

**State Board of Proprietary Schools
North Carolina Community Colleges System Office
Conference Room 201A
Raleigh, NC
February 1, 2019
10:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

Following proper public notification, Chair Scott Aaron called the meeting of the State Board of Proprietary Schools to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Scott Aaron, Frank Emory, Kuburat Ganiyu, Antwine Jackson, and John Pettitt. Victor Riley and Robyn Klose attended telephonically.

Also present: Scott Corl, Executive Director of Office of Proprietary Schools, and Rasheeda McCormick, Auditor for Office of Proprietary Schools.

ETHICS AWARENESS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Aaron reminded Board members of the ethical requirements for those who serve as 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. Ms. Ganiyu announced a potential conflict and advised the Board that she would abstain from any discussion and consideration regarding Cumberland Nursing Academy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Aaron requested a motion for approval of the Minutes of the November 2, 2018 meeting of the State Board of Proprietary Schools. Mr. Emory made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Pettitt seconded the motion and the Minutes were unanimously adopted by the Board by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Aaron requested a motion for approval of the meeting Agenda. Mr. Riley made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Emory seconded, and the Agenda was unanimously adopted by the Board by voice vote.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Aaron welcomed Mr. Antwine Jackson to the Board. Mr. Jackson was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper. His term is effective December 17, 2018 and ends December 30, 2023. Mr. Jackson will replace Mr. John Dodson.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- As of December 31, 2018, the balance of the General Education Fund was \$671,595; the balance of the Student Protection Fund was \$1,026,000.
- The Board was updated about the following closures:
 - Art Institute of Raleigh and Art Institute of Charlotte -Closed December 2018. Teach-out of all students completed at both campuses; OPS aware of no outstanding issues.

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- King's College - Closed December 2018 (Career Services offered through April 2019). Teach-out of all students completed; OPS aware of no outstanding issues.
- Miller-Motte-Cary -Stopped all new enrollments as of October 2018. All students currently being taught out; OPS aware of no outstanding issues.
- Brightwood and Virginia Colleges - Closed precipitously December 2018. To the knowledge of OPS, 281 Brightwood College students and 316 Virginia College students were impacted. OPS is actively contacting students to determine eligible bond claims. This will be an ongoing process for several months.
- The Board was advised of the following compliance issues:
 - The investigation report on Cumberland Nursing Academy (Fayetteville, NC) is on the Board's agenda for action.
 - New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Charlotte and Greensboro have had GI Bill Authorization suspended by the State Approving Agency.
- The Board was updated on ACICS-accredited institutions that are seeking alternative accreditation with an agency recognized by the U. S. Department of Education.
 - Living Arts College and Living Arts Institute - Both institutions have withdrawn from ACCSC consideration and will remain with ACICS.
 - The Board was advised that ACICS issued (1/9/2019) Living Arts College a Campus Level Compliance Warning for Placement. The school is required to submit an improvement plan to ACICS and must come into compliance within 24 months.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

The Board discussed the status of the bill to separate from the Community College System. Discussion centered on language changes made to the bill toward the very end of the last short session. Upon consideration, the Board unanimously voted against seeking sponsorship of the bill as amended by the new language.

2B SBCCC 200.4 RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Corl presented an investigative report and recommendation regarding Cumberland Nursing Academy to the Board. After discussion and debate, Mr. Emory motioned to recommend the Community College Board suspend the school's Nurse Aide I and Nurse Aide II program approvals through June 30, 2019. Mr. Jackson seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted by voice vote. Ms. Ganiyu abstained. Mr. Corl will present the recommendation to the Community College Board pursuant to the Community Colleges Code.

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FINANCIAL REPORTING

Mr. Aaron motioned to move into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential or privileged pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §132-1.2(1). Ms. Ganiyu seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

Mr. Corl presented the Board with updated financial information on schools required to submit quarterly financial reports to OPS as a contingency of licensing. After discussion and consideration, Mr. Emory made a motion to return to open session. Ms. Ganiyu seconded, and after unanimous approval, the Board reconvened to open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Aaron announced the need to elect a Vice-Chair at the next meeting.

Mr. Corl advised the Board that a bond claim was made on behalf of a former student at Umanah Healthcare Institute. He requested permission from the Board to reimburse the student from the Student Protection Fund, if the bond claim was denied. Mr. Emory motioned to reimburse the student if necessary from the Student Protection Fund. Ms. Ganiyu seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Aaron requested a motion to adjourn. After properly motioned and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.