



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, January 11, 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, Chuck Bowling, Stacy Buff, Valerie Dobson, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Brandon Hensley, Michael Lavender, Dr. Mike Taylor

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

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 November 9, 2023.

Corey MacKinnon moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 9, 2023

Second: Nancy Hunter

Vote: passed

New Business

Financial Committee Report

Financial Committee Chair Ray McKesson presented the County & State Budget reports dated December 31, 2023.

Chair McKesson presented the Finance Committee's motion to approve the County Financial Report dated December 31, 2023

Second: Kay Medford

Vote: passed

Building & Grounds Committee Report

Committee Chair Don Ramsey reported on the following projects:

- The One Stop Center has been delayed and should be completed in February.
- Old Fort project is moving along and has an anticipated completion date in May or June.
- The State Board approved the Auditorium renovation project in December.
- The new Health Sciences & Emergency Management Building project will be voted on at the State Board meeting in January.

Personnel Committee Report



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

Foundation Report

Foundation Board member, Ray McKesson reported on the meeting held on November 15, 2023

- The Board approved two mini-grant applications; \$650 was awarded to the Adult HS Math 4 & Culinary Arts Class and \$500 was awarded to the CCR Marketing Project.
- To date, \$9,830 has been received for the McDowell Tech Day of Giving Campaign

McDowell Co. Education Committee Report

Gwen Conley reported on the meeting held on Nov. 28th. Information was shared by MCS, MTCC, McDowell Board of Education and County Commissioners.

President's Report

SGA Report

Emily Alfaro, SGA President reported on the following projects:

- Thanksgiving meal giveaway; distributed over 70 turkeys
- Christmas Tree Lighting event
- Collaborated with student ambassadors for the Angel Tree project
- Working with Digital Media Specialist to help get information out
- SGA is pleased to have thirteen students serving as SGA officers and representatives

College Update

Interim President Ryan Garrison reported:

- FTE and Curriculum. Overall increase of 9% which has a positive impact on the next budget. Thanks to all Student Services and Business Office staff for getting students registered and tuition paid.
- The deed for the Ford Miller Building has been filed and MTCC is the owner.
- MTCC received the Rural Post-Secondary Economic Development Program Grant for \$2,227,338.00

Chairman's Report

Chair Stroud thanked the administration for how well they are working together to continue the work at MTCC.

Presidential Search

Dr. Mike Taylor shared that the members of Executive Leadership Associates had reviewed all the resumes submitted and were ready to present potential candidates to the Trustees to select the ones for on-campus interviews.

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: Robert Ayers

Second: Gwen Conley

Vote: meeting went into closed session



The Board reviewed and discussed the candidates presented by ELA.

Motion to go back into Open Session: Gwen Conley

Second: Chad Marsh

Vote: passed

In Open Session:

Gwen Conley made the motion to announce the 3 finalists to the College and publicly on Friday, Feb. 16, 2024 following the approval vote by the State Board of NC Community Colleges

Second: Chad Marsh

Vote: passed

Corey MacKinnon made the motion to approve the dates of Feb 26, 27, 28 as the final interview dates and campus visits for the Presidential candidates selected by the Board of Trustees.

Second: Chad Marsh

Vote: passed

Chad Marsh made the motion to move the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting from March 14 to February 29th, 2024.

Second: Robert Ayers

Vote: Passed

Announcements

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.

- Corey MacKinnon stated he would be attending the seminar.

Adjournment

Don Ramsey moved the meeting to adjourn at 8:45 pm

Second: Gwen Conley

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Madalyn Gaito, Liaison to the Board of Trustees