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BridgeValley Community and Technical College Board of Governors Formally Approve Contracts for Dr. Casey Sacks, Acting President, and Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Suzette Breeden

(South Charleston, WV) - The contracts of Dr. Casey K. Sacks, acting president of BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BVCTC), and Suzette Breeden, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, were formally approved by a vote of the college's Board of Governors during a special meeting on June 30, 2021.

Dr. Sacks is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges at the U.S. Department of Education and has recently been serving as the Interim Vice Chancellor for the West Virginia Community and Technical College System where she is on a leave of absence while she serves as Acting President while the college searches for a new President to lead BVCTC.

Dr. Sacks commented that she looks forward to the work ahead with everyone at BVCTC.

"Thank you all so much for your faith in me," Dr. Sacks said during the meeting. "I'm excited to take on this opportunity. I love BridgeValley and I love Charleston and I'm just excited to be able to help the college in this critical time."

Board of Governors Chair Ashley Deem said she and the rest of the Board were thrilled to have Dr. Sacks leading BVCTC.

"We could not be more excited to have you. We have full faith in you and the job you're going to do and we know you will put the college in the absolute best position it could be in," she said. "We appreciate you making the move and being here with us. It really is very meaningful and we appreciate it."

Breeden served as the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs for the college since 2018, and also currently serves as the college's liaison to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). She was appointed Project Manager for the HLC steering committee and was instrumental in overseeing the completion of BVCTC's recent HLC self-study report and subsequent successful site visit. During her career in the community college arena, she has served on numerous institutional and statewide committees.

Breeden noted that she looks forward to continuing student success at the college.

"I appreciate the opportunity. I have high expectations for myself to serve the college and its students, and it is my goal to serve all of them, the board and the community to the very best of my ability," she later added.

Deem said Breeden was the obvious choice to fill the role and that the Board was excited to have her.

"We're very enthusiastic about you taking on the position of Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs," she said. "We've heard nothing but very positive things about you from the college community and we're excited."

The Board of Governors unanimously approved both Dr. Sacks' and Breeden's contracts during the meeting.

About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. BridgeValley Community and Technical College serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.