Piedmont Virginia Community College Board
Meeting Minutes No. 315 | March 4, 2026
4 p.m., PVCC Bolick Center, Event Space B

Attendance

College Board Member Present:
Madison Cummings, Adrian Felts, Leslie Fravel, Chinta Gaston, Joyce Gooden, Carson Lewis, Haden Parrish, Nina Schoonover, Kristy Shifflett, Ann Vogelmann
Absent: Delia Kloh, Robbie Morris

PVCC Representatives Present:
Debbie Ashby, Angela Dreyfuss, Josh Fitzpatrick, Amy Floyd, John Gulley, Scott Jefferies, Amanda Key, Irina Liskey, Dana McChesney, Todd Moellendick, Becky Parkhill, Ridge Schuyler, Harry Stillerman, Shakima Terrell, Kim Van Savage, Claire Whitenack
Absent: Leonda Keniston, Andrew Renshaw, Brittany Resmann, Staff Senate Representatives

I. Welcome and Call to Order
College Board Vice Chair Kristy Shifflett called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda
   a. On a motion by Board Member Madison Cummings, seconded by Board Member Leslie Fravel, the consent agenda containing the meeting minutes from the January 7, 2026, College Board meeting was approved.

III. Public Comment
   a. No public comment

IV. Introduction of New Faculty and Staff
   a. Dean of Community Self-Sufficiency Programs Ridge Schuyler introduced Angela Dreyfuss, administrative assistant to Enrollment Services, Student Support, and Community Partnerships.

V. Data Highlight: First Year Momentum Dashboard
   a. PVCC has been engaged with the Achieving the Dream Network for the past three years.

PVCC selected "First-Year Momentum" as the overarching theme of the engagement and associated interventions. The data show promising results.

b. Online Success: Research showed a significant success gap between online and face-to-face gateway courses. In response, an online orientation for online students was developed and launched in fall 2025. Students completing the online orientation saw a 15% higher success rate (76.07% vs. 62.80%) in gateway courses.
c. Redesign Success: Embedded tutoring was implemented in three gateway courses: English 111, Math 154, and Math 161. English 111 success rates increased from 69% (2022) to 76% (2025).
d. Credit Momentum: Research from the Community College Research Center has identified the importance of credit momentum in predicting completion. The percentage of students completing six hours in their first semester has increased, but we have an opportunity to improve credit attainment. Strategies are under development and will be implemented for the fall 2026 semester.

VI. President's Report

a. Advocacy: PVCC led the state in attendance for Community College Day at the General Assembly.
b. Faculty Achievement: History Professor Jennifer Tomas received the SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award.
c. Master Plan: The College has contracted with Grimm + Parker Architects to develop PVCC's next Facilities Master Campus Plan. These plans are updated every ten years.
d. Real Estate Foundation Project: In September 2025, the State Board approved revisions to real estate policies (Section 10, Physical Facilities; Real Estate, Section 10.1). Per the policy, the State Board shall approve the acquisition, conveyance, and disposition of real property and real estate assets. PVCC is exploring the possibility of requesting 17-20 acres of land (located on Avon Extended) be conveyed to the Real Estate Foundation. The next step is for the Board to vote on land conveyance at the May meeting.
e. Caring Campus: The team presented five core commitments (e.g., the 10-foot rule, warm referrals) to improve student retention through stronger faculty-staff connections.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Community Relations Committee
On a motion by Haden Parrish, seconded by Madison Cummings, the Board unanimously approved the 18th annual College Board Service Award consisting of a $300 monetary gift and a plaque. The recipient of the award will be recognized in May.

b. Finance and Building Committee
The FY 2026-27 budget will be presented in May. Discussions included utilizing the current student activity fee surplus to make campus enhancements pending the results of student surveys.

VIII. Chair's Report

a. Key dates
April 2: PVCC Day
April 28: Academic & Leadership Awards
May 2: Awards Banquet at the Club at Glenmore
May 11: Commencement (6 p.m., John Paul Jones Arena)

b. College Board Retreat
A date will be selected for the Board's annual planning retreat, which will be held in August.

c. The next College Board meeting is May 6, 2026, at 4 p.m. in the Bolick Center, Event Space B

IX. Other: No additional information was discussed.

X. Informational Items: Media Highlights

XI. Closed Session

At 5:32 p.m., on a motion by Haden Parrish, seconded by Madison Cummings, the College Board approved convening in a closed session to discuss matters related to specific officers, appointees, or employees of the Board regarding a personnel matter.

At 5:40 p.m., a roll call vote was taken to certify that only appropriate business was discussed in the closed session. On a motion by Haden Parrish, seconded by Madison Cummings, the College Board returned to open session.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the College Board adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Signature page follows

Respectfully submitted by: Jean M. Runyon, President and Secretary to the Board

Approved by: Robbie Morris, Chair of the Board