



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

BridgeValley Community and Technical College

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2023

A meeting of the BridgeValley Community and Technical College Board of Governors (BOG) was held on Friday, April 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. and was held virtually.

Board members present: Mark Blankenship, Megan Callaghan Bailey, Luke Carney, Barry Crist, Barry Holstein, Dr. Andrew Kennedy, Meghan Moses, Dr. James Perry III, and Andrea Petry. Also in attendance were President Sacks, Shellie Richards, BOG assistant, and Armon Milner, IT assistant who were dismissed during executive session.

I. **Call to Order**

Chair Blankenship called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. **Roll Call**

The role was taken by Ms. Richards noting that a quorum was present.

III. **Welcome** – Welcome Mr. Luke Carney, newest member. Oath of Office was administered and duly recorded.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Holstein moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 24, 2023, as written.

Ms. Moses seconded.

Motion carried

V. **Action Item**

- a. **Action Item:** Personnel action to extend a presidential contract

VI. **Executive Session**

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to enter executive session to discuss college personnel at 9:10 a.m.

Ms. Moses seconded.

Motion carried

Exit Executive Session to Regular Session - Mr. Blankenship requested a motion to exit executive session and re-enter to regular session at 10:21 a.m.

Ms. Moses seconded.

Motion carried

VII. **Board Action and Comments:**

Mr. Holstein made a motion to approve and extend the offer of a contract to Dr. Sacks consistent with the letter to Chancellor Tucker.

Ms. Bailey seconded

Motion Carried

Mr. Blankenship asked if there was any discussion.

Ms. Bailey public stated and expressed to Dr. Sacks, that as a board we are very thankful for everything you have done for us since you have become the president. Ms. Bailey further stated that Dr. Sacks has increased our fundraising tenfold, has increased campus morale and made it a more comfortable place to be for faculty, staff, and students. She has expanded our programs and Dr. Sacks has not taken no for an answer when it comes to expanding those programs and doing what is right for students. A prime example would be the *WIN Nursing Academy*. Ms. Bailey expressed her amazement to Dr. Sacks for accomplishing this goal, expressing the appreciation of her creativity and innovation. She has increased and cultivated community relationships and government relationships. Ms. Bailey said she cannot think of a college that has progressed better with the governor's office to include fundraising. Bailey said we are elated that you are our BridgeValley president, and we hope to keep you around. Ms. Bailey expressed a gratitude of thanks to Dr. Sacks.

Dr. Sacks thanked Ms. Bailey, stating that the comments are very much appreciated.

Mr. Blankenship stated, "I echo what Ms. Bailey has said, you are well deserving of the contract offer which upon approval, Dr. Sacks will be able to read and review. We as a board hope this is reflective of our board and our college's appreciation for you for the year, as well as the expectation of doing what is best for students and faculty. We believe you are the right individual to lead BridgeValley."

Mr. Holstein said he was in agreement to both Ms. Bailey and Mr. Blankenship's comments. The drive through adversity sometimes is important, as it tests leaders. I believe that it is revealed in our offer that we are making a commitment to Dr. Sacks, and we are asking the same moving forward. Mr. Holstein thanked Dr. Sacks for all that she has accomplished.

Dr. Sacks expressed her appreciation of thanks.

Mr. Blankenship asked that everyone in support of the contract to Dr. Sacks, speak by saying "I". No one opposed it and Mr. Blankenship declared the motion will be carried out.

Mr. Holstein made an additional motion to move that the board authorize Mr. Blankenship, Chair to extend the 2023 Merit and Leadership medal at Graduation to Chair Emeritus, Ashley Deem for her exceptional service to the college.

Ms. Moses seconded

Motion carried

Dr. Sacks mentioned that all board members planning to attend graduation, Ms. Richards will reach out to order regalia.

VIII. **Dates to Remember**

Saturday, May 20, 2023 @ 11:00 AM.....Commencement
Wednesday, October 11, 2023.....*BOG Training Summit Begins
Thursday, October 12, 2023.....*BOG Training Summit Concludes
**BOG Summit will be held at the Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV*

IX. **Next Meeting**

Friday, June 23, 2023
1:00 pm

X. **Adjournment**

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.
Ms. Moses seconded.
Motion carried



Mark Blankenship, Chair



Barry Holstein, Secretary