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State Board Welcomes New Member *Clyde Higgs Takes Oath of Office*

RALEIGH – Clyde A. Higgs, Vice President for Business Development with Castle & Cooke Inc, the developer of the North Carolina Research Campus, became the newest member of the State Board of Community Colleges last week.

Administered the oath of office by N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice Paul Newby, Higgs begins his six-year term following an appointment by Governor Bev Perdue. Higgs' committee work will include membership on the State Board's Finance and Capital Needs Committee. He resigned his seat on the Board of Trustees at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College to accept the state post.

"Mr. Higgs' experience with life sciences, economic development, entrepreneurship and our community college system makes him a great addition to our State Board," said Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, State Board Chair. "All of our members look forward to putting his talents to work on the Board."

Prior to joining Castle & Cooke in 2006, Higgs served as the executive director of the technology incubator program at the University of North Texas-Health Science Center and, prior to that, as the Director for the Office of Technology Transfer & Commercialization at North Carolina A&T State University. A Fayetteville native, Higgs holds a bachelor's degree from the University of South Alabama and a master's from East Carolina University. He serves on a number of non-profit, community and foundation boards.

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