

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting Minutes

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:00pm in the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Bldg. Conference Room.

In Attendance: Robert Ayers, Bill Bach, Susan English, Nancy Hunter, Ray McKesson, Chad Marsh, Kay Medford, Donald Ramsey, Gary Stroud, Brenda Vaughn, Jose Rico Martinez (SGA President)

Not Attending: Gwen Conley and William Kehler

Others in Attendance: Dr. Brian Merritt, Chuck Bowling, Stacy Buff, Valerie Dobson, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Brandon Hensley, Michael Lavender, Chip Cross, and Susan Long

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

Prayer: Kay Medford

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 called for approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on February 9, 2023.

Robert Ayers moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Feb. 9, 2023

Second: Don Ramsey

Vote: passed

Financial Committee Report

Financial Committee Chair McKesson presented the County and State budget reports dated February 28, 2023.

The Finance Committee moved to approve county and state budget reports dated Feb. 28, 2023

Second: Kay Medford

Vote: passed

VP Garrison presented the 2023-24 County budget request to the trustees. (handout provided)

The Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee made the motion to approve the 2023-24 County Budget Request: Finance Committee & Building & Grounds

Second: Robert Ayers

Vote: 8 voted in favor, and 1 voted against. Motion passed

Building & Grounds Committee Report

Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Garrison to provide information on the Summary Overview: MTCC Capital Plan. (handout provided)

Personnel Committee Report

Mrs. Kay Medford presented the evaluations for the President and the BOT self-evaluation for trustees to complete. Completed evaluations are to be returned to Madalyn Gaito by May 11th. The compiled results will be discussed by the full board during the June meeting and the results will be submitted to the NC Community College System Office by June 31, 2023.

Foundation Report

Mrs. Nancy Hunter reported the Foundation Board met on Feb. 15.

- The Foundation approved two naming opportunities,
- The Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Report was presented. It was a clean audit.
- McMahan Scholarship information was presented by Steve McMahan and scholarship recipient Rebecca Marler

McDowell Co. Education Committee Report

Dr. Merritt reported on the Education Committee meeting held on February 28, 2023.

Mrs. Medford asked Chad Marsh to provide an update on the renovation of McDowell County recreation facilities.

President's Report

1. SGA Report

SGA President Jose Rico Martinez reported on the following activities:

- Celebrating Women's History Month during the month of March
- Spring Fling is scheduled for April 13th. It is open to students and their families. Fourteen community organizations will participate and will have information booths. Students attending orientation for MEC and MAI are invited to attend.
- End of year Celebracion - celebration of cultural diversity; collaborating with MAI, MEC and CULA
- Photo shoots for MTCC graduates are scheduled for late April
- "My view" emails have received positive feedback from students. These include photos of what is taking place on campus.

2. 2022 MTCC Employee Award Recipients Recognition

Dr. Merritt recognized Chip Cross, 2022 MTCC Excellence in Teaching Award recipient and Susan Long, 2022 MTCC Staff Member of the Year Award recipient.

3. NCAC/SBCCC Update

Mr. Ladelle Harmon reported that North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) has changed the wording for referencing policies and procedures from NCAC to State Board of Community Colleges Code (SBCCC).

Ray McKesson moved to change the wording from NCAC to SBCCC on MTCC policies and procedures where appropriate.

Second: Kay Medford

Vote: passed

4. Naming Opportunities Proposals

Dr. Merritt provided the Board with information on the two naming opportunities that were approved by the MTCC Foundation Board on February 15, 2023.

Brenda Vaughn moved to approve the naming opportunity for Multi-Purpose Room 113 in the W. Harold Smith Building #19 to honor NAACP McDowell County:

Second: Don Ramsey

Vote: passed

Ray McKesson moved to approve the naming opportunity for Classroom 9 in Azalea Building #4 to honor Sandra Wilson Ayers.

Second: Kay Medford

Vote: Passed (Mr. Ayers recused himself from the vote)

5. College Report

Dr. Merritt highlighted the following from the President's Report presented to the Trustees:

- MTCC signed a partnership with Lenoir Rhyne College; a new community college transfer partnership, Bear Bound.
- Compliance Audit has been completed
- March 16 Tabletop exercise on Cyber Security
- MTCC Fire and Rescue College - March 16-20, 2023
- GEM class graduation took place on March 1, 2023
- Announced that MTCC received the five-year Career Coach grant

Chairman's Report

Chair Stroud reminded trustees he would be attending the NCACCT Law/Legislative Seminar March 29-31, 2023

Announcements:

- Mr. Ramsey announced that 1st Baptist Church hosting choral Gardner Webb Chorus, Freedom HS, West Caldwell HS
- Mr. Ayers asked that we seek to move toward referring to campus buildings names instead of numbers
- Susan English shared that an MTCC photography student took photos in the English Farmstead Cheese Shop. These photos will be published in a magazine feature about the English Farm Dairy and Cheese Shop.

Adjournment

Bill Bach moved that the meeting be adjourned

Second: Don Ramsey

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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