



## BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: August 17, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

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Present:

Thomas Jennings, Chair  
James Dancy  
Blake Eisenhart  
Frank Farry via Zoom  
Jamie Fazzalore  
Elizabeth Fineburg  
Ronni Fuchs

Shamsul Huda  
Linda Mannherz  
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson  
Carol Shelly  
Philip Wursta via Zoom  
Felicia L. Ganther, J.D., Ph.D., President

Absent: Richard Balukas, Ed.D, Broadus Davis, William Maeglin

Mr. Jennings called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

Following the Roll Call, the Chair noted that this public meeting would be dedicated to the environmental report done by Remington & Vernick Engineers (RVE). He said there was a presentation done on July 24 to the faculty federation and a town hall after that. He introduced Mr. Kline and Mr. Carulli from RVE, who gave a report on the environmental testing that was done in Founders and Grupp Halls and recommended next steps.

Mr. Kline reported that RVE tested for 19 different contaminants in Founders and Grupp Halls. He said in some instances they took representative samples, and in some they tested every room. In both instances, they followed EPA and DEP testing standards.

Mr. Kline said, overall, Grupp had higher findings than Founders, but there were some issues in both buildings. These were summarized in a report along with a series of recommended actions. He said the focus of this meeting was to discuss areas where findings were higher than recommended and next steps. Mr. Kline said his firm identified the level exceedances compared to EPA & DEP standards. The first recommendation was to establish what is considered acceptable, which was the basis of their recommendations.

RVE collected samples from various sinks and water fountains. Six samples reported containing lead, all but one was found in Grupp Hall. Two samples out of 20 collected detected legionella, both in Grupp Hall. Spikes in carbon dioxide were also found in some spaces. Mr. Kline reported

that mold was found in some areas of Founders Hall, but the levels were not higher than EPA standards. There were areas on the first floor of Grupp that tested higher than EPA standards, although no active mold growth was observed. RVE also conducted 75 short-term radon tests, seven of which revealed higher than acceptable levels in Grupp Hall.

RVE's recommendations for remediation include professional cleaning and sanitization, running faucets for at least 30 seconds before use, installing filtered water fountains, continuous running of ventilation systems to improve air flow, installing door vents on offices with elevated radon levels, a regular campus cleaning and maintenance plan, replacing the carpet in Grupp Hall, and a resampling and retesting of specific areas of concern.

Mr. Frank Moore then gave an update of what has occurred up to this point, and next steps. He presented a timeline of events from October 2022 to present. He said college officials have met and discussed plans for remediation, contractors have been onsite to review different aspects of the remediation, and retesting is planned as cleaning is completed. He also reported that the Building Safety Committee will continue to meet periodically and that Dr. Kelleway will join that committee, so all steps are communicated and documented. He said they would also be identifying other areas on the campus that may require similar attention.

Trustees commented that the college must make areas healthy for all. Chair Jennings said the Board is making a firm commitment to remediation and that cost will not be the driver. He said it's important that the college makes sure to consistently follow RVE's recommendations.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

#### BOARD COMMENT

Chair Jennings reported that the Governance Committee will meet via Zoom on Monday, and later that day a Bylaws meeting will be held. He said the Board has been very active and engaged, including during the summer months.

#### ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the Newtown Campus on September 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

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Elizabeth Fineburg, Secretary