

Pratt Community College
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
2026-2027 Budget Discussion
August 10, 2026

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. - Mark Morgan, Trustee Chair, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledge of Allegiance led by Dean Fitzsimmons, Trustee Vice Chair

Trustees Present: Mark Morgan (Chair), Dean Fitzsimmons, (VC), Michele Hamm, Ryan Lunt, and Kevin Melvin. Quorum was met.

Trustee(s) Absent: Eric Scott Killough and Suzan Patton

Administration Present: Dr. Carl B. Smalls, President, Monette De Pew, VP Instruction, Linda Austin-Lanternman, VP Finance and Operations, Natasha Zielke, Controller, Rachell Steinbarger, Director of Athletics, and Donna Meier Pfeifer, President Assistant, Foundation Assistant, and Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

Administration Absent: NA

Introduction of Guest(s) – *Linda Austin-Lanternman, VP Finance and Operations*
Taryn Rennaker, PCC Business Instructor and owner of Aspen Accounting, LLC,
Natasha Zielke, Controller

- III. **Comment(s) from the Public** *Mark Morgan, Chair*
No comments from the public.

- IV. **Discussion:** *Mark Morgan, Chair*

A. 2026-2027 Budget Discussion – *Carl B. Smalls, Ed. D.*

- First official day as *PCC President* and share his proposed goal for 2026-2027 Budget
- Linda Austin-Lanternman, VP of Finance and Operations
 - Overall budget picture
 - Major revenue assumptions
 - Personnel costs – (75-78% of the budget)
 - Fund balances/reserves
 - Key assumptions that could change the budget
- 2026-2027 Budget Books will be made and distributed to the Board prior to August 31st Board meeting.
- General Fund - 15.7M - keep and can be transferred
- Need to put reserves into the budget and increase Capital Outlay
- Parking lot, Chandler roof and welding building need priority attention
- Financial Aid Dept. - Company Registry has retired executives, they determine what type of training and the time that is needed

- Dorms are not filled
- Capital Outlay – Increased to \$4,000,000

V. Action Item(s) – Mark Morgan, Chair

Chair Morgan asked for a motion to approve to increase the Capital Outlay to \$4,000,000. The motion was made by Trustee Kevin Melvin to increase the Capital Outlay to \$4,000,000.

Motion was seconded by Dean Fitzsimmons, VC.

Discussion –

Michele Hamm, Trustee - she did not feel Dr. Carl Smalls, with this being his first day as President and has not had adequate time to study this budget.

Linda Austin- Lanterman, VP Finance and Operations, feels confident working with her team.

Michele Hamm, Trustee, with limited information she does not feel there is enough information to vote on this motion. With no budget book, no scenarios to discuss or compare, no capital improvements.

Dr. Carl Smalls, President – August 31, 2026, he will have time to look at prior budget books, scenarios, history and trends. This would give him workable knowledge.

There is a 10-day waiting period after it is in the paper that a vote can be taken. To get it into September 3rd publication, it must be submitted by August 24th.

It is moved and seconded to raise the Capital Outlay to \$4M and publish August 24, 2026.

Vote Taken - 4 Yes and 1 No and 2 absent. Motion has passed by majority vote.

Chair Morgan asked for a motion to move the August 17th board meeting to August 31, 2026. VC Fitzsimmons made the motion to move the August 17th Board meeting date to August 31, 2026. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lunt. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

VI Adjourn Meeting – Mark Morgan, Chair

Motion was made by VC Fitzsimmons to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kevin Melvin. With no further discussion passed unanimously.

Donna Meier Pfeifer
Recorder of the Board
August 10, 2026