metalwork Pre-Apprenticeship Program was the foundation for the Center’s continued growth
  - Added Industrial Maintenance Pre-Apprenticeship Program in 2016
  - Added Building & Construction Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program in 2023

- Students have sustained a 94% graduation rate, participated in the programs free of charge, and have benefited from a 90% placement rate in lucrative manufacturing careers.
- Metalwork & Industrial Maintenance Programs are being funded by a \$2 million grant from the US Dept of Energy – congratulations to Tracy Timby & Sue Herring
- The first Healthcare Pre-Apprenticeship Program launched on 2/2 with an inaugural cohort of 13 students.
- We will launch AWS Information Infrastructure Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program on 3/20 with a cohort of 20 students. Training will focus on critical skills to build, connect, operate, and maintain data centers, with career pathways in the building trades, including electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and fiber optics.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE – Mr. Harris

Mike Harris, COO, provided an environmental health and safety initiatives update. He said the following actions have taken place since the last report at the December 18<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting:

- The expanded Health and Safety Working Group convened on January 9, and the next scheduled meeting is February 13. This group of 20 Bucks stakeholders, including faculty, staff, and administrators, will meet with the Environmental Health and Safety consultant as well as a representative from MEMIC, the college's workers' comp provider, to address overall risk management and building safety issues and promote a culture of safety on the campuses.
- Meetings continue with faculty and staff members to listen, discuss, investigate, and conduct on-site assessments of reported concerns.
- Planned remediation and improvement projects in the Boiler House, Shipping & Receiving, the CAT building, and the Intermediate Unit building, among others are completed or underway.
- The college has undertaken the air handling system assessment of Founders Hall with an outside contractor and will move on to the library next.
- The college is in the process of finalizing and launching a new web-based investigative tool on the EHS webpage to make reporting more robust and information more transparent.
- As a reminder, the [EHS@bucks.edu](mailto:EHS@bucks.edu) email address is available to the community as a pathway to report concerns.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Tokmajian & Mr. Christensen

Mr. Tokmajian reported that the Finance Committee met the prior week and had a very productive session. He said he was pleased to report that all FY25 required audits have been completed and filed. He also noted that the consent agenda items on the agenda have been fully vetted by the Finance Committee. Mr. Tokmajian closed by reporting that the College's cash position remains strong and ahead of where it was last year at the same time, and that the FY27 budget is in the process of being developed.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Ms. Fazzalore

Ms. Fazzalore reported that the Governance Committee also met the prior week, and the Public Comment Policy on the consent agenda was vetted by the committee and college counsel and aligns with the County's policy. She added that the committee is working on compiling documents for New Trustee Orientation.

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE – Ms. Fuchs

Ms. Fuchs reported that the Student Success Committee also met the prior week. She said that, with Dr. O'Sullivan's guidance, discussion continued about DFW rates and compliance with SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement), and they recommend the Awarding Degrees Posthumously Policy on the consent agenda. The committee also began discussions around developmental education.

ACTION ON SABBATICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AY2026-2027 – Dr. O'Sullivan

Ms. Fuchs reported that the 2026-2027 academic year faculty sabbatical application report included in the Board Book was vetted by the Student Success Committee and is on the agenda for consideration by the Board. Dr. O'Sullivan noted that there are five proposed half year and two proposed full year sabbatical applications. He added that, included this year, are objectives, deliverables, and a list of institutional returns on investment for each of the proposals.

**Upon motion by Mr. Dancy, and second by Mr. Murray, the Board of Trustees approved the Sabbatical Recommendations for AY2026-2027.**

CONSENT AGENDA – Mr. Christensen

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

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

- *SEPTA Bus & Rail Advertising*
- *RingCentral Phone System*
- *Everon Solutions LLC – Security & Safety Camera Upgrades*
- *Integrated Security Systems – Tyler Hall Access Control Project*
- *Credly Digital Badging & Credentialing System*
- *PhillyCom, Inc. Network Switch Equipment Upgrade*
- *Cherry Bekaert Finance & Accounting Team Assessment*
- *Awarding Degrees Posthumously – Policy 2.21*
- *Public Comment Policy - 1.36*

BOARD COMMENT

There was no Board Comment at this time

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

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Jamie Fazzalore, Secretary