

Board of Trustee Minutes January 27, 2026

**Special 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.*

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m. Trustee Mark Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge of Allegiance was led by everyone

**Trustees Present:** Mark Morgan (Chair), Dean Fitzsimmons, (Vice Chair), Michele Hamm, Eric Scott Killough, Ryan Lunt, Kevin Melvin, and Suzan Patton. Quorum was met.

**Trustee(s) Absent:**

**Administrative Present:** Linda Austin-Lanterman, Interim President and VP Finance and Operations, Dr. Kwanna King, VP Student Services, Monette DePew, VP Instruction, Jerry Sanko, Chief Information Officer, Brian Kortz and Rachel Steinbarger, Co-Athletic Directors, Barry Fisher, Executive Foundation Director, Institutional Advancement, Alumni Relations and Donna Meier Pfeifer, President Assistant, Foundation Assistant, and Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

**Administrative(s) Absent:**

**Media Representation:** No media present

- III. **Comment(s) from the Public:** *Mark Morgan, Chair*  
Jeremy Doggett representing *President's Advisory Council*, Dr. Calvert has been very helpful over the years and benefit to the community.

Public Attending:

|                |                |                  |
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| Shane Winsor   | Kristi Winsor  | Danelle Johnston |
| Kenny Gates    | Rhonda Weber   | Russell Eck      |
| Morgan Trinkle | Collon Wilson  | Colton Eck       |
| Susan Mayberry | Caitlin Miller | Lauren Johnston  |
| Randy Stone    | Linda Stelzer  | Kathy Schmidt    |
| Joy Schwartz   | Larry Johnston | Karen Eck        |
| Angie Tatr     |                |                  |

- IV. **Motion to Enter Executive Session for 45 minutes to discuss:**
  - Personnel matters involving non-elected personnel
  - Consultation with legal counsel to seek client legal service

6:03 p.m. Chair Morgan asked for a motion to go into executive session for 45 minutes regarding personnel matters involving non-elected personnel and consultation with legal counsel to seek client legal advice and to include Linda Austin-Lanterman, Interim President and the Board. Trustee Killough made the motion to go into executive session including Linda Austin-Lanterman.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Kevin Melvin. With no further discussion the motion was carried out unanimously.

6:09 p.m. - Linda Austin-Lanterman left the executive session.

6:44 p.m. - Came out of executive session

6:45 p.m. – Went back into executive session for 20 minutes

7:12 p.m. - Trustee Eric Scott Killoug made the motion in following his (Dr. Michael Calvert) 30-day paid suspension or the date he signs a separation agreement with PCC’s Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ryan Lunt.

Dr. Michael Calvert - “do we have a reason”?

Chair Morgan - “the Board does not need a reason to do this according to your (Dr. Michael Calvert) contract”.

Dr. Michael Calvert – “just leave it paid?”

Chair Morgan – “Yes”.

Public (Susan Mayberry) – “is this fine with everyone?”

Trustee Ryan Lunt – Chair Morgan the public had conversations /question opportunity earlier. We cannot respond to questions.

Chair Morgan - concurred with Trustees Ryan Lunt’s statement.

| <u>Rollcall was taken verbally:</u> | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Trustee Suzan Patton                | X          |           |
| Trustee Kevin Melvin                | X          |           |
| Trustee Ryan Lunt                   | X          |           |
| Trustee Eric Scott Killough         | X          |           |
| Trustee Michele Hamm                |            | X         |
| Trustee Dean Fitzsimmons            | X          |           |
| Trustee Mark Morgan                 | X          |           |

Majority Ruled: Yes – 6 No – 1  
With no further discussion the majority carried.

Trustee Ryan Lunt made the motion to authorize Board Chair Mark Morgan and Trustee Suzan Patton to negotiate the separation agreement with Dr. Michael Calvert as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by VC Dean Fitzsimmons.

Chair Mark Morgan and Trustee Suzan Patton negotiate the separation agreement

| <u>Rollcall was taken verbally:</u> | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Trustee Suzan Patton                | X          |           |
| Trustee Kevin Melvin                | X          |           |
| Trustee Ryan Lunt                   | X          |           |
| Trustee Eric Scott Killough         | X          |           |
| Trustee Michele Hamm                |            | X         |
| Trustee Dean Fitzsimmons            | X          |           |
| Trustee Mark Morgan                 | X          |           |

Majority Ruled: Yes – 6 No – 1  
With no further discussion the majority carried.

Trustee Kevin Melvin motioned to forward the resolution to appoint Monette DePew, VP of Instruction, the *interim president* to start immediately and address her stipend. The motion was seconded by VC Dean Fitzsimmons.

Chair Morgan moved to appoint Monette Depew, VP of Instruction the interim president and negotiate a stipend with her in the next 30 days.

This interim position takes effect immediately.

| <u>Rollcall was taken verbally:</u> | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
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| Trustee Suzan Patton                | Abstain    |           |
| Trustee Kevin Melvin                | X          |           |
| Trustee Ryan Lunt                   | X          |           |
| Trustee Eric Scott Killough         | X          |           |
| Trustee Michele Hamm                |            | X         |
| Trustee Dean Fitzsimmons            | X          |           |
| Trustee Mark Morgan                 | X          |           |

Majority Ruled: Yes – 5 No – 1 Abstained – 1

With no further discussion the majority carried.

7:19 p.m. Chair Morgan asked for a motion to go into executive session for no longer than 20 minutes and to include trustees and Monette DePew. The motion was made by Trustee Suzan Patton and seconded by Trustee Ryan Lunt. With no further discussion the motion carried out unanimously.

7:34 p.m. Motion was made to return to general session. Motion was made by Trustee Kevin Melvin and seconded by VC Fitzsimmons. With no further discussion the motion carried out unanimously.

**VII. Adjourn Meeting – Mark Morgan, Chair**

7:35 p.m. Chair Morgan asked for a motion to adjourn the general session meeting. The motion was made by VC Dean Fitzsimmons to adjourn the general session meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Suzan Patton.

With no further discussion the motion was carried out unanimously.