



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met in formal session on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6: 00p.m in the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Center Conference Room.

**Members in Attendance:** Robert Ayers, Bill Bach, Gwen Conley, Susan English, Mark Garrett, Randy Hollifield, Nancy Hunter, William Kehler, Ray McKesson, Kay Medford, Donald Ramsey, Gary Stroud

**Others present:** Dr. Brian Merritt, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Dr. Beverly Watts

**Present via Conference Call:** Madalyn Gaito

**Media:** None

### **Call to Order: 6:00pm**

Chairperson Stroud welcomed the board members and called the meeting to order

**Prayer:** Don Ramsey

### **N.C.G.S. ̅138A-15(e): Ethics Act**

Chair Stroud read the Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest statement. No conflicts were noted.

### **Approval of Board Minutes**

Chair Stroud called for approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on September 9th, 2021.

*Randy Hollifield moved to approve the minutes. Nancy Hunter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.*

### **New Business**

#### **Financial Committee Report – Chair McKesson**

- a. Financial Committee Chair Ray McKesson presented the county detail budget report dated September 30, 2021. Mr. McKesson reported that the state budget has not been passed.

*Robert Ayers made the motion to accept the report. Kay Medford seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.*

- b. Chair McKesson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The committee met to discuss the Campus Access Parking and Security fee increase. Chair McKesson provided a brief update of the meeting and presented the recommendation from the committee:

*The Finance Committee recommends the student parking fee be increased to \$20.00 per student per semester beginning in January 2022.*

A vote was taken and the recommendation passed.

#### **Building & Grounds Committee – Chair Ramsey**

Chair Ramsey reported that the committee met at 5pm on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the electronic sign placement on campus. It will be located on the south side of campus, facing Hwy 226 and visible to traffic exiting off of I40 East. A right of way request will be made to the Marion City Council at their next meeting. The rental lease for the Old Fort building has been received from the Old Fort Aldermen. It will be reviewed by the college attorney and insurance agent before being presented to the Board of Trustees.

**Personnel Committee – Chair Medford**

No report

**MTCC Foundation**

No Report. The next Foundation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 17th.

**McDowell Co. Education Committee Report**

Dr. Merritt reported that the committee met on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Merritt reported to the committee on how MTCC is using federal funds and updated them on grants applied for and received.

**President's Report**

1. Vision 2025 Benchmarks & Performance Measures

Dr. Merritt, Ladelle Harmon and Dr. Watts presented the trustees with a power point presentation outlining how the NCCCS Performance Measures have been matched with the benchmarks in the strategic plan.

2. College Update

Dr. Merritt referred the Trustees to the President's Report provided in their packets.

- The Estimated FTE report sent out from the NCCCS shows MTCC enrollment is up 17% from fall 2020.
- Lorrie Truett and Chuck Bowling have been nominated for the statewide NCCCS Staff and Faculty Awards. Finalists will be announced in the spring.
- Provided information on the U.S. Department of Education Title III SIP grant and the Department of Labor's Workforce Opportunities in Rural Communities (WORC) grant received since the last BOT meeting.

**Board Chair Report**

Chair Stroud provided an update on the NCACCT Legislative/Law Seminar that he attended, with Bill Bach and Dr. Merritt, in Wilmington, NC on Sept. 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>.

**G. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30pm.

The next regular meeting of the MTCC Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2021

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Brian S. Merritt  
Secretary to the Board

CC: VP, Deans, SGA