

MINUTES OF THE MTCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met in formal session on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:00p.m in Dogwood building boardroom. Meal was provided at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Greg Barksdale, Nancy Hunter, Sean Major, Kay Medford, David Patneaude, Boyd Phillips, Don Ramsey, Gary Stroud, Jim Washburn, Darren Waugh

Members Absent: Gwen Conley, David Walker

Others present: Administrators/Staff: Dr. John Gossett, Dr. Penny Cross, Ryan Garrison, Michael Lavender, and Madalyn Gaito. **Media:** None.

Call to Order – Chairperson

Chairperson Waugh welcomed the board members and called the meeting to order.

Prayer: Mr. Ramsey

Ethics Statement: Chairperson

Chairperson Waugh read the Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest statement. No conflicts noted.

Approval of Minutes – Chairperson

Chairperson Waugh called for approval of the board minutes. Don Ramsey made a motion to accept and approve the minutes with the corrections. Greg Barksdale seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report – VP of Administration and Finance

Mr. Garrison presented the county detail budget and the State appropriation budget for the month ending March 31, 2018 (handout). Boyd Phillips made a motion to accept the county detail budget and the State appropriation budget for the month ending March 31, 2018. Jim Washburn seconded it and it passed.

Building and Grounds Committee Report – Chair

Mr. Garrison reported the schematic design for the Cosmetic Arts Building has been completed. We are now in the design development phase.

Personnel Committee Report – Chair Patneaude

Mr. Patneaude reported the personnel committee met to discuss the current personnel policy. The committee is recommending a change from a 60 notification to a 30 day notification is the employee contract will not be renewed. Trustees received a copy of the revised Policy 2.7 for review. Discussion and a vote will take place at the May meeting.

Foundation Report – Nancy Hunter

The MTCC Foundation met on April 10. The Foundation Golf Tournament has been moved to Monday, May 7 and will be held at the Marion Lake Club. The school is also exploring the possibility of applying for a Title III grant.

President's Report – Dr. Gossett

SGA Report – President Sean Major

- Reported that recent Spring Fling was a great success. SGA will be sponsoring another Blood Drive on May 22. The Red Cross has collected 155 units of blood through MTCC Blood Drives since July 2017.

Trustee Resignation

Mr. Joseph Kaylor resigned as a Trustee, effective April 6, 2018. The Governor will appoint a Trustee to complete Mr. Kaylor's term that ends June 2020.

Legislative Priorities

Dr. Gossett distributed copies of the 2018-19 Legislative Priorities compiled by the NC Community College System and a list of contacts in the NC General Assembly. Trustees were asked to contact those they know in the General Assembly to encourage support for legislature and budgeting that will help support the community college system. (handout)

NCACCT & NCACCP meeting

Dr. Gossett attended the combined NCACCT and NCACCP meeting in Raleigh in March. Two main topics of discussion: Senate bill 420 and safety on campus. SB 420 is currently moving through the legislature. This bill establishes processes that will provide the NC Community College State Board the authority to oversee any community college board that does not accurately fulfill its mission. In the area of student safety we have a four person, unarmed security team (all former law enforcement).

Performance Measures

The rough draft for Performance Measures 2017-18 has been published. McDowell Tech rates high once again. Retention is still an issue and Julie Padgett, Director of Enrollment and Retention, has already started looking at options and solutions.

Regional Trustee Training

On Friday, August 3, 2018 a Regional Trustee Training is scheduled for trustees serving several community colleges in our area. More details to follow.

News & Observer Article

Dr. Gossett distributed an article written by John Hood and printed in the News & Observer. It was titled, *Community Colleges Deserve Better*. (handout)

Chairman's Report – Chairperson

- Trustees were presented with copies of the President's evaluation and the evaluation of the Board. They were also given addressed, stamped envelopes and asked to return the completed forms to Madalyn Gaito by Tuesday, May 1. The results will be viewed by Mr. Waugh and Mr. Patneau and compiled before being presented to the Board at the May meeting.
- Reminded trustees that SEI forms were due by April 17, 2018.

Other

Announcements

- MTCC Expo – Saturday, May 5
- 2018 MTCC Foundation Golf Tournament – May 7 at the Marion Lake Club
- Graduation – Friday, May 11, 2018 at 6:00pm. Trustees are asked to attend and will be seated on the platform. Please arrive at East Middle School at 5:30pm.

Closed Session - δ143-318.11 (a) (1) (6)

Adjournment

There being no further business, Don Ramsey moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Patneau seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

The next regular meeting of the MTCC Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Dogwood building boardroom. Meal will be provided at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John D. Gossett
Secretary to the Board