

# Community College Board Sets Organization Meet

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The 10-member advisory board for the Peninsula Community College in Hampton will meet for the first time at 7 p.m. Thursday in the offices of Forrest Coil and Associates in Newport News.

Purpose of the meeting is to familiarize the advisory board members, appointed to the posts Feb. 8 by the State Department of Community Colleges board of directors, with plans for the college and to organize them as a functioning group, including election of officers.

Dr. Dana Hamel, director of the state system, will meet with board members to explain what is expected of them and to go over plans for the school.

## Bids Seen Soon

The community college is scheduled to open in 1968 and will serve Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg and the counties of James City and York. Forrest Coile and Associates is preparing construction plans for the school and bids are expected to be asked early next month.

Early activity of the board once organization is complete will include recommendations on selection of a college president and a name for the college.

Dr. Hamel in January announced a search for candidates for the post of president had begun but several times in January and February said no definite candidates had been found. He could not be reached Friday to determine if definite candidates are now available.

The State system officially designated the Hampton college "Peninsula Community College" when the state board determined one would be located on the Peninsula. Hamel in January said, however, this was only a temporary name to serve until an advisory board could be formed and a permanent name selected.

## Proposed Name

He said the name Peninsula Community College was used for mailing purposes but he gave no reason why the name would be changed. Some Hampton residents, including city of-

officials, have indicated they will propose the name be George Wythe Community College.

The advisory board, was selected from nominations representing all of the five political subdivisions. Nine members originally had been scheduled to be picked from 18 nominees. However, the state board named 10 so each subdivision would have proper representation.

Advisory board members are Ralph D. Cobb of James City County; L. Felix Bledsoe; Robert B. Smith and Harry J. Kostel of Newport News; Edward P. Alexander of Williamsburg;

Thomas M. Law; Dr. Francis W. Shield, Dr. Jess P. Miller and T. Melvin Butler of Hampton; and August Frederick Penzold Jr. of York County.

One member of the board, Smith, already was serving as advisor to the Peninsula Vocational-Technical Education Center, the post high school program of which came under the state board control July 1, 1966, prior to formation of the college board in January. The VoTech program will be housed and operated at the community college when the college opens next year.