



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of Dogwood Building 17

In Attendance: Robert Ayers, Gwen Conley, Susan English, Nancy Hunter, Corey MacKinnon, Ray McKesson, Chad Marsh, Kay Medford, Don Ramsey, Gary Stroud, Brenda Vaughn

Absent: William Kehler

Others Present: Dr. Bo Bennett, Chuck Bowling, Stacy Buff, Valerie Dobson, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Brandon Hensley, Michael Lavender, Dr. Kim Amos, Donnie Tipton, Terry Moore, Judge Ellen Shelley

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

Prayer: Don Ramsey

Oath of Office for New Trustee – Judge Ellen Shelley issued the oath of office for new trustee, Judge Corey MacKinnon.

N.C.G.S. §138S-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 August 10, 2023

Robert Ayers moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 10, 2023

Second: Don Ramsey

Vote: passed

New Business

Financial Committee Report

Financial Committee Chair McKesson presented the August 31, 2023, County budget report.

Chair McKesson reported the Finance Committee moved to the County Financial Report dated August 31, 2023

Second: Chad Marsh

Vote: passed

Building & Grounds Committee Report

Committee Chair Ramsey asked Ryan Garrison to report on Phase 1 of the student center renovation. The business office has moved and the second floor is being demo-ed.

The renovation project in Old Fort is close to beginning. The town of Old Fort has the contract from the contractor, waiting on signatures to begin the renovation

Personnel Committee Report

Chair Medford requested the meeting go into Closed Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Foundation Report

Foundation Board member, Nancy Hunter, reported on the board meeting held on August 16, 2023.

McDowell Co. Education Committee Report

Education Committee member Gwen Conley reported on the meeting held on August 22, 2023.

President's Report

SGA Report

Emily Alfaro, SGA President, reported on SGA activities during the past month.

Welcome week Aug. 21-24

Hispanic Heritage kickoff event

SGA t-shirts

Have added four new SGA members

Ice cream social - September 19

Fall Festival in October – Falling into the Decades

Health Sciences and Public Safety Faculty introductions

VP Dobson introduced new nursing faculty members, Terry Moore and Dr. Kim Amos.

VP Buff introduced Donnie Tipton, clinical coordinator for the paramedic program

Student Headcount Update

- VP Dobson reported on current student headcount which is 1263 students with an estimated FTE of 443.88 (up 10% from last fall)
- VP Buff reported that summer FTE for Continuing Education was up 45% from last year.
- VP Dobson provided trustees with a high school-to-community college transfer credit guide as well as a Voting as a College Student handout that will be provided to all students. MTCC is one of 15 community colleges to provide information on all student, faculty, and staff id's that complies with the NC Election Board requirements for a photo ID to vote.

Temporary Paid Parental Leave Policy BP 2.26 – 2nd Reading

Ladelle Harmon presented Temporary Paid Parental Leave Policy BP2.26 for a second reading.

Robert Ayers made the motion to approve Temporary Paid Parental Leave Policy BP 2.26.

Second: Brenda Vaughn

Vote: passed

College Update

Interim President Ryan Garrison highlighted information on the President's Report (handout) and announced that McDowell Tech was the recipient of the Best Place for Childcare & Best Place to Work for McDowell County. The contest was sponsored by the McDowell News.

Chairman's Report

Chair Stroud presented the board with information on the president search. The executive committee me to review proposals from three search firms. Trustees were given handouts with information on all three firms and bids.

The Executive committee made the motion to hire Executive Leadership Associates to conduct the search for the next president of McDowell Tech.

Second: Gwen Conley

Vote: passed

Chair Stroud and Dr. Merritt attended the NCACCT leadership seminar in Wilmington August 30 to September 1.

All committee assignments will remain the same as in 2022-23. New board member, Corey MacKinnon, was assigned to serve on the Finance Committee.

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

Motion to go into Closed Session – Don Ramsey

Second: Chad Marsh

Vote: passed, meeting was moved into Closed Session

Don Ramsey made the motion to go back into Open Session

Second Gwen

Vote: passed, meeting was moved into Open Session

Chad Marsh made the motion to approve the personnel matter discussed in the Closed Session

Second: Brenda Vaughn

Vote: passed

G. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Don Ramsey

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm