



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 9, 2023, 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, Kay Medford, Donald Ramsey, Gary Stroud, Emily Alfaro (SGA President)

Absent: Chad Marsh, Brenda Vaughn

Others in attendance: Chuck Bowling, Stacy Buff, Valerie Dobson, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Brandon Hensley, Michael Lavender, Chris Saxton, Dr. Mike Taylor, Dr. Myra Johnson

Call to Order: Board Chair Gary 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. Nancy Hunter and William Kehler shared they had received letters from the NC Ethics Commission citing potential conflicts due to financial investments. No other conflicts were noted.

Approval of Board Minutes

Chair Stroud called for the approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on October 12, 2023.

Robert Ayers moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 12th, 2023

Second: Will Kehler

Vote: passed

New Business

Financial Committee Report

Financial Committee Chair Ray McKesson presented the County Budget report dated September 31, 2023.

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

Second: Don Ramsey

Vote: passed

Chair McKesson presented the Finance Committee's *motion to approve the 2-1 State Budget Resolution*

Second: Kay Medford

Vote: passed



Building & Grounds Committee Report

Committee Chair Don Ramsey reported on the One Stop Center; looking at a completion date of early January. The Old Fort project is moving along with a projected completion in May/June 2024

Chair Ramsey presented the Building & Grounds Committee motion to approve the 3-1 for the Health Science Building: Building & Grounds Committee

Second: Robert Ayers

Vote: passed

Chair Ramsey and Ryan Garrison shared information on the proposed renovation of the Crane Resistoflex Auditorium

Chair Ramsey presented the Building & Grounds Committee motion to approve the 3-1 for the Auditorium Renovation

Second: Ray McKesson

Vote: passed

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 on the Foundation Board activities including the Scholarship Luncheon and the McDowell Tech Giving Day. The Foundation Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

McDowell Co. Education Committee Report

Gwen Conley reported on the meeting held on Oct. 24;

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 Institutional Profile, Presidential Profile and the Search Ad.

Motion to go back into Open Session: Don Ramsey

Second: Corey MacKinnon

Discussion:

Vote: passed

In Open Session:

Corey MacKinnon made the motion to approve the Institutional Profile, Presidential Profile and the Search Ad

Second: Nancy Hunter

Vote: passed

The three documents will be placed on the McDowell Tech website and the advertising period



will begin on November 13, ending December 11.

President's Report

SGA Report

Emily Alfaro, SGA President reported on the following activities:

Fall Festival – Oct. 19

SGA attended MHS annual Trunk or Treat

SGA officers attended the state SGA conference this past weekend

Attended McDowell Rotary Club

Upcoming Events – Christmas Parade, Turkey meal giveaway, Christmas tree lighting ceremony, Angel Tree, Door Decorating Contest

Partnering with MTCC Bookstore – providing free coffee, apple cider, and hot chocolate to students.

Program Spotlight - Construction Trades

Chris Saxton, Director of Construction Technologies, reported on the Construction Trades Academy. To date, 145 students have graduated from the program. They recently received a Dogwood Health Trust Grant for \$560,000.00. Funds will be used to construct two houses to be sold with proceeds going back into the Construction Trades program. This program will provide workforce development training as well as housing.

College Update

Interim President Garrison referred trustees to the November President's Report

He shared that Cortney Snyder, Director of Cosmetic Arts, is one of five finalists for State Faculty Member of the Year

Announcements

- November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Break, campus closed
- November 30th - Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa Claus, 5:30 pm at the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Building – **the community is invited**
- December 15th - Christmas Brunch with Faculty & Staff, 10 am in the NAACP Training Room 113, W. Harold Smith Building. **Trustees are invited to attend.**

Adjournment

Don Ramsey moved the meeting to adjourn at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Madalyn Gaito, Liaison to the Board of Trustees