

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

### BCCC Board of Trustees

January 15, 2025

#### Steffler Board Room, BC3 Main Campus

Members Present	William DiCuccio, Scott McDowell, Glenn Miller, Gail Paserba, Jennifer Pullar, Bruce Russell, Carmine Scotece, Joe Taylor, Nadine Tripodi, Ken DeFurio, Kim Geyer
Members Absent	Robi Lombardo, Joe Kubit, Gordon Marburger, Vicki Hinterberger, Brian McCafferty
Also Present	Megan Coval, Tina Fleeger, Jake Friel, Jess Matonak, Brian Opitz, Belinda Richardson, Josh Novak, Amanda Fleming, Kristen Schooley, Cheryl Cavaliero, Sal McCormick- Butler Eagle
Call to Order	Dr. DiCuccio called the meeting to order at 12:32pm
Agenda	Glenn Miller moved to accept the agenda. Motion Carried.
Minutes	The minutes of the December 4, 2024, regular board meeting were accepted. Moved by Gail Paserba, seconded by Jennifer Pullar.
Introduction of Guests	Ms. Jessica Matonak introduced guests.
Treasurer's Report	Mr. Jake Friel reviewed the December Operating, Capital, Restricted and Federal/State Grant Funds Budget summaries. He also presented enrollment reports for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
Public Comment	None.
President's Report	Ms. Coval reported on the following:  <b>State Budget Advocacy Begins:</b> The Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACC) has formalized its advocacy agenda for the 25-26 state budget request. The community college sector will request a 6 percent increase to its operating budget, a 6 percent increase to its capital budget, and specific funding for non-credit workforce development and public safety training. A formalized advocacy campaign will be coordinated in the early part of the year. This will include both visits to Harrisburg and coordinating locally with state lawmakers.

### **College Update:**

New student orientation is today with Welcome Day being held on Friday. Classes begin on Tuesday, January 21.

Spring professional day is tomorrow for faculty and will be held in Founders Hall.

**Practical Nursing Graduates on the Rise:** BC3's practical nursing program had 11 graduates in the Class of 2024– the highest number since the program was re-established in 2022 – with students hailing from five counties. The class, which graduated in December, completed the yearlong 48- to 49-credit certificate program.

**Dr. Robert L. Paserba Teaching and Learning Lab Underway:** Construction has begun on the Dr. Robert L. Paserba Teaching and Learning Lab, with the goal of opening after spring break. An open house to honor Dr. Paserba and celebrate the new space will be held later in the spring semester.

**Middle States Commission on Higher Education Update:** The evaluation team for BC3's MSCHE self-study and re-accreditation process will be on-site from March 23-27. Members of the evaluation team are being finalized in the coming weeks, and staff are working on the final edits for the self-study and preparing to host the team of evaluators.

Executive

No Report

Finance

Mr. McDowell reported that the committee met on January 9. Topics discussed were the refurbishment of the Public Safety Burn Building and College Within the High School tuition. Brian Opitz provided additional information on the refurbishment of the burn building and Megan Coval provided additional information on College Within the High School tuition.

**Resolution 25-09 BC3 Public Safety Burn Building Refurbishment**

Mr. McDowell moved to approve the proposal received in the amount of \$76,494.00. Troy Jay Construction out of Slippery Rock, PA., will complete the refurbishment work in the Public Safety Burn Building. Seconded by Glenn Miller. Motion carried.

**Resolution 25-10 Dual Enrollment Academic Year 2025-26**

Mr. McDowell moved to approve the College Within the High School tuition rates for the 2025-26 academic year as follows: \$225 per 3-credit course for in county residents; \$250 per 3-credit course for our out-of-county residents. Seconded by Nadine Tripodi. Motion carried.

Facilities	No Report
Personnel	No Report
Academic Assessment	No Report
Quality Assessment	Mr. Scotece reported that the committee is working to finalize the board assessment. The assessment will be distributed by January 24.
Foundation Report	<b>Total 2024 Giving:</b> The Foundation processed \$998,958.42 between January 2024 and early days in January 2025.

**Strong EITC Support in 2024:** Nearly \$73,000 in Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program donations were directed to the Foundation in 2024. EITC funds are used to assist BC3’s dual enrollment programming and the Stock Market Game. This focus is on K-12 students. Businesses who made an EITC contribution to BC3 in 2024 include:

- Baglier
- Buncher Company
- Farmers Trust Company
- First National Bank of Pennsylvania
- UPMC Health Plan Operations Center
- Maher Duessel
- Mercer County State Bank
- NexTier

**Annual Employee Campaign:** On December 2, 2024, the Foundation kicked off the 2025 Annual Employee Campaign. The campaign has raised around \$15,000 with 45 employees donating, eight of those being first time donors.

**BC3 Facility Use & Event Rentals, 2024:** BC3 Event Management reported that 20,679 individuals visited BC3 Main Campus through facility rentals from January 2024 through December 2024. This number continues to rise and reinforces our role as the “communities college”.

**Unique Community Partnerships Benefit Pantry:** Recon Brewing and Vintage Coffeehouse recently contributed \$3,000 to BC3’s Pioneer Pantry. Recon Brewing donated \$2,500 from sales of its Graduate Pale Ale, and Vintage Coffeehouse donated \$500 from its specialty coffee sales on Dec. 3. The donations will help stock the pantry. We are glad to have these community partners.

Executive Session

An executive session was held to discuss personnel matters from 1:07pm-1:27pm.

Adjournment

1:27pm



Glenn Miller  
Secretary