



## BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: May 14, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

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Present:

Thomas J. Jennings, Chair  
Richard Balukas, Ed.D.  
James Dancy  
Blake Eisenhart  
Jamie Fazzalore  
Shamsul Huda  
Carol Mignoni Ferguson  
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

Absent: Broadus Davis, Ed.D.

Mr. Jennings called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. He introduced Aiden O'Hara, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Aiden is a graduate of Pennridge High School and is completing his Associate of Arts in PreK-4 Early Education. He will graduate from Bucks this spring and will attend Gwynedd Mercy University in the fall, working toward his bachelor's degree. He was also the official Brutus mascot at the Upper Bucks Campus. Aiden noted that he has been at Bucks for two years. He said he has been involved in multiple campus activities and, as an education student, has had opportunities to go back to his elementary school and observe and participate in classrooms. He said it has been a joy attending Bucks.

Following the Roll Call, Mr. Clarke noted that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the public meeting to discuss various personnel matters, and to receive information from the President regarding enrollment. He said no deliberations occurred, and no votes were taken. He said the Board, for informational purposes, also discussed a policy change which is on the agenda for a vote.

Mr. Jennings then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2026 board meeting.

**Upon motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Fuchs, the Board approved the minutes of the April 9, 2026 meeting.**

### GARNEY MORRIS, TRUSTEE EMERITUS

Mr. Jennings noted that Trustee Emeritus, Mr. Garney Morris, passed away recently. He said Mr. Morris served on the Board from 2002 to 2020 and was known and beloved by many in the college community. He noted that the family requested all donations be sent to the college to be used for scholarships. Trustee Dancy added that Mr. Morris was a good friend of his, and they

played a lot of golf together over the years. Mr. Dancy noted that, when he first joined the Board in 2009, Mr. Morris was one of the first to welcome him. Trustee Eisenhart added that Mr. Morris was truly committed to the students. He said that, with every major issue that came to the Board, Mr. Morris would ask about the students first. He said he was a tremendous inspiration to everyone.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jennings began by thanking Kevin Murray, Director of the Upper Bucks Campus, and his staff for hosting the Board at this meeting. He then reported on several recent events that took place since the last Board meeting, including Spring Open Houses at all three campuses, the Bucks County Community College Authority meeting on April 20 in preparation for a bond issuance to fund capital projects, the BCHIP Annual Event on April 23, where BCCC received a Distinguished Partner Award, the AWS Training culmination event at the CAT on April 24, the Salute to Mother's Tea on May 1, and the articulation agreement signing ceremony with LaSalle University on May 11. Mr. Jennings closed by noting that the Board is undertaking the process of reviewing the President's performance over the past year and will report back in June.

#### PRESIDENT & CEO'S REPORT

Dr. Jones began by introducing Josh Johnson, Executive Director of Facilities Services. He said Josh has a BS in Construction Management from Indiana State University, an MS in Construction Management & Technology from Arizona State University and is expected to complete an MBA with a Project Management Concentration from Eastern University in 2026. Dr. Jones noted that Josh is a facilities leader with extensive experience overseeing complex multi-site operations, large technical and professional teams, multimillion dollar budgets, and capital programs while driving compliance, asset reliability, and long-range planning and sustainability. He said Josh comes to Bucks from Mercer County Community College where he spent eight years, most recently as the Director of Facilities and Operations.

Dr. Jones then reported the following:

#### ENROLLMENT UPDATE

- Spring 2026 (as of 5/5/2026)
  - +3.2% in Enrolled Credits
  - +3.2% in Total Headcount
  - +19.5% in new Student Headcount
  - +3.2% in FTE
  - +63% in Dual Enrollment (695 students)

- Summer 2026 at 2 weeks out (as of 5/12/2026)
  - +23.2% in Enrolled Credits
  - +17.9% in Headcount
  - +17.5% in New Student Headcount
  - +23.2% in FTE
  - +34.4% in Dual Enrollment (481 students)
  
- Fall 2026 at 15 weeks out (as of 5/13/2026)
  - +53.7% in Enrolled Credits
  - +57.0% in Headcount
  - +77.1% in New Student Headcount
  - +53.7% in FTE

#### RECENT SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4/23 – BCHIP Annual Event – BCCC Received *Distinguished Partner Award*
  
- 5/1 – Salute to Mother’s Scholarship Tea
  - 236 in attendance
  - Netted \$38,009
  
- 5/11 – Signing Ceremony with La Salle University
  - Business and Technology Pathways Program
  - Honors to Honors Transfer Articulation Agreement

#### STUDENT END-of-YEAR EVENTS

- 4/25 – Student Art Awards & Open Studios
  - 300 artworks in this year’s Exhibition, including 18 dance works and 58 works on the digital gallery.
  
- 4/30 – Student Life Awards Dinner
  - 100+ students attended - from 35 student organizations
  - 7 awards were given to organizations
  - Top 10 most engaged students recognized
  
- 4/30-5/1 – Student Drama Club presented *The Great Gatsby*
  
- 5/1 – Student Research Conference
  - 48 students presented
  - 52 Presentations

- 5/5 - 5/8 – Arts Performances and Showcases
  - Music Ensembles
  - Bucks Improv
  - Student Film Festival
  - Student Dance Spring Recital
- 5/7 – Student Athletics Celebration for Spring Sports
  - Recognized our spring varsity sports (baseball and softball)
  - 2 MVP's – (softball), (baseball)
  - 3 Students named to US Collegiate Athletic Association *All-Academic Team*
- 5/8 – 2026 Chef Graduation Dinner
  - 7 students graduating from Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry Arts programs
  - Under the leadership of Chef Marc Winans and retiring Chef John Angeline, the graduates conceived and executed a five-course menu that showcased their technical mastery and creative vision

#### COMMENCEMENT SEASON EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 5/13 – Radiography Pinning Ceremony – Lower Bucks Campus
  - 20 graduates for our Radiography Program.
  - All 20 are registered to take their Radiologic Technologist certification exam by mid-June.
  - 14 graduates already starting employment as technologists at one of our clinical sites.
- 5/19 – Fire School Graduation – 7pm Newtown Gymnasium
  - 46 Students will graduate from the Basic Fire Academy
- 5/20 – Nursing Pinning – 6pm Newtown Gymnasium
  - 72 graduates
- 5/21 – Commencement – 10am & 2pm Newtown Gymnasium
  - 481 associate degrees
  - 30 certificates
  - 251 w Latin Honors
    - Cum Laude (GPA of 3.5 to 3.74) 97 students
    - Magna Cum Laude (GPA of 3.75 to 3.89) 70 students
    - Summa Cum Laude (GPA of 3.9 to 4.0) 84 students

### UPPER BUCKS CAMPUS UPDATE – Mr. Murray

Mr. Kevin Murray gave an update on the Upper Bucks Campus. He began by reporting on the academic offerings at UBC, which include degree programs in Business Administration, General Studies, Guided Studies, Health Sciences, and Veterinary Technician (which began in fall of 2025). For alternative credit programs, Nurse Aide (CNA) is offered. Mr. Murray reported on events UBC offers for local high school students, such as dual enrollment, high school visit days, classroom visits, financial aid nights, Health Sciences Day, and a Future Ready Conference. Additional connections include home school outreach, and a counselor breakfast. He added that the In-School Youth program provides high school students with meaningful work preparation exercises, exposure to higher education, and hands-on skill training for in-demand careers. Mr. Murray reported that enrolled credits on the campus were up 39.3% for the fall, and 21.0% for the spring. He said they have worked with the deans to increase the number of courses offered at the campus. Mr. Murray also reported on community events offered, such as Art in the Park and the Hold on You Matter suicide prevention walk, as well as several student engagement efforts, and ways the campus supports the county. Mr. Murray closed by introducing the Upper Bucks Team and thanking them for their hard work and dedication

### 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 April 9<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting:

- The Health and Safety Working Group completed its Annual Recertification Training with our representative from the MEMIC Group, the College's workers' compensation provider. This Recertification Training was both a great information and development session for the team members, as well allows Bucks to maintain its State Certification, which also results in a 5% discount on our annual premium;
- The Founders Hall and Library air handling system assessment, cleaning and maintenance project is complete;
- Using an outside contractor, all the Univents in the Pemberton Offices that house the Registrar and Enrollment Management were thoroughly cleaned and given a tuneup;
- The Founders Hall drainage and landscape modifications project was completed on budget and ahead of schedule;
- Additional safety measures are being implemented in the Welding Lab of the CAT Building by adding air purifiers and making electrical improvements;
- Summer projects are being planned and scheduled for May 22 through August 31, which will include additional flooring replacement, sidewalk repairs, roof leaks, and other projects to get campuses prepared for the Fall semester.
- The "Environmental Health and Safety Investigator" tool was launched. In addition to this tool, the Work Order System that was implemented last Fall to identify and respond to any issues continues to be used and reviewed.

Mr. Harris closed by saying they continue to pursue and implement environmental health and safety initiatives for the health and safety of the entire community.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Mr. Jennings

Mr. Jennings reported that the Executive Committee met on April 30 to consider the renewal of the DUO Advantage Security Contract. Mr. Christensen added that this contract came up for renewal off cycle because there was a change in the relationship between the parties that provide the service, which gave the college an opportunity to extend early and save about \$16,000 per year for three years.

**Upon motion by Mr. Magyar, seconded by Mr. Dancy, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ratify the action of the Executive Committee to approve the DUO Advantage Security Contract.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Tokmajian & Mr. Christensen

Mr. Tokmajian recapped all that finance has encountered over the past year, including state budget delays, preparing for the FY27 budget, continued year end reporting, and working on the bond issuance. He noted that the finance team assessment by Cherry Baekert is complete, and a summary of the findings and recommendations will be provided at the June board meeting. He noted that all the Consent items on the agenda have been thoroughly reviewed and vetted by the finance committee, as well as the resolution for the issuance of bonds for capital and deferred maintenance projects. He said the committee also reviewed and recommended changes to Policy 1.7 Naming Facilities, which clarify approval authority and improves clarity and consistency.

**Upon motion by Ms. Fuchs and second by Mr. Tokmajian, the Board of Trustees approved the revised Policy 1.7 Naming Facilities.**

**Upon motion by Mr. Dancy and second by Mr. Murray, the Board of Trustees approved the Bond Resolution.**

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Ms. Fazzalore

Ms. Fazzalore reported that the Governance Committee met on May 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss Executive Committee Slate Recommendations for 2026-2027. Based on those who expressed an interest in serving, she said the Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2026-2027:

Chair – Ronni Fuchs  
Vice Chair – Jamie Fazzalore  
Secretary – Ed Tokmajian  
Assistant Secretary – Vince Magyar  
Executive Board Member – Carol Mignoni Ferguson

Ms. Fazzalore noted that the Board will act on these nominations and any others received from the floor at the June 4<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting.

Ms. Fazzalore also reported that the Committee discussed revisions to the Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy 1.13. The policy revisions include clarification that substances prohibited under federal law, including medical marijuana, are not permitted to be used. The Committee recommends approval of this policy revision.

**Upon motion by Mr. Dancy and second by Mr. Tokmajian, the Board of Trustees approved the revisions to Policy 1.13 Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplace.**

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE – Ms. Fuchs

Ms. Fuchs reported that the Student Success Committee also met on May 7th. She said the committee has been cycling through analytics on various issues related to student success. She noted they have focused on topics such as improving the Honors program, including securing honors to honors articulation agreements. Ms. Fuchs said the committee is also looking at data that indicates that some students are transferring to other institutions ahead of graduating from Bucks. She said the committee doesn't have all the answers but is focusing on these types of issues.

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. Eisenhart, and second by Ms. Fuchs, the Board of Trustees approved all items as set forth on the Consent Agenda.**

- *Health Insurance Renewal 2026-2027*
- *Beasley Media Group Annual Renewal*
- *Penn Community Bank*
- *Giant Gift Cards (ACT 101 PHEAA)*
- *Fractional Institutional Research Services Contract*
- *YuJa Video Platform and Panorama*
- *Turnitin*
- *Hyland, Perceptive Content*
- *Network Firewall Equipment Maintenance Service Renewal*
- *KeystoneREN ISP*
- *HonorLock*
- *Canvas LMS by Instructure*

- *Alchemy Workday Support Contract Renewal*
- *Accommodate*

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Tokmajian noted that he attended the Open House at the Newtown Campus recently and added that it was a great event.

Trustee King congratulated Dr. Coleman for being selected as the keynote speaker for the NAACP Inaugural Scholarship Event on May 21 in Perkasio.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

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Jamie Fazzalore, Secretary