

**MINUTES**  
**State Board of Community Colleges**  
**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Bill McBrayer, Chair	Mr. Mark Merritt	Mr. Jerry Vaughan
Mr. Tom Looney	The Hon. Terry Van Duyn*	

\*Attended via zoom

Absent: Ms. Julie Ryan, Vice-Chair, The Hon. Sam Searcy, and Mr. Ray Trapp

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. LaTasha Bradford	Treasurer Dale Folwell	Ms. Ann Whitford
Dr. Grant Campbell	The Hon. Ray Russell	Ms. Sarah West
Ms. Lisa Estep	Mr. Burr Sullivan	

\*Attended via zoom

**COMMITTEE LIAISONS**

Pres. Jason Hurst, CCC*	Mr. Julian Philpott, Trustee JCC*	Mr. George Little , Trustee SCC*
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\*Attended via zoom

**OTHERS**

Ms. Tawanda Artis	Ms. Tiffany Howell	Ms. Hannah McClellan, EdNC
Dr. Kimberly Gold	Ms. Sondra Jarvis	

\*Attended via zoom

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McBrayer called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Jarvis took the roll of the Legislative Affairs Committee members.

**ETHICS STATEMENT**

Mr. McBrayer read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any known conflicts. None were noted.

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Mr. McBrayer asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting of January 19, 2023. Mr. Looney moved, seconded by Mr. Merritt, approved via voice vote. Mr. McBrayer asked for a motion to approve the October 20, 2022 meeting minutes. The Hon. Van Duyn moved, seconded by Mr. Merritt, approved via voice vote.

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**FOR INFORMATION**

Legislative Update

Mr. McBrayer discussed activity of the General Assembly returning to session. Mr. McBrayer stated Mr. Fagg has sent a note about the legislative seat updates, he discussed additional information that will be sent.

Mr. McBrayer discussed the importance of relationship building, he discussed building relationships with both parties. He discussed his meetings and relations with legislators and encouraged other members to reach out to introduce themselves to legislators.

Mr. McBrayer discussed his engagements of introducing himself and meeting several new legislators and the relationships he built. He asked the members to also make relationships and get to know the legislators.

Mr. Looney discussed available funding in areas such as biotech, he stated he will meet with a political consultant in Washington, DC. He stated he is working with Dr. Carver and Mr. Fagg to meet with several groups on prioritized list and committees. He discussed the importance of having the legislators in Washington, DC aware and talking about the things going on in North Carolina. He stated it will provide an umbrella of support to the colleges.

Dr. Campbell discussed his upcoming meetings with several legislators.

Mr. McBrayer discussed having discussion with other UNC schools to build additional bridges of articulation agreements.

Mr. McBrayer stated Mr. Fagg will provide an advocacy document.

Mr. Philpott stated in regard to advocating for potential federal funding, the Trustees Association is discussing advocacy relating to the Federal Farm Bill for colleges with agriculture programs for best management practices and natural resource protection. He stated the Trustees are making contacts with legislators and stated there have been great responses from the contacts that have been made.

Mr. Vaughan asked Mr. Philpott if the colleges are looking at collaboration among other colleges to advocate for received funding from the Federal Farm Bill. Mr. Philpott responded

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yes and discussed the strategic partnerships throughout the Trustees Association. Mr. Philpott discussed a grant cycle of funding already received for agricultural programs.

Mr. Sullivan thanked Dr. Hurst and stated Dr. Hurst will be joining other Presidents to discuss legislative advocacy. Mr. Sullivan stated Dr. Hurst will provide an update during the February Board meeting. Dr. Hurst stated he will be discussing the Legislative Agenda with the House Speaker in the coming week. Dr. Hurst discussed the three-year Legislative Plan, specially the student investment portion. Dr. Hurst discussed the needs of community colleges and how the additional funding would positively impact the colleges.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was noted.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. McBrayer declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Howell