



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm. in the boardroom of Dogwood Building 17.

In Attendance: Robert Ayers, Bill Bach, Gwen Conley, Nancy Hunter, William Kehler, Ray McKesson, Chad Marsh, Kay Medford, Donald Ramsey, Gary Stroud

Absent: Susan English, Brenda Vaughn

Others in Attendance: Dr. Brian Merritt, Dr. Bo Bennett, Chuck Bowling, Stacy Buff, Valerie Dobson, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Bo Harmon, Brandon Hensley, Michael Lavender

Call to Order: Chair Stroud called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

Prayer: Don Ramsey

N.C.G.S. ̈138A-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 May 11, 2023.

Robert Ayers moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 11, 2023

Second: Kay Medford

Vote: passed

New Business

Financial Committee Report

Financial Committee Chair McKesson presented the County and State budget reports dated May 31, 2023

The Finance Committee moved to approve the County and State budget reports from May 31, 2023.

Second: Will Kehler

Vote: passed

Chair McKesson presented the uncollectible accounts for 2023.

The Finance Committee made the motion to write off the uncollectible accounts for 2023 in the amount of \$18,841.24

Second: William Kehler

Vote: passed

VP Garrison presented each trustee with an Audit Engagement Questionnaire. Each board member present was asked to read and sign the letter. The letters will be emailed to the auditor

Building & Grounds Committee Report

Building & Grounds Committee Chair Ramsey reported on the progress made on the development of the site for the new Emergency Driving Track.

The Building and Grounds committee makes a motion to approve the firm of Stewart-Cooper-Newell for advance master planning of the emergency driving track and facilities.

Second: William Kehler

Vote: passed

Personnel Committee Report

Personnel Committee Chair thanked all trustees for completing the Evaluation of the President and the Board of Trustees' self-evaluations. She informed trustees that the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss the compiled results of the evaluations.

Foundation Report

Mrs. Nancy Hunter provided information on the MTCC Foundation meeting held on May 17, 2023.

McDowell Co. Education Committee Report

Dr. Merritt reported that the Education Committee did not meet this month.

President's Report

Dr. Merritt shared information on the potential Foothills Health District Partnership. It will be at no charge to the college but space would be allocated on campus, in Dogwood Building 17, for a health clinic.

Dr. Merritt reported on the findings from the FY 2022-23 NCCCS Compliance Review

Mr. Ladelle Harmon presented the updated BP 1.27 Naming Honors and asked the board to approve the minor change, waiving the requirement of a second reading.

Kay Medford moved to approve the updated version of BP 1.27 Naming Honors

Second: Don Ramsey

Vote: passed

Associate VP Stacy Buff and Dean Valerie presented Vision 2025 - Outcomes & End of Year Progress (handout provided)

Chairman's Report

Chair Stroud requested the Board to go into Closed Session to review the compiled results of the President's Evaluation and the Board of Trustees' Self Evaluation. § 143-318.11 (a) (1) (6)

Chad Marsh made the motion to move the meeting into a Closed Session

Second: Ray McKesson

Vote: passed

The meeting went into Closed Session.

In the Closed Session the Board reviewed and discussed the compiled results of the President's Evaluation and the Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation. Dr. Merritt was called in to the Closed Session and the Board reviewed his evaluation results with him.

Don Ramsey made the motion to go back into Open Session

Second: Robert Ayers

Vote: passed

In Open Session.

Chad Marsh made the motion to accept the proposal for the personnel matter presented in Closed Session

Second: Kay Medford

Vote: Passed

Don Ramsey made the motion to authorize Chair Stroud to work with the college attorney to update the current contract to reflect the updated information passed in the above motion.

Second: Ray

Vote: Passed

Special Recognition

Three board members will be ending their terms on June 30, 2023:

Don Ramsey – has been reappointed by the school board for another three-year term

Bill Bach – County Commissioners

Robert Ayers – Governor Cooper

We have not yet received appointments from the McDowell County Commissioners or Governor Cooper.

Mr. Bach announced that he would not seek another term on the Board. Chair Stroud thanked Mr. Bach for his service and he and Dr. Merritt presented Mr. Bach with a framed campus print.

Announcements:

- 2023 NCACCT Leadership Seminar is scheduled for August 30-September 1 in Wilmington, NC – each board member received a copy of the proposed agenda.

- Next Board meeting – Thursday, August 10, 2023

G. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Don Ramsey

Second: Chad Marsh

Meeting adjourned: 8:03

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Brian S. Merritt, Secretary to the Board