CALL TO ORDER

Following proper public notification, Chair Linwood Powell called the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room of the Caswell Building. The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Bryan Jenkins called the roll and the following members were present by phone or attended the meeting:

Mr. K. Ray Bailey, Vice Chair  
Ms. Kendra Cotton (Representing Treasurer Janet Cowell)  
Representative Jimmie Ford*  
Dr. Stuart Fountain  
Mr. Wesley Fricks  
Mr. Bobby Irwin  
Ms. Janet Lowder  
Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland  
Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair

Dr. Sam Powell  
Mr. Lynn Raye  
Dr. Darrell Saunders  
Mr. Scott Shook  
Mr. Jerry Vaughan  
Mr. Hal Weatherman (Representing Lt. Governor Dan Forest)  
Ms. Ann Whitford*  
Dr. Candler Willis  
Mr. James Woody

*Attending the meeting in person
Absent: Mr. Clyde Higgs and Mr. Matthew Jones

ETHICS AWARENESS AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members of the Board of the ethical requirements for those who are public servants and requested that members identify any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest that they may have with respect to any item on the agenda. Having so requested and hearing no conflict, the Chair asked that the record reflect that no conflict or potential conflict of interest was reported or identified.
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE, Mr. Lynn Raye, Chair
Ms. Shuping gave the Legislative Update. The House and the Senate have both passed their budget and conferees were appointed late last week. The chairs of both the Senate and the House have talked but in-depth conference meetings had not begun. The Governor held a press conference announcing a new streamlined House budget. House Appropriations met immediately after the press conference and voted out the new budget. The streamlined House budget includes a $1,000 State employee salary increase, a five percent teacher salary increase, and a few other matters, including approximately $15.2 million in Closing the Skills Gap funding. The new budget also includes the Yellow Ribbon Program to enable veterans and their spouses and dependents to receive in-State tuition which is a priority in the legislature. The streamlined House budget does not do away with teacher tenure, and does not eliminate teacher assistants. Teacher pay and tenure represent significant differences between the House and Senate original budgets. The conferees are still scheduled to continue to try and meet to resolve the differences in their original budgets. Ms. Shuping thinks the best date for wrapping up with a new budget may be around the middle of July.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. K. Ray Bailey, Chair
On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Bailey recommended and so moved that the following items be approved by the board:

Initiate Rulemaking Process to Amend “1E SBCCC 900.4 – Military Refund” (Attachment FC 1)

The above item was unanimously approved by voice vote.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Bailey recommended and moved that Tuition Increase in Effect for 2014-15 Academic Year (Attachment FC 2) be withdrawn from the Agenda. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Bailey recommended and moved that the State Board authorize the Finance Committee to have the ability to establish a 2014-15 Tuition Increase after the Budget is determined by the General Assembly. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Mr. Clyde Higgs, Chair
On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Chair Linwood Powell recommended and so moved that Attachment PER 1 – Request to Provide Salary Increases Greater than 10% be approved by the board. The request to approve salary increases was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Mr. Higgs moved to into closed session pursuant to the following North Carolina General Statute section 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential or privileged pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 115D-27 and pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, and fitness of individual prospective public employees. Following a motion by Chair Linwood Powell and a second by Dr. Sam Powell, the board entered into closed session by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Higgs moved to reconvene in open session, it was seconded by Dr. Sam Powell, and it was approved by voice vote.
On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Chair Linwood Powell recommended that the following item be approved by the board:

Mrs. Mary Chesson as Interim President at Montgomery Community College effective July 1, 2014
Dr. Michael Helmick as President of Western Piedmont Community College

The above items were seconded by Dr. Sam Powell and approved unanimously by voice vote.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Chair Linwood Powell recommended that the following item be approved by the board:

Mr. C. Malone McNeely as Interim President at Western Piedmont Community College, should it becomes necessary, until such time as Dr. Helmick assumes the position of President.

The above item was seconded by Ms. Lowder and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

President Ralls informed the Board members that the House appointed Mr. Ernie Pearson to replace Will Collins on the Board. Mr. Pearson is an attorney in Wake County, a strong leader in economic development, and a champion of community colleges.

President Ralls made the Board members aware of anonymous allegations made regarding leadership at Martin Community College. President Ralls met with President Britt and Board leadership at Martin Community College regarding the allegations. Leadership at Martin Community College wanted an independent evaluation done and they have contacted the State Auditor’s office.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next State Board Meeting will be held on Friday, July 18, 2014 in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring in Sanford, NC. More information regarding this meeting will be communicated.

**EXPIRING TERMS AND VACANCIES**

There are currently no terms expiring and one vacancy for the membership of the State Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Linwood Powell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m., seconded by Ms. Lowder, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Secretary

APPROVED BY:  
Dr. R. Scott Ralls, System President

Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair

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