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Dr. Kerry Prather
Acting President
Franklin College
101 Branigin Boulevard
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Dear President Prather:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Franklin College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on January 27, 2020. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action with Interim Monitoring. IAC continued the accreditation of Franklin College with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2029-30. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Focused Visit. A Focused Visit no later than July 2020 providing an external review of the role of the general counsel focused on the arrangement, performance, practice of this role, concerns associated with the board and other issues of governance.

Rationale: IAC approved a focused visit in place of a report. IAC felt that a Focused Visit is more relevant to affirming 2B is aligned with good practice. Due to the departure of the president and the interim appointment, a review on site was felt to be appropriate to ensure the delineation of governance and operations between the college and the board.

In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation and the institutional response (if applicable) to the evaluation findings.


In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for Accreditation Liaison Officers to review and manage information regarding the institution's accreditation relationship. Accreditation Liaison Officers may request the ISR Report on HLC's website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions.html>.

Please note: Revisions to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation will go into effect on September 1, 2020. Institutions will be evaluated against the revised Criteria for all reviews conducted after that date, including reviews related to previously assigned monitoring. Institutional reports submitted after September 1, 2020, that reference the Criteria should be written to the revised version. More information about the revised Criteria, including a crosswalk between the current and revised versions, is available on HLC's website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/criteria>.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison Linnea Stenson. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

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