



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the **Boardroom of Dogwood Building 17**.

In Attendance: Robert Ayers, Gwen Conley, Susan English, Nancy Hunter, William Kehler, Corey MacKinnon, Ray McKesson, Chad Marsh, Kay Medford, Donald Ramsey, Gary Stroud, Brenda Vaughn, Emily Alfaro (SGA President)

Others in attendance: Dr. Bo Bennett, Valerie Dobson, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Brandon Hensley, Michael Lavender, Rhonda Steele, and Elia Spencer

Call to Order: Board Chair Gary Stroud called the meeting to order at 6:20pm

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 called for the approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on January 11, 2024.

Don Ramsey moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 11, 2024

Second: Brenda Vaughn

Vote: passed

New Business

Financial Committee Report

Financial Committee Chair Ray McKesson presented the County & State Budget reports dated January 31, 2024.

Chair McKesson presented the Finance Committee's motion to approve the County Financial Report dated January 31, 2024.

Second: Robert Ayers

Vote: passed

Building & Grounds Committee Report

Committee Chair Don Ramsey reported on the following projects:

- The One Stop Center Renovation – The punch list for the project should start the week of February 5th. Furniture is scheduled to be installed on February 19th and 20th. Once the furniture is ready, the student service staff will begin moving in
- The Old Fort Renovation project is moving along and has an anticipated completion date in May or June.
- Project 2810 - Auditorium Renovation. The project was approved by the NCCCS state board during the January board meeting. The College will have a preliminary meeting in



the coming weeks with Holland and Hamrick to discuss a timeline for the project
Budget: \$722,930.00 NC SCIF (North Carolina State Construction Infrastructure Fund).

- Project 2801 - McDowell Technical Community College Health Sciences and Public Safety Complex. The NCCCS State Board did not vote on the project during the January board meeting. The NCCCS and the College are waiting on the Office of State Budget and Management to complete the necessary paperwork (Contract) so that the NCCCS state board can move forward. If the contract is completed promptly, the project should move forward and go to the state board for approval during the March meeting.
Budget: \$25,250,000.00 NC State Legislature

Personnel Committee Report

Personnel Committee Chair Kay Medford stated the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss the president's search.

Foundation Report

Nancy Hunter reported the Foundation Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 21, 2024

McDowell Co. Education Committee Report

Robert Ayers reported on the meeting held in January. Information was shared by MCS, MTCC, McDowell Board of Education, and County Commissioners.

President's Report

SGA Report

Emily Alfaro, SGA President reported on:

- Providing hot beverages to students at several locations on campus
- Business card displays that include businesses of students and alumni as well as business cards for college staff for students to use to contact their advisors.
- Honoring Black History Month with information on campus signboards as well as sharing information in classes.
- Planning a retreat for SGA members for the spring
- Working to plan Spring Fling, which is scheduled for April 16th.

Policy 4.16 Student Records: Confidentiality and Release– Ladelle Harmon and Valerie Dobson provided information and background on the policy. This was the first reading of the policy.

College Update

- Rhonda Steele and Elia Spencer provided information on the Early Childhood program and grant update (handouts included)
- Trustees received copies of the 2022-23 McDowell Tech Annual report
- Ryan Garrison reported on the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) grant received from the State of NC. This grant is recurring annually and will be administered by the Student Services Department.

Chairman's Report

Chair Stroud reported on the NCCT Executive Committee meeting he attended on January 19, 2024.



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

Chair Stroud requested the meeting go into Closed Session to discuss the President's Search.

Motion to go Into Closed Session: Corey MacKinnon

Second: Chad Marsh

Vote: The meeting went into a closed session

The Board discussed the salary and moving expenses for a new president.

Motion to go back into Open Session: Don Ramsey

Second: Gwen Conley

Vote: passed

In Open Session:

Corey MacKinnon made the motion to approve the salary and moving expenses for the McDowell Tech President who could be selected by the trustees on February 29, 2024.

Second: Chad Marsh

Vote: passed

Kay Medford made the motion to approve the on-campus interview schedule on February 26, 27, and 28 for the three candidates for president

Second:? (need to update with name)

Vote: passed

Announcements

- Ray McKesson invited trustees to the NAACP of McDowell County event in the Crane Resistoflex Auditorium on February 17, 2024.
- **2024 NCACT Law-Legislative Seminar, March 13-15**, Raleigh, Marriott City Center. The College will cover your expenses to attend the conference. Hotel rooms are limited so please let Madalyn Gaito know ASAP if you want to attend.

Adjournment

Don Ramsey moved the meeting to adjourn at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Madalyn Gaito, Liaison to the Board of Trustees