



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:00pm. in the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Bldg. Boardroom.

Members in Attendance: Robert Ayers, Bill Bach, Gwen Conley, Nancy Hunter, William Kehler, Chad Marsh, Kay Medford, Don Ramsey, Gary Stroud, Brenda Vaughn

Members Absent: Susan English, Ray McKesson, Jose Rico Martinez (SGA President)

Others Present: Dr. Bo Bennett, Chuck Bowling, Stacy Buff, Valerie Dobson, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Brandon Hensley, Michael Lavender, Dr. Brian Merritt, Rhonda Steele, Chelsie Arrowood, Rachael Butler

Call to Order: Chair Stroud called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Prayer: Don Ramsey

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

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

Approval of Board Minutes

Chair Stroud call for approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on November 10, 2022.

Robert Ayers moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 10, 2022.

Second: Chad Marsh

Vote: passed

Financial Committee Report

Financial Committee Member Bill Bach presented the County and State budget reports dated December 31, 2022.

William Kehler moved to approve the county and state budget reports dated December 31, 2022.

Second: Kay Medford

Vote: passed

Building & Grounds Committee Report

Mr. Ramsey asked Ryan Garrison and Dr. Merritt to report on the bid meeting for the Student Services – One Stop Center. Three bids were received on 1/13/2023. Beam Construction Company, Inc. submitted the lowest bid. Dr. Merritt and Mr. Garrison plan to meet with the architect and contractor to look for ways to reduce the cost. In order to expedite the process so that a recommendation can be sent to the NCCC System Board for a vote in February, the final approval vote for the project will come from the Executive Committee and the Building & Grounds Committee. Chair Stroud invited all members to attend that meeting if possible.

Personnel Committee Report

No report.

Foundation Report

Mrs. Hunter reported that the next meeting of the MTCC Foundation Board is scheduled for Wednesday,

February 15, 2023. She referred Trustees to the President's Report that included Foundation updates.

McDowell Co. Education Committee Report

Dr. Merritt reported on November 22, 2022.

President's Report

1. **SGA Report** – Interim Dean of Students Chuck Bowling provided a report on the very successful events SGA was involved in leading up to Christmas. The Turkey Give-Away, Christmas Tree Lighting event, Blood Drive and the Angel Tree Project were very successful and provided support for many students and their families.
2. **Early Childcare Workforce Grant** – Rhonda Steele, Director of Early Childhood Care Services provided information on the Early Childcare Workforce Grant received in December. This \$985,000.00 grant award from Dogwood Health Trust will serve to help MTCC increase its enrollment and completion in early childcare and teacher preparation programs. Mrs. Steele introduced Chelsie Arrowood, Child Dev. Center Director and Rachael Butler, Lead Teacher.
3. **Board Policy 2.24 Probationary Period** – Ladelle Harmon presented the policy for the first reading. The policy will be brought before the Board for a vote at the meeting in February.
4. **Board Policy 2.25 Employee Code of Conduct** – Ladelle Harmon presented the policy for the first reading. The policy will be brought before the Board for a vote at the meeting in February.
5. **College Report** – Dr. Merritt shared updates from the January President's Report
 - a. Updated Organizational Chart
 - b. Congratulated faculty and staff on their work to register and advise students
 - c. Asked Stacy Buff to share information on the newly hired Part Time Trail School Coordinator, Jeremy Poore.
 - d. Provided the Board with information on two naming opportunities that will be presented to the Foundation Board at their meeting on February 15. If approved by the Foundation Board the naming opportunities will be presented to the Trustees for a vote at the meeting on March 9, 2023.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Stroud reported he will be attending the NCACCT Executive Committee meeting on Friday, January 20, 2023.

Other – Mr. Ramsey extended an invitation to attend the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

Announcements - 2023 NCACCT Law-Legislative Seminar, Wednesday, March 29 – Friday, March 31
Raleigh, Marriott City Center

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Don Ramsey

Second: Bill Bach

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Brian S. Merritt
Secretary to the Board of Trustees