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## September 12, 2011

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### BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE

#### Board of Governors

**Members Present:** Ms. Gloria Stephens, Mr. Norris Kantor, Mr. Roger Topping, Ms. Anne Taylor, Mr. James Palmer, III, Mr. Richard Bezjak, Dr. Sarita Rhonemus, Dr. Norman Mirsky, Mr. Larry Ratliff, Mr. Robert Perkinson, Jr., Mr. Jerome Powell, II

**Member Absent:** Mr. Aaron Saunders

**Guests/Staff:** Mr. Jim Nelson, Ms. Anita Barilla, Mr. Daniel Frost

#### Welcome, Chair's Remarks, and Call to Order –Chair James Palmer, III

Mr. Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the BSC Othello Harris-Jefferson Student Center Hebert Gallery and welcomed the Board to the meeting. He expressed his gratitude to Dr. Walker for the many years of service he has brought to the college and for how far along the college has come under his leadership. Mr. Palmer stated that not only he, but that the administration, staff, students, and the community as a whole will miss Dr. Walker and his leadership. Mr. Palmer wished Dr. Walker all the best as he moves on to his next endeavor.

#### Presentation by Chancellor Brian Noland

Mr. Palmer announced that Chancellor Noland will be unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling issues. Mr. Kantor asked for insight into what the Chancellor would have presented to the Board during the open portion of the meeting. Mr. Palmer stated that conversations with the Chancellor were along the lines of the process with regard to the selection of the Interim President and the process with regard to selection of the Search Committee for filling the permanent position. He stated that his understanding was that the Chancellor would have attended for the purpose of providing any additional guidance the Board might need.

A motion was made (NKantor/RBezjak) to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

#### Executive Session

##### Discuss and Plan for Interim President for Bluefield State College

A motion was made (NKantor/RPerkinson) to go into Executive Session. Motion carried.

A motion was made (RTopping/ATaylor) to rise from the Executive Session. Motion carried.

##### Open Session

A motion was made (LRatliff/RPerkinson) to nominate Dr. Tom Blevins to the Interim President position with the appropriate contractual parameters to be negotiated by the Chair and approved by the Higher Education Policy Commission. Motion carried.

##### Discussion and Overview of Selection of Interim President for BSC

Mr. Palmer informed the group that the Interim President is selected by the Board and does not have to be advertised as does the permanent President. The Board makes the selection and prepares the appropriate contract or receives such from HEPC, then decides on the terms and conditions, and submits the contract with its selection to HEPC.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made (LRatliff/RTopping) for the meeting to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Barilla

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