



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes**

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met via Zoom on Thursday, January 13, 2022

**Members in Attendance:** Robert Ayers, Bill Bach, Gwen Conley, Mark Garrett, Nancy Hunter, Ray McKesson, Kay Medford, Donald Ramsey, Gary Stroud, Lauren Buchanan

**Members Absent:** Susan English, Randy Hollifield, William Kehler

**Others present:** Stacy Buff, Dr. Penny Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Michael Lavender, Judy Melton, Dr. Brian Merritt

**Media:** None

### **Call to Order: 6:13pm**

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

**Prayer:** Don Ramsey

### **N.C.G.S. 5138A-15(e): Ethics Act**

Chair Stroud read the Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest statement. Nancy Hunter informed the Board that she received a letter from the NC Ethics Commission regarding the potential for conflict. The potential conflict was a result of stock and land that Mrs. Hunter no longer owns.

### **Approval of Board Minutes**

Chair Stroud called for approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on November 11, 2021.

*Bill Bach moved to approve the minutes. Donald Ramsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.*

### **New Business**

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

Financial Committee Chair Ray McKesson presented the county detail budget report dated December 31, 2021.

*Don Ramsey made the motion to accept the report. Bill Bach seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.*

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

- a. Chair Ramsey reported that they are waiting on a reply from Old Fort leadership concerning scheduling a meeting to discuss the building lease for the MTCC Workforce Education Center.
- b. Ryan Garrison provided an update on the electronic sign that will be installed near the campus entrance. Hope to begin construction in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

## **Personnel Committee – Chair Medford**

No report

## **MTCC Foundation**

Nancy Hunter reported on the November 17, 2021 meeting of the MTCC Foundation Board. The Board finalized and approved updated Foundation bylaws, named members to serve on the Nominating/Pipeline committee and discussed a potential fundraising campaign to meet the matching fund option with the Title III grant. Mrs. Hunter also reported that the Foundation received a clean audit for 2021 and donations received totaled close to \$49,000.

## **McDowell Co. Education Committee Report**

No report

## **President's Report**

### **1. SGA Report**

SGA President Lauren provided the following:

- SGA fundraiser to provide meals for McDowell Hospital night shift raised over \$100. SGA will match these funds and the meal will be delivered the week on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- SGA will provide displays and information during Black History Month
- SGA has received a request from students to increase the number of picnic tables available for student use.
- Planning is underway for Spring Fling '22.

### **2. New Program: A.A.S Degree in Welding Technology**

Trustees were provided with a handout with program details. The program was approved by the MTCC Curriculum Committee in November 2021.

*Mark Garrett moved that the A.A.S Degree in Welding Technology be approved. Kay Medford seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the program was approved.*

The program application will be sent to the NC Community College System Office to be considered for approval.

### **3. College Update**

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

- Dr. Cross announced that the NC Board of Nursing approved the MTCC AND program and students will be accepted to begin in fall 2022.
- Dr. Cross presented enrollment data representing student headcount on the first day of class from the past four years:  
Spring 2019 – 1007  
Spring 2020 – 1047  
Spring 2021 – 937  
Spring 2022 - 1105

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Stroud reported that he is serving on the Executive Committee for NCACCT.

- Recently attended a meeting discussing the Board Self-Evaluation process. He will be sharing information with the Board.
- The NC Community College system office is working on a three-year plan for the state

budget.

Chair Stroud commended Dr. Merritt and the administration on the increased student enrollment

**Other**

- Dr. Merritt referred trustees to the Economic Impact Report included in their board packets. This information highlights the impact MTCC students have on the local economy.
- Mark Garrett congratulated Lauren Buchanan on being elected SGA President.

**Announcements** – NCACCT Law/Legislative Seminar Wednesday March 30 – Friday April 1 in Raleigh. Please contact Madalyn Gaito at 828-652-0630 if you would like to attend the seminar.

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at: 7:01pm.

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

CC: VP, Deans, SGA