



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom of Dogwood Building 17

In Attendance: Robert Ayers, Gwen Conley, Susan English, Nancy Hunter (via zoom), Will Kehler, Ray McKesson, Chad Marsh, Kay Medford, Don Ramsey, Gary Stroud, Brenda Vaughn, Emily Alfaro (SGA President)

Others in Attendance: Dr. Merritt, Dr. Bennett, Chuck Bowling, Stacy Buff, Valerie Dobson, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Brandon Hensley, Michael Lavender, Walt Bagwell, Dr. Marcia Pfeiffer, and James "Dub"Green

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 the approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 8, 2023

Chad Marsh moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 8, 2023.

Second: Will Kehler

Vote: passed

New Business

Organization of the Board

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Stroud called for nominations for the Office of Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

Don Ramsey nominated Gary Stroud as Board Chair and Nancy Hunter as Vice-Chair.

Ray McKesson moved to close the nominations and called for a vote.

Robert Ayers seconded the motion.

Vote: Gary Stroud and Nancy Hunter were elected by unanimous vote

Election of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is comprised of the Chair, immediate past Chair, Vice-Chair, and two trustees elected by the Board. If the past Chairperson is not on the Board or is continuing to serve as Chair, a third trustee will be elected to serve as a committee member.

2022-23 Executive Committee Members: Gary Stroud, Nancy Hunter, Ray McKesson, Kay Medford, Robert Ayers

Gwen Conley moved that Ray McKesson, Kay Medford and Robert Ayers continue to serve on the Executive Committee in addition to Gary Stroud and Nancy Hunter.

*Second: Don Ramsey
Vote: passed*

Financial Committee Report

Financial Committee Chair McKesson presented the County budget report dated July 31, 2023.
*Chair McKesson reported the Finance Committee moved to approve the County Financial Report dated July 31, 2023:
Second: Robert Ayers
Vote: passed*

Building & Grounds Committee Report

Chair Ramsey reported that a bid opening for the Old Fort project will take place on August 15

Personnel Committee Report

Chair Medford requested the meeting go into Closed session at the end of the meeting

Foundation Report

Walt Bagwell, Foundation Board Chair provided the Foundation report to the Trustees.

McDowell Co. Education Committee Report

Dr. Merritt reported the Education committee did not meet in July

President's Report

SGA Report

Emily Alfaro, SGA President provided the trustees with a report featuring summer activities and upcoming events.

- Summer recap – summer splash event, food trucks to provide lunch throughout summer term, Tshirt tie dye event,
- SGA helped with campus beautification
- Upcoming events: free coffee in bookstore for Welcome Week, August 21-24 Welcome Week: Club Day, Icee social, lemonade social with paint the wall event, Cookie give away, September – Hispanic heritage month celebration, ice cream social to meet SGA, Fall Festival (October 19),

2023 Graduate Survey Results

Ladelle Harmon presented graduate survey results (handout included)

Temporary Paid Parental Leave Policy BP 2.26 – 1st Reading

Ladelle Harmon presented trustees with a temporary policy (BP 2.26 Temporary Paid Parental Leave) for a first reading. He reported that the NCCCS has not approved a final policy, therefore we are requesting the temporary policy to cover any employees who may need to take leave before the final policy is approved.

College Update

Dr. Merritt reviewed items included in the College Update (handout)

- Create a new Future Today – mailed to all high school graduates and distributed at college fairs and festivals; Economic impact handout
- Letter from Jeremy Poore, MTCC part-time Trail School Instructor, stating he has filed to run for alderman in town of Old Fort
- Touch a Truck event in conjunction with McDowell Health Coalition is scheduled for Sat. August 19 from 10am to Noon
- Reviewed a power point presentation that will be shown during Convocation.

- Introduced Dr. Marcia Pfeiffer, and James “Dub” Green who provided a report on the Achieving the Dream program.

Chairman’s Report

1. Chair Stroud provided updates on the presidential search
2. Chair Stroud asked trustees to complete the committee request form. Committee assignments will be made prior to the September meeting.

Announcements

- 2023 NCACCT Leadership Seminar is scheduled for August 30-September 1 in Wilmington, NC – Gary Stroud, Don Ramsey, Dr. Merritt and Ryan Garrison are registered to attend

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

Motion to go into Closed Session: Don Ramsey

Second: William Kehler

Vote: passed

The meeting went into Closed Session

Chad Marsh made the motion to move the meeting back into Open Session

Second: Don Ramsey

Vote: passed

In Open Session:

Personnel Committee Chair Medford made the motion to approve personnel decisions presented by Dr. Merritt and discussed in Closed Session

Second: Chad Marsh

Vote: passed

Adjournment

Don Ramsey moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Brian S. Merritt
Secretary to the Board