

MINUTES OF THE MTCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met in formal session on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:00p.m in the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Bldg. conference room. Meal was provided at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Robert Ayers, Bill Bach, Gwen Conley, Randy Hollifield, Nancy Hunter, Kay Medford, Ray McKesson, Donald Ramsey, Gary Stroud

Members Absent: Susan English, Jim Washburn

Others present: Administrators/Staff: Dr. John Gossett, Dr. Penny Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Michael Lavender and Dr. Beverly Watts.

Media: None.

Call to Order – Chairperson

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

Prayer: Don Ramsey

Oath of Office for New Trustees:

The following board members took their oath of office: Robert Ayers, appointed by the Governor's office; Bill Bach, new appointee by the McDowell County Commissioners, Donald Ramsey, re-appointed by the McDowell County Board of Education.

Ethics Statement: Chairperson

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

Approval of Minutes – Chairperson

Chair Stroud called for approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on June 13, 2019. Randy Hollifield made a motion to approve the minutes. Kay Medford seconded and the minutes were approved.

Chair Stroud called for approval of the board minutes from the special called meeting on June 27, 2019. Ray McKesson made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Ramsey seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Chair Stroud called for approval of the board minutes from the closed session meeting held on June 27, 2019. Kay Medford made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy Hunter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Organization of the Board for 2019-20 – Chairperson

Election of Officers

Chair Stroud called for the nomination of new officers. Don Ramsey made the motion to elect Gary Stroud as Chairperson and Nancy Hunter as Vice-Chair. Ray McKesson seconded the nomination. There being no other nominees, a vote was taken. Gary Stroud and Nancy Hunter were elected by unanimous vote. Ray McKesson nominated Dr. John Gossett as Secretary to the Board. Gwen Conley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Dr. Gossett was approved as Secretary to the Board.

Election of Executive Committee - The Executive Committee is composed of the Chairperson, immediate past Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and two Trustees elected by the Board. If the past chairperson is not on the Board a third trustee will be elected to serve as a committee member.

Mr. Stroud called for nominations to the Executive Committee. Don Ramsey nominated Randy Hollifield and Ray McKesson. Robert Ayers seconded the motion. Nancy Hunter nominated Kay Medford. Ray McKesson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the nominees were elected to serve on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will consist of: Gary Stroud, Nancy Hunter, Ray McKesson, Randy Hollifield and Kay Medford.

Mr. Stroud thanked the board for their support and asked each trustee to email their committee choice(s) to Madalyn Gaito prior to the meeting on September 12.

Financial Report – VP of Administration and Finance

VP Garrison presented the county detail budget for the month ended July 31st, 2019. (handout) Don Ramsey made a motion to accept the financial report. Bill Bach seconded it and it passed.

Building and Grounds Committee Report

VP Garrison reported on the Cosmetic Arts Building. Will be meeting with State Construction, Holland & Hamrick and Hickory Construction on August 21 for the pre-construction meeting. They should be able to break ground in the next month. A Ground Breaking Ceremony will be announced.

A question was asked about the Barbering program. This program will not fit in the new Cosmetic Arts Building. The plan was to put the program in remodeled space once the new building is completed. AB Tech has announced they will begin a Barbering Program through their Continuing Education Department in January. Dr. Gossett has asked Dr. Cross to review options for the barbering program at MTCC.

Personnel Committee Report – Chairperson

No report

Foundation Report – Chair Hunter

- The Foundation met on July 9. Officers were elected and three new members were introduced.

- They are kicking off a fundraising campaign and faculty and staff will receive donor cards at the Professional Development meeting on August 13.
- The Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 20 at Linville Falls Golf Course.

President's Report – Dr. Gossett

1. SACSCOC report – Ladelle Harmon reported that a SACS visit will take place in November 2019. This is for using McDowell High School as an official site for MTCC.
2. Quality Enhancement Plan Update – Dr. Watts presented the Board with information of the progress of the QEP plan. The committee is working to implement ROARR (handout) which stands for Registration, Orientation, Advising, Retention and Referral.
3. Campus Update
 - a. MTCC was named number 6 in the Top Ten Best Community Colleges in the country by Smart Asset.com.
 - b. MTCC will be participating in the county-wide Job Fair. This event targets the unemployed and underemployed in the county.
 - c. Crane Resistoflex donated welding equipment to our welding department. This will enable our students to gain experience and a head start on employment.
 - d. Dr. Gossett reported that he met with administrative leaders at Catawba Valley CC to discuss creating an entrepreneurial zone.
 - e. State budget – once the state has passed the budget it usually takes several weeks for the final version to be sent to the colleges.
 - f. The fall semester begins Monday, August 19 and the faculty/staff members will participate in Professional Development on Tuesday, August 13.
 - g. Will be increasing marketing efforts by using ads on radio, print and social media.
 - h. Dr. Gossett will attend the NCACCT Legislative/Law Seminar in Wilmington August 21-23.

SGA Report

No report.

Chairman's Report – Chairperson

Mr. Stroud thanked everyone for their support and stated he was looking forward to working together to benefit the school.

Other

Mr. Hollifield asked if the DOT had been contacted concerning the natural area at the entrance to the school. VP Garrison reported they had talked with several government officials and MTCC will not be allowed to make any changes to that area per the contract signed by the trustees in May 2011.

Greg Barksdale asked if administration had considered offering a certification in heavy equipment operator training. Dr. Gossett asked Dr. Cross to look in to this program.

Announcements

Western NCACCT Seminar - September 30, 2019 in Lake Junaluska. Registration will open by the end of August. This will be for new trustees, reappointed trustees and Ethics Training.

Closed Session - §143-318.11 (a) (1) (6)

Adjournment

There being no further business, Don Ramsey moved the meeting be adjourned. Randy Hollifield seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm **The next regular meeting of the MTCC Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Bldg. Meal will be provided at 5:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Gossett
Secretary to the Board