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December 3, 2018

AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Dr. Angel M. Royal
One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036

Sent via email: nomineee@aacnche.edu

Dear Committee Members:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Dr. Rick Bateman, Jr. who has been nominated to serve as an Institutional Representative on the American Association of Community Colleges' Board of Directors.

Dr. Bateman has served the cause of community college education for the last twenty-five years and is Chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, Louisiana. At BPCC, Dr. Bateman has lead a team that has been recognized nationally for strategic innovation and has been a state leader in the provision of workforce training in support of the cyber sector. BPCC maintains a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance and a state-level distinction as the Center of Workforce Excellence in Cyber Technology.

I serve with Dr. Bateman and the other Chancellors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System on the President's Advisory Council of Chancellors. Dr. Bateman has provided leadership over the Student Affairs and the Academic Affairs committees of the PACC; he is a respected leader in our group because of his experience in a variety of roles and because he is a thoughtful servant-leader focused on embracing, educating, and empowering more of Louisiana's citizens.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neil Aspinwall
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December 1, 2018

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Dr. Bateman has over twenty-five years of service to community college education and has been the Chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) in Bossier City, Louisiana for the past three years. At BPCC, Dr. Bateman leads a team that has been recognized nationally. BPCC maintains a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance and a state-level distinction as the Center of Workforce Excellence in Cyber Technology. These workforce programs are a direct result of Dr. Bateman's leadership and vision.

I serve with Dr. Bateman and the other Chancellors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System on the President's Advisory Council of Chancellors. Dr. Bateman is a respected leader in our group because of his experience at a variety of institutions and because he is a reasonably thoughtful leader who embraces the opportunity to lead an institution helping the citizens of his community develop the skills and knowledge needed to meet their personal goals.

I am certain that Dr. Bateman will be an outstanding addition to the Board. His thoughtful compassionate approach to community college administration will serve AACC and all of us in this industry very well.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dale Doty' in a cursive script.

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December 1, 2018

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Having served as an AACC Board Director, I can say with confidence that Dr. Bateman will be an outstanding addition to the Board.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Natalie J. Harder
Chancellor



December 12, 2018

AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Dr. Angel M. Royal
One DuPont Circle NW, Suite 700
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Sent via email: nomineee@aacnche.edu

Dear Committee Members:

It is my privilege to write a letter of support for Dr. Rick Bateman, Jr. who has been nominated to serve on the American Association of Community Colleges' Board of Directors.

Dr. Bateman has served in community college education for the last twenty-five years, and currently is Chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, Louisiana. At BPCC, Dr. Bateman and his team have been recognized across the state and nationally for innovation in workforce training. BPCC maintains a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance and a state-level distinction as the Center of Workforce Excellence in Cyber Technology.

I have been colleagues with Dr. Bateman for more than 12 years, and during that time he has been collaborative, mission-driven, and a champion of community colleges leading in higher education. His diverse background has enabled him to be a successful leader on many fronts. Dr. Bateman has provided leadership over the Student Affairs and the Academic Affairs committees within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

If elected, I believe Dr. Bateman will be an outstanding addition to the Board. Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phillip W. Neal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Phillip. W. Neal
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December 19, 2018

Committee on Directors and Membership Services
American Association of Community Colleges
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Members of the Committee:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of support for Dr. Rick Bateman and his inclusion in the 23019 slate of candidates for the AACC Board. I believe Dr. Bateman would be an excellent addition to the Board and would make significant contributions to the Board's work moving forward.

Dr. Bateman became the 6th Chancellor at Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) in 2015. Rick also has significant administrative experience as interim director of Northeast Louisiana Technical College and as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at SOWELA Technical Community College. His commitment to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System runs deep, and he is seen by his colleagues as an innovative and student centered college leader. Rick earned his Ph.D. in Community College Leadership at the University of Texas at Austin, his master's from Loyola University New Orleans, and a bachelor's from UCLA.

I've known Rick for nearly a decade, and have firsthand knowledge of his outstanding leadership at Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC). During his tenure there, BPCC has received a dozen national and international awards for strategic innovation. Rick's leadership is laser-focused on student success, and BPCC is a regional leader in developing effective business and industry partnerships. BPCC is the leader in transfer rates among community/technical colleges in the state, and the college has a productive relationship with Louisiana Tech University, which offers bachelor's master's and doctoral degrees on the BPCC campus. Dr. Bateman has also provided strong and visionary leadership for the BPCC Foundation, which has grown its assets from \$1.4m to nearly \$4.5m. In short, Rick is the kind of visionary, transformational leader that will bring a high level of energy and engagement to the AACC Board. I enthusiastically recommend him to you as an outstanding candidate for the slate for the coming year.

If I may provide further information or answer any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Luke P. Robins, Ph.D.
President