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APPROVE DR. PRESTON PULLIAMS AS PRESIDENT
EMERITUS

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REPORT: The Board of Directors of Portland Community College wishes to bestow retiring College President, Dr. Preston Pulliams, with President Emeritus status.

Dr. Pulliams became College President of Portland Community College in 2004. His outstanding and distinguished service to PCC for over nine years has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the College, its faculty and staff, and its students. One of the most significant achievements during his tenure was the passage of the \$374 million bond measure in 2008, the largest educational bond measure in the state of Oregon at the time. Funding from the bond will enable the college to significantly improve services to students, through the addition of new centers in underserved areas and increased classroom and training facilities throughout the district. He has also successfully guided the college through a very challenging period characterized by tremendous growth in enrollment alongside declining state funding.

Dr. Pulliams has been an outstanding spokesperson for PCC and community college education. As a result of his advocacy and superlative relationship building skills, PCC's profile in the business and philanthropic communities has been significantly elevated. The College has also launched important new programs in partnership with local school districts and universities that reduce barriers students experience to attending college and earning a degree. During his tenure, annual contributions to the PCC Foundation have quadrupled and scholarship awards to students tripled. His leadership has been recognized with awards by the City of Portland, the Portland Business Alliance, the Oregon

League of Minority Voters, and the Association of Community College Trustees, among others.

Dr. Pulliams has exemplified the highest standard of personal and professional integrity, civic responsibility, and leadership for Portland Community College. His vision to ensure all students have the financial and student supports they need to earn a college degree has inspired us all and will leave an indelible mark on Portland Community College.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt Resolution 13-094 to confer the President Emeritus status to Dr. Preston Pulliams.