

Brightpoint Community College
Board Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026

The Brightpoint Community College Board met at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, on the Midlothian Campus.

Members Present:

Elliot Eliades
Linda Gholston
Morgan Ingram
Deborah Marks
Kenneth Pritchett
Douglas Smith
Joseph Tylus
Christine Wilson

Members Absent:

Eldon Burton
Bernard Lundy
Eric Pollitt
Danielle Roache
Keith Rogers
Lisa Winfield

Staff Present:

Bill Fiege, President
Kara Armstrong, Assistant to the President
Tara Atkins-Brady, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Elizabeth Creamer, Vice President of Workforce Development and Credential Attainment, CCWA
Keri-Beth Pettengill, Director of Institutional Effectiveness
Natolyn Quash, Vice President of Finance and Administration
Fred Taylor, Director of Governmental and Administrative Services
Holly Walker, Director of Communications and Public Relations
Case Willoughby, Vice President of Student Services

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Wilson

Ms. Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Wilson

There was no public comment.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Ms. Wilson

Ms. Wilson welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – Ms. Wilson

A motion was made by Mr. Eliades, seconded by Dr. Tylus, that “THE BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED DECEMBER 3, 2025, AS PRESENTED.” The motion passed unanimously.

5. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT – Ms. Wilson

Ms. Wilson introduced Ali Thomas for the Student Spotlight. Ms. Thomas shared her educational journey, including her decision to return to Brightpoint after overcoming personal struggles and refocusing on her long-term goals. She discussed her plans to continue her studies after transfer and highlighted her engagement in academic and civic learning opportunities, including participation in a Virginia government simulation. Board members thanked Ms. Thomas for sharing her inspiring story.

6. BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Eliades and Ms. Ingram

Mr. Eliades and Ms. Ingram presented the report of the Board Nominating Committee. On behalf of the committee, Mr. Eliades recommended Ms. Linda Gholston to serve as Vice Chair of the Board for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Eliades, seconded by Dr. Marks, that “THE BOARD APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF MS. LINDA GHOLSTON TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE BRIGHTPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD.” The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eliades then recommended Dr. Deborah Marks to serve as Chair of the Board for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Dr. Tylus, seconded by Mr. Eliades, that “THE BOARD APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF DR. DEBORAH MARKS TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE BRIGHTPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD.” The motion passed unanimously.

7. 2026-2027 BOARD MEETING DATES – Dr. Fiege

Dr. Fiege reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 Board meeting dates. He noted that the September meeting would be scheduled one week later than usual due to the ASAC conference. He also indicated that the proposed November and May meeting dates would be revisited and brought

forward for final approval at the next Board meeting after consultation with members who were not present.

8. PRESIDENT'S EVALUATION PROCESS – Dr. Pettengill

Dr. Pettengill reviewed the timeline for the President's evaluation process. She noted that the final timeline and materials would be confirmed in February so that the evaluation packet could be completed and aligned with the VCCS survey process. The Board is expected to meet in May to review the evaluation, after which Dr. Fiege will meet with the Chancellor as part of the VCCS evaluation process.

9. LOCAL FUNDS BUDGET – Ms. Quash

Ms. Quash reviewed the Local Funds Budget ending January 31, 2026, and provided an overview of account activity and expenditures.

10. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SPOTLIGHTS – Dr. Atkins-Brady

Dr. Atkins-Brady provided Academic Affairs updates and highlighted the launch of Brightpoint's Prison Education Program at FCC Petersburg. She shared that the college has launched the A.A.S. in Human Services, Pre-Social Work Specialization, with the first cohort beginning in Spring 2026. She shared positive feedback from participating students and noted the collaboration across the college required to launch the program successfully.

Dr. Atkins-Brady also provided updates on new and expanding academic programs, including the Hospitality Management Career Studies Certificate, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing A.A.S., Health Professions, Radiologic Technology, EMS pathways, AI and Cybersecurity, and partnerships such as Dominion Energy. She also reviewed enrollment and program trends, noting continued growth in dual enrollment, workforce pathways, and student interest in health professions programs.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Fiege

Dr. Fiege reviewed legislative updates, including Brightpoint's participation in Community College Advocacy Day on February 18. He highlighted advocacy priorities related to FastForward funding, workforce pipeline support, and dual enrollment. Dr. Fiege noted the college's continued focus on expanding healthcare capacity, including the goal of increasing nursing program enrollment, and shared that the college recently received a federal earmark from Senators Kaine and Warner to support the development of the college's first healthcare instructional space at the Midlothian Campus for nurse aide and CNA training. He also noted that matching funds are in place to support a GO Virginia request for an AI and Cybersecurity Lab.

Dr. Fiege concluded by reviewing upcoming college events listed on the agenda and encouraged Board members to notify Ms. Armstrong if they are interested in attending theater events so that tickets can be reserved. He also noted that invitations would be sent for PTK/Student

Awards Night and that additional information regarding the Radiologic Technology graduation would be shared once finalized.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Wilson

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

William C. Fiege, Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board
President of the College

Christine Wilson
Chair of the Brightpoint Board