

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2025

1. Call to Order

Chairman Yaw called the in-person meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Attendance

Members Present

Senator Gene Yaw
Mr. Abraham Harpster
Ms. Virginia Teachey
Mr. Randall Black
Dr. Margo DelliCarpini (ZOOM)

Dr. Steven P. Johnson (ZOOM)
Ms. Lynda Livingston
Rep. Clint Owlett
Mr. Michael Stefan

Members Absent

Dr. Larry Terry
Mr. John Young

Also in attendance was Ann Pepperman, Esq.

2. Public Comment Period

Chairman Yaw welcomed comments from the public on any agenda item.

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: December 12, 2024

A motion was made by Rep. Owlett, seconded by Mr. Stefan, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2024, meeting as presented.

4. Approve hiring of Vice President for Finance/CFO

A motion was made by Ms. Teachey, seconded by Ms. Livingston, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to approve the hiring of Vice president for Finance/CFO.

5. Approve reclassification of Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Academic Operations position to Vice President for Enrollment & Academic Operations

A motion was made by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Harpster, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to approve the reclassification of Associate Vice President for Enrollment & Academic Operations position to Vice President for Enrollment & Academic Operations.

6. Presentations:

- Diesel Performance Club – Faculty Advisor, Mark Sones and Club President, Gio Barbarossa

7. Comments from the President

President Reed shared the following with the group:

- Thanked Ms. Suzanne Stopper and Mr. Joseph for their service to the college
- Congratulated Mr. Jon Nichols and Anthony Pace on their new positions

- Enrollment Numbers: 5493 total applications +10%, 845 deposits +27%
- School of Business, Arts & Sciences Dean search update
- Vice President for Public Relations & Marketing search update
- Special thank you to Mark Sones, Gio, our Diesel Performance Club students, and faculty
- Strategic Plan and Mission
- Recent Highlights:
 - PCT School of Engineering Technologies students lead the nation by earning 11 of the 59 scholarships awarded for the Spring 2025 semester from SparkForce, a foundation devoted to skilled manufacturing careers
 - Pennsylvania College of Technology's Construction Management Association returned victorious from the recent Associated Schools of Construction Region 1 Conference & Competition in Albany, New York
 - Eleven Pennsylvania College of Technology collision repair and restoration students recently traveled overseas for a company-sponsored training opportunity in Germany
 - Penn College athletics update
 - Spotlight: Alumnus Austin Fulton, Graphic Designer for the NHL Florida Panthers NHL team

8. Comments from the Chairman of the Board

Senator Yaw stated he would have preferred to see something larger than the 5% appropriation increase allotted to Penn College in Gov. Shapiro's proposed 2025-26 budget since the college has many programs producing highly skilled graduates for high-demand occupations in the workforce. He feels the challenge we face is to show people why we are different.

9. Public Comments

None

10. Executive session to discuss a litigation matter. Possible public vote following the executive session

Chairman Yaw convened an executive session to discuss a litigation matter. Following the executive session, a motion was made by Senator Yaw, seconded by Mr. Stefan, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to authorize settlement of the class action COVID lawsuit for \$1.85M.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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