



State Board of Community Colleges

Caswell Building, 200 West Jones Street

Raleigh, North Carolina

June 26, 2017

10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Following proper public notification, Chairman Scott Shook called the telephonic State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room of the Caswell Building.

ROLL CALL

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

Dr. Breeden Blackwell	Mr. Bill McBrayer	Mr. Clark Twiddy
Ms. Lisa Estep	Mr. Ernie Pearson	Mr. Jerry Vaughan
Treasurer Dale Folwell	Dr. Samuel Powell	Mr. Hal Weatherman (rep for Lt. Governor Dan Forest)
Representative Jimmie Ford	Mr. Lynn Raye	Mrs. Ann Whitford
Mr. Bobby Irwin	Dr. Darrell Saunders	Dr. Candler Willis
Mr. Todd Johnson	Mr. Scott Shook	
Ms. Janet Lowder	Mr. Robert Stephens	

Absent: Mr. James Rose and Ms. Kirsten Stovall

ETHICS AWARENESS AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Representative Ford 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, the Chair asked for the record to reflect no conflicts.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Lowder asked to amend the agenda under Personnel Committee to add the ratification of the new president at Piedmont Community College.

Mr. Raye made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Representative Ford seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Lowder made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2017 meeting for the State Board of Community Colleges. Dr. Powell seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Grovenstein provided an update on the conference budget -

- Enrollment growth/adjustment and the \$10 million correction from the 2016 salary loss restoration were fully funded.
- Study of Workforce Training was fully funded.
- Startup Fund High-Cost Workforce Programs was funded at \$2.5 million for FY 18-19 in non-recurring funding.
- Additional Career Coaches were fully funded with recurring funding.
- Section 15.13 transfers the apprenticeship program to the System from Department of Commerce.

Additional items in the budget not on the State Board priority list -

- Section 9.11 establishes a Board of Post-Secondary Education Credentials to be located at the System Office. The Lt. Governor will chair the board which will recommend State goals for adult citizens to hold degrees, certificates, or other high-quality postsecondary credentials, among other duties.
- Hurricane Matthew Relief was not in the State Board's initial priorities. Once the issue was addressed, the System Office identified eleven colleges impacted by the storm. Ms. Shuping shared that the funding from this will be appropriated through a different bill. Staff is continuing to work to assure the colleges in need receive funding from the program. The total proposed funding for the program is \$4.2 million.
- Construction Industry Workforce Training has been funded for one year with non-recurring funds.
- Eastern Triad Workforce Development Initiative was funded for the second year only with non-recurring funds.
- NC Center for Viticulture and Enology was funded for one year with non-recurring funds.
- Anspach Advanced Manufacturing School at Mayland CC was funded for one year with non-recurring funds.

Reductions to Spending Authority

- Bionetwork grants
- Vacant Information Technology position has been eliminated

Items of note:

- Section 35.8 provides increases of \$1,000 in annual salary for college faculty and staff as well as system office staff. Colleges will have flexibility with the allocation and can be used for merit, across-the-board, recruitment, retention, or other compensation.
- Increase in retirement pay was included for college and system office staff retirees.
- Section 9.7 outlines requirements about search consultants for college presidents. The consultant must be chosen by a competitive search process and prohibits the consultant to be 1) an employee of a State agency, a State commission or board member, or elected official with

oversight of NCCCS; 2) a lobbyist or lobbyist principal; or 3) a State-level community college board of trustee association or organization.

- Section 9.10 permits high school students to take community college continuing education courses which lead to an industry-recognized credential.
- Section 9.15 restricts the culinary program at Stanly CC to be on its main campus. Funding has been approved to build a building to house the culinary program.
- Section 10.12 permits senior citizens to audit courses at UNC or community college institutions. Shall not be counted for enrollment funding. The senior citizen cannot audit self-supporting courses provided by the community colleges.

Ms. Shuping updated the board on a variety of legislative items:

- The State Board approved the Forsyth Technical Community College multi campus, however the current budget bill does not include funding for the campus.
- The transition of the Proprietary School Board is still outstanding. Ms. Shuping stated she has been meeting with various members to discuss. The current solution being considered is for the System Office retain the HR and Payroll administration and the other administrative services be done by SBPS staff.
- The Senate is discussing gun legislation.
- HB 12, HB 14 and HB 490 which would take appointing authority for a total of sixteen local community college boards away from the governor is in Senate Rules.
- Per the State Board's request, SB 420 remains in House Rules until the task force has an opportunity to work on changes to the bill.
- The Conference Budget has gone to the Governor for approval. If he doesn't approve or veto within ten days, the budget will go into effect.
- The General Assembly is wrapping up work for this session and hopes to adjourn by Friday, June 30th or Saturday, July 1st.

Mr. Raye asked if there have been issues with funding for multi-campus in the past after they were approved by the State Board. Ms. Shuping and Ms. Haygood reviewed the history of changes with multi-campus and the order of approval and funding. Ms. Shuping stated that one of the issues was the spending cap agreed to prior to session. There is not a lot of additional funding for expenses such as this one. Currently the multi-campus at Fayetteville Technical Community College has been approved and Wake Technical Community College is seeking funding approval for the new RTP campus. Based on this need, recurring funding for these campuses should be one of the priorities.

Ms. Whitford asked for an update about the Information Technology staff at the System Office. Ms. Shuping stated the System Office is required to submit a transition plan by October 2018. The System's position is the structure of our agency and the System Office's services to the colleges, the system does not feel it is feasible to consolidate the IT staff with Department of Information Technology. The House is committed to the System Office position; however, the Senate wants all Information Technology under one umbrella.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Ms. Janet Lowder, Chair

The Board went into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute sections 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 Section 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the conditions of appointment of an individual public employee following a motion by Ms. Lowder, a second by Mr. Raye, and voice vote approval.

Ms. Lowder presented the candidate for Executive Director for Bionetwork and Life Sciences.

Ms. Lowder presented the candidate for President of Piedmont Community College.

After presentation of candidates to the Board, Ms. Lowder motioned to go back into open session, seconded by Representative Ford, approved via voice vote by the Board.

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

Approval of Brent Harpham as Executive Director for Bionetwork and Life Sciences.

The above item was approved by voice vote.

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

Ratification of Dr. Pamela Gibson Senegal as President of Piedmont Community College.

The above item was approved by voice vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Mr. Lynn Raye, Chair

Construction and Property

Mr. Raye shared that the committee did not see any problems with any of the items coming before the board for approval. The growth at Martin Community College is positive. Chairman Shook stated Martin Community College is making a positive turn.

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

Construction and Property (Attachment FC 1)

The above item was approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Folwell mentioned a scam which occurred within the UNC System. Bank routing numbers were changed without proper authorization and verification. The embezzlement was a large amount and some money has been recouped, but not all. Ms. Estep asked for the Accountability and Audit Committee to discuss Connect NC fraud controls at the July board meeting.

Treasurer Folwell shared with the Board the Treasurer’s office is working on an enrollment verification to assure dependents covered by the State Health Plan are eligible. The Treasurer stated there is an existing statute that states that if a state employee commits a crime while conducting their official duties, the employee’s pension and healthcare eligibility benefits are forfeited. His office is enforcing the rule.

BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Raye stated once session is complete, staff and members need to remember to thank the legislators for their hard work.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next State Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 through Friday, July 21, 2017 in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room located in the Caswell Building in Raleigh, North Carolina. More information regarding this meeting will be communicated.

EXPIRING TERMS AND VACANCIES

There are currently five terms expiring and no vacancies for the membership of the State Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Representative Ford made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Lowder unanimously approved by voice vote at 10:50 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

James C. Williamson, PhD, System President

Mr. Scott Shook, Chair