

**Special Meeting of Board of Trustees
Minutes of March 10, 2025, Meeting**

Pratt Community College

*The mission of Pratt Community College is maximum student learning,
individual and workforce development, high quality instruction
and service, and community enrichment.*

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Chair Koler called the special board of trustees meeting of March 10, 2025 to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was laid by Chair Koler

PCC Trustees Present: Mike Koler, (Chair), Dean Fitzsimmons, (Vice Chair), Trustees Michele Hamm, Eric Scott Killough, Ryan Lunt, Mark Morgan, and Suzan Patton.

Administrative Present: Dr. Michael, President, Kent Adams, VP of Finance and Operations, Dr. Kwanna King, VP of Student Services, Monette DePew, VP of Instruction, Jerry Sanko, Chief Information Officer, Barry Fisher, Executive Foundation Director, Institutional Advancement, Alumni Relations and Donna Meier Pfeifer, President's Assistant and Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

Zoom: Heather Morgan, Director of KACC, lobbyist for Kansas Community Colleges and Louri Eshelman from Medicine Lodge.

Public Present:

Dr. Marcus Garstecki, Barton Community College (BCC), President

Mark Dean –BCC VP of Admissions

Mike Johnson – BCC Trustee

Dr. Kathy Kottas, BCC Exec. Director of Nursing and Healthcare Education

Chris Blanton, BCC

Sandy Fitzgerald, BCC

San Hazen, BCC

Stacy Hanson, Pratt Health Foundation

Tammy Smith, Pratt Regional Medical Center, CEO

Luke Kumberg, PRMC

Shelly Little, PRMC

Darcie Van Der Vyver, Pratt County Health Dept.

Sharon Will, Parkwood Village

Jennifer Stimatze, Grand Plains

Chris Nelson

Tom Jones

Angie Tatro

Aubie Barnard

Renae Skelton

Tammy Killough

Aubie Barnard

Vicki Steffen

Heidi McKennon

Laurie Ackerman

Kristin Schultz

Jan Blasi

Shelly Little

Erica Meitler

Marc Rundell

Stephanie Wiese

Ashley Cook
Erin Strohl

Danelle Johnston
Linda Stelzer

Renee Elpers
Bud Grimes

Paul Primrose

There were others that came in after the meeting started.

There was representation from Pratt nursing graduates from years 1990's to the current in support of the partnership with BCC nursing program. As well as other occupations in support of the partnership.

III. **Discussion: Mike Koler, Chair**

1. Chair Koler explained this is a special board meeting of Pratt Community Board of Trustees. The one topic to be discussed is the partnership with Barton Community College nursing program and Pratt Community College.
2. Public speaking will be done in an orderly manner .
3. No action will be taken tonight

Nursing Partnership with Barton Community College

Pratt Community College - Dr. Michael Calvert, President

Dr. Calvert gave a brief history of the PCC Nursing Program.

1. When Dr. Calvert came to PCC in 2013. PCC was the largest ADN program in the state of Kansas. 180 approved seats.
2. PCC has received financial assistance from PRMC or the foundation, to offset some of the costs. Nursing education is not cheap.
3. Due to the shortage of nursing instructors, failing grades, PCC lost its nursing accreditation.
4. BCC has requested funding from PCC if the arrangement continues
5. PRMC has provided monetary assistance.

Barton Community College – Dr. Marcus Garstecki

Education, Health Care and Workforce is what makes a community a success. This agreement has the three tiers and BCC wants to see this program to continue to be successful. IT department and the partnership and relationship between BCC and PCC is what makes it work.

Dr. Kathy Kottas did a Barton Nursing Update on the program's success.

Pass Rates: 2022-2023 NCLEX-RN – 100%

Pass Rates: 2023-2024 NCLEX-RN – 100%
 NCLEX-PN - 100%

Program Success – Pratt Campus

2022-2023

Associate Degree in Nursing only

- 12 students graduated
- Pratt Campus – 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate

2023-2024

Associate Degree in Nursing

- 8 students graduated
- Pratt campus – 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate
- Overall, Barton - 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate

Practical Nursing – (first year)

- 5 students graduated
- Pratt Campus – 100% NCLEX-PN pass rate
- Overall, Barton NCLEX-PN pass rate - 100%
- Students started in Great Bend as BCC was hiring an instructor

2024-2025

Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)

- Accepted 19 students to Pratt Location
- 15 students started in Pratt (multiple rationale for change)

Practical Nursing (PN)

- Accepted 19 students to the Pratt location
- 9 students started in Pratt

Graduation - These students will graduate on May 9, 2025

*2025-2026

Practical Nursing (PN)

130 students applied – BCC Campus - 87 PCC Campus – 16

Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)

48 students applied – BCC Campus - 31 PCC Campus – 17

*Candidates will be chosen from those who have applied and met the criteria

Clinical Partnerships

Pratt Regional Medical Center
Interim Healthcare
Stafford County Hospital
Kiowa Co. Memorial Hospital
Pratt County Health Department

Pratt Family Interns
Minneola District Hospital
Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital
Pratt Health & Rehab
St. Teresa Hospital

➤ Nurses Graduated from BCC Pratt Location (including current students)

- 20 ADN (20 currently Registered Nurses; current students pending)
- 5 PN (5 currently Licensed Practical Nurses; current students pending)

Current Employment Locations of Graduates:

Grand Plains Long Term Care & Rehab
Medicine Lodge Memorial hospital
Kiowa County Memorial
Pratt Regional Medical Center
Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman

Greensburg Family Practice
Cargill-Dodge city
Larned State hospital
Gentiva (Wichita)

Dr. Michael Calvert - PCC has never raised the mill levy for taxes or a specific program.

Heather Morgan – The KU Workforce Center of Nursing – get concerned when you hear too much money is spent on nursing, putting too much money into nursing scholarships.

Partnerships are the Way of the Future!

Dr. Michael Calvert, PCC President

- PCC provides BCC with two classrooms at no cost, use the skilled area and the simulation lab.
“Providing nursing education in Pratt community is PCC’s investment”.

- BCC works closely with PCC Allied Health program.

Dr. Michael Calvert, PCC President

PCC is planning on taking action at the Monday, March 17th Board of Trustees meeting to take action if the partnership continues. Still on feedback phase, meaning anything can still be on the table going forward.

Dr. Marcus Garstecki, BCC President

BCC is still open for discussions to answer/discuss questions. BCC wants this to be a win - win partnership. The agreement does not have to be a 3-year period. Good to have some stability. But if needed more time they would agree for 1 year. Dr. Calvert agreed.

Mike Koler, Trustee Chair

The PCC Nursing program is also funded by Pratt Regional Medical Center and Pratt Community College Foundation. It is not totally funded by taxes.

- IV. 7:15 p.m. Chair Koler asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Killough and VC Fitzsimmons. With no further discussion the motion was carried out unanimously.

Special Board Meeting Minutes Recorded by:

Donna Meier Pfeifer

Clerk of the Board of Trustees