



State Board of Community Colleges
Cape Fear Community College, Union Station Building,
502 North Front Street
Wilmington, North Carolina
September 20, 2019
9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Following proper public notification, Chairman Breeden Blackwell called the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. in the Union Station, Room U-508 South of Cape Fear Community College.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Bryan Jenkins called the roll and the following members were present:

Dr. Breeden Blackwell	Mr. Bill McBrayer	Mr. Steven Walker
Ms. Lisa Estep	Mr. Hari Nath	(designee for Lt. Governor)
Mr. William Holder	Dr. Samuel Powell	Mr. Jesse Watts
Mr. Bobby Irwin	Mr. Scott Shook	Ms. Ann Whitford
Mr. Frank Johnson	Mr. Burr Sullivan	Mr. David Willis

* Attended by telephone

Absent: Treasurer Dale Folwell, Mr. James Rose, Mr. Bob Stephens, Mr. Clark Twiddy, Mr. Jerry Vaughan, and Dr. Candler Willis

Chairman Blackwell took a moment to summarize the editorial article shared at the members' seats.

ETHICS AWARENESS AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ms. Whitford reminded members of the Board of the ethics requirements and requested members identify any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest. Having so requested, the Chairman Blackwell asked the record to reflect no conflicts.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Chairman Blackwell recognized the guests in attendance and thanked President Morton for the hospitality shown to the State Board of Community Colleges. President Morton took a moment to thank the college team which worked to help coordinate the meetings.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Powell made a motion to approve the August 16, 2019 minutes, Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Blackwell polled the committee chairs as to any changes to the agenda and the results were as follows:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Mr. Bill McBrayer, Chair

Mr. McBrayer stated there are four (4) items to be presented in closed session for the Personnel Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Ms. Estep, Vice-Chair

Ms. Estep stated there are no changes for Finance Committee.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, Dr. Samuel Powell, Chair

Dr. Powell stated there are no changes for Programs Committee.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, Mr. Scott Shook, Chair

Mr. Shook stated there will be an update during the President's Report.

Chairman Blackwell stated he will also call on Mr. Frank Johnson to give a Foundation update.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Shook made a motion to approve the agenda, Ms. Estep seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Blackwell asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve, Dr. Powell seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Items approved on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. Jim Rose, Chair

Construction and Property (Attachment FC 08)

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, Dr. Samuel Powell, Chair

Curriculum Program Application – Fast Track for Action (FTFA) (Attachment PROG 01)

Courses of Instruction – Captive/Co-opted Groups (Attachment PROG 02)

Combined Course Library – Continuing Education (Attachment PROG 03)

REPORTS:

The Honorable Walter Dalton, President of North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents

President Dalton provided an update from NCACCP.

- Thanked Presidents Hunt and Heatherly for attending the meeting as part of the initiative for the Presidents' Association to take a more active role in attending State Board meetings.
- The presidents fully embrace the 2030 challenge. President Dalton reviewed five areas that the System could use help reaching the goal:
 - Forward funding rather than in arrears.
 - Needs based scholarships for non-traditional and continuing education students.
 - Pay for instructors.
 - Media campaign
 - Software to monitor student progress and prevent colleges from ransomware attacks.
- There has been conversation about issues with transfer students, credits which should transfer, and common courses. The issue is causing barriers.
- It is important to have synergy between colleges and regional businesses. Discussing reaching out to work with council of governments on the economic strategies for regions.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in Raleigh

Mr. Shook asked if the transfer issue is due to a devaluation of what was taught. President Dalton stated it is a barrier to our students to be the best they can be. The system should work with them, not against them. Discussed the need for a clear reporting path for the students when there is an issue so that it can be reviewed and resolved. President Dalton stated many presidents feel that there needs to be legislative action addressing the fact that articulation is not always being honored as a one-to-one transfer but counted as an elective.

Dr. Powell mentioned the articulation agreements are designed together by the colleges and universities. Not all universities have signed on, but it is working well within the program according to the annual report.

Ms. Haygood stated the need to figure out if TAAC is aware of possible weaknesses in the articulation agreement and to follow up on complaints or issues. Chairman Blackwell asked staff to come up with the number of appeals have occurred and what can be done to put in a process.

Ms. Julie Woodson, President of North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees

Ms. Woodson provided an update from NCACCT:

- Ms. Woodson thanked President Morton and staff for their hospitality and thanked the Board for allowing representatives of the Trustees' Association to be involved and included.
- The Leadership Seminar held in Wilmington a few weeks ago was a great success. Ms. Woodson thanked Ms. Whitford for attending the conference and Ms. Estep for reporting on behalf of the State Board.
- Ms. Woodson shared that the national Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) recently received a grant from the Gates Foundation to help develop policy to support rural community colleges. The grant will focus on five states, including North Carolina. She will be discussing this with ACCT leaders to determine how we can support these efforts.

- NCACCT continues to work with the Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research at NC State to develop additional trustee training opportunities through a new, improved manual, electronic training modules, and a Leadership Institute.

Ms. Austin thanked former Chairman Shook for his past leadership as SBCC Chair. She thanked the Board for the honor of receiving the I.E. Ready Award. Ms. Austin wished Chairman Blackwell a great term.

Chairman Blackwell thanked Mr. Shook for his hard work.

Mr. Jesse Watts, President of North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA)

Mr. Watts provided an update from N4CSGA:

- Attended the NCACCT conference last month and found the sessions very informative. Was surprised he was the only student and challenged other colleges to attend in the future.
- N4CSGA is meeting this weekend to plan for the upcoming Fall Conference.
- Conducting interviews to fill final positions on the Board.
- Will be attending the Eastern division N4CSGA conference where there are some great sessions planned at Pitt Community College. One of the topics to be discussed is Hurricane preparedness at the regional meetings. Each area knows the specific area needs better.

Chairman Blackwell asked Ms. Haygood to summarize the discussion from the past few days. Ms. Haygood shared there was a lot of robust conversation. Staff will synthesize the feedback and identify key areas. The feedback will help focus the future policy issue luncheons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Mr. Bill McBrayer, Chair

Mr. McBrayer moved to enter closed session pursuant to 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 sections 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 and pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential or privileged. Dr. Powell seconded, and the Board entered closed session via voice vote.

The Board discussed the matters referenced above.

Mr. McBrayer made a motion to go into open session, seconded by Dr. Powell, approved via voice vote.

Mr. McBrayer made a motion for the Board to empower the Personnel Committee to meet prior to the next meeting to discuss the Interim President at Southeastern Community College. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Mr. McBrayer asked the Board to review the information on Paid Parental Leave. Will be coming for consideration at a later meeting.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Mr. McBrayer recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board:

Dr. Jack Bagwell to serve as President of College of The Albemarle

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Mr. McBrayer recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board:

Dr. Shelly White to serve as President of Haywood Community College

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Mr. McBrayer recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board:

Ms. Kelly Barretto to receive a salary increase effective October 1, 2019 (subject to budget passage)

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Mr. McBrayer recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board:

Mr. Seth Riggins to receive a salary increase effective October 1, 2019 (subject to budget passage)

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Ms. Lisa Estep, Vice-Chair

Ms. Estep shared the items for approval from Finance Committee.

FY 2019-20 Baseline Budget (Attachment FC 01)

Ms. Grovenstein shared the baseline budget. Removes non-recurring and allows for categorical applications. Ms. Grovenstein stated page 5 of the attachment is a summary of the baseline budget and presents some detail. Still working to align the terminology such as “occupational extension” which is also “workforce development” or “continuing education”.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Estep recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board.

FY 2019-20 Baseline Budget (Attachment FC 01)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

Contract Amendment for Broadband Connectivity (Attachment FC 02)

Ms. Grovenstein stated this item is for a contract amendment for Broadband with MCNC. The contract is state funded and contingent on the availability of general fund appropriations.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Estep recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board.

Contract Amendment for Broadband Connectivity (Attachment FC 02)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

Title II Funding for Professional Development and Technical Assistance (Attachment FC 03)

Ms. Estep stated these funds would go to CBO Reading Connections – Greensboro and will outreach across the state.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Estep recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board.

Title II Funding for Professional Development and Technical Assistance (Attachment FC 03)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

Allocation for Improving Career and Technical Education at Rural Colleges (Attachment FC 04)

Ms. Grovenstein stated through the Perkins grant, this funding has been awarded to help forty-two of the fifty-eight colleges that are considered rural.

Ms. Estep shared that one of the colleges didn't have financial aid help at the college which impacts the colleges and funding. A program such as this can help train people to serve those students.

Mr. Johnson asked if there is weighting on this for colleges that are more rural? Ms. Grovenstein said that it is not weighted, the formula is the same as the CTE distribution and the per student allocation is the same.

Ms. Whitford asked if there is a way to follow up on the results of this money to assure that the money helps.

Dr. Gold shared this is a portion of the Perkins funds, one (1) million of twelve million.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Estep recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board.

Allocation for Improving Career and Technical Education at Rural Colleges (Attachment FC 04)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

Adoption After Review of Comments for Amendment to 1B SBCC 200.3 – Establishing Multi Campus Centers (Attachment FC 05)

Ms. Grovenstein shared the amendment on page 2, line 25. Instead of face-to-face, the code language will add “traditional and blended”.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Estep recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board.

Adoption After Review of Comments for Amendment to 1B SBCC 200.3 – Establishing Multi Campus Centers (Attachment FC 05)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

Adoption of 1B SBCCC 100.1 – Definitions (Attachment FC 06)

Ms. Grovenstein shared this change is due to the changes in 1B SBCC 200.3 which are amended in Attachment FC 05.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Estep recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board.

Adoption of 1B SBCCC 100.1 – Definitions (Attachment FC 06)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

Adoption of Amendment to 1E SBCCC 700.4 – College Access, Parking and Security (CAPS) Fee (Attachment FC 07)

Ms. Grovenstein shared no comments were received during public comment period

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Ms. Estep recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board.

Adoption of Amendment to 1E SBCCC 700.4 – College Access, Parking and Security (CAPS) Fee (Attachment FC 07)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, Dr. Samuel Powell, Chair

Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on Career Coach Program (Attachment PROG 04)

Dr. Gold and Jennifer McLean shared the highlights of the report. Ms. McLean explained the job of the Career Coaches and how they work with the students to address their needs.

Chairman Blackwell asked if staff can track whether the coaching leads to students enrolling in Community Colleges. Ms. McLean said that is one of the data collection items receiving focus to improve. Dr. Gold shared some of the match requirements have been changed by new legislation which will be a positive impact on the program.

On behalf of the Programs Committee, Dr. Powell recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board.

Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on Career Coach Program (Attachment PROG 04)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

Initiation of the Rulemaking Process for 1D SBCCC 400.11- Education Services through Career & College Promise (Curriculum) (Attachment PROG 05)

Dr. Gold shared the language change that has been recommended.

On behalf of the Programs Committee, Dr. Powell recommended and moved the following item be approved by the board.

Initiation of the Rulemaking Process for 1D SBCCC 400.11- Education Services through Career & College Promise (Curriculum) (Attachment PROG 05)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

NCCCS FOUNDATION – Chairman Blackwell asked Mr. Johnson to give a report from the Foundation meetings Mr. Johnson shared a brief history. Discussions pertaining to technology and the marketing campaign occurred. There have been discussions about policy. Mr. Johnson shared the NCCCS Foundation works to raise money for the System without treading on the local college fundraising efforts. Mr. Willis asked if there was a goal for the year yet. Mr. Johnson said that first they want to make sure they know what to raise the money for, then they will work to fundraise.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

President Hans thanked Mr. Johnson for the time he spent in the Foundation meetings and reporting back. Chairman Jim Bryan is trying to revitalize the Foundation and working to integrate with the System's strategic direction.

President Hans shared that the Roanoke Chowan Community College (RCCC) response has been sent to SACS on September 9, 2019 and forwarded to the State Board. Advisory Committee will meet later this month and plans to attend the RCCC board meeting in October.

The System Office is anxious to conclude this legislative session and receive a conference budget. There is no stand on how we would like to have it resolved. This week the Hurricane Florence funding has been approved by the Legislature including Coastal Carolina's funding. There will be special elections to replace House and Senate member seats. The System overall has had a successful year due to the unity of the community college family.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

Mr. Holder asked if there are any ideas or input about RCCC, please let him know. The Board will be kept in the loop.

Chairman Blackwell reviewed action items he sees coming out of the meeting.

- Discuss the problems with transfer students
- Final Report on planning session

Chairman Blackwell thanked the staff for its work.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 through Friday, October 18, 2019 in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room located in the Caswell Building in Raleigh, NC. More information regarding this meeting will be communicated.

EXPIRING TERMS AND VACANCIES

There are currently no terms expiring. There are three (3) seats on the State Board awaiting appointment by the Governor. Two (2) of the seats are occupied by members in a holdover capacity (Mr. Jerry Vaughan and Dr. Candler Willis). The other seat is vacant (Mr. Scott Shook's former seat).

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Blackwell motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Irwin, unanimously approved by voice vote at 10:53 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Peter Hans, System President

Dr. Breeden Blackwell, Chair