



State Board of Community Colleges

Caswell Building, 200 West Jones Street

Raleigh, North Carolina

March 28, 2017

11:00 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 11:02 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

Ms. Lisa Estep

Treasurer Dale Folwell

Representative Jimmie Ford

Mr. Bobby Irwin

Mr. Todd Johnson

Ms. Janet Lowder

Mr. Bill McBrayer

Mr. Ernie Pearson

Dr. Samuel Powell

Mr. Lynn Raye

Mr. James Rose

Dr. Darrell Saunders

Mr. Scott Shook

Ms. Kirsten Stovall

Mr. Clark Twiddy

Mr. Jerry Vaughan

Mrs. Ann Whitford

Dr. Candler Willis

Absent: Lt. Gov. Dan Forest and Mr. Robert Stephens

ETHICS AWARENESS AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr. Jenkins 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 that the record reflect no conflicts.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

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

POLICY COMMITTEE, Mr. Ernest Pearson, Chair

NC Community College System Governance

Chairman Shook stated that this board meeting was called to provide updates to the members about a meeting held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 to discuss Board Governance. The attendees were Mr. Randy Vinson (NCACCT Chairman), Dr. Donny Hunter (NCACCT), President Deborah Lamm (NCACCP President), President Williamson (NCCCS President), and Mr. Shook (SBCC Chairman). After much discussion and negotiation, the various stakeholders agreed on the following:

- G.S. 115D-18 Organization of boards; meetings – There was no opposition.
- G.S. 115D-19 Assumption of BOT duties – The group agreed that with parameters that require input of stakeholders, this proposed bill is acceptable with some clarifying language.
- G.S. 115D-13 Terms of Office of Trustees – This item was not acceptable to all stakeholders. In the meeting, it was agreed that focus would be put on getting bills G.S. 115D-18 and G.S. 115D-19 passed and table G.S. 115D-13.

Other actions resulting from the meeting:

- Appoint a task force discuss and clarify the language in relation to G.S. 115D-19 as well as address some of the proposed SBCC Code Rules.
- Create regional support groups composed of State Board, Staff, Presidents' Association, and Trustees' Association which can help a college.

Mr. Vaughan asked if there would be anything to prevent the Legislature from considering a bill about term limits if the State Board removes the request. Chairman Shook stated there is not, but the plan is to share with the legislators all stakeholders agree of the item.

The board discussed how the two bills moving forward would provide a clearer process in future instances where the State Board would need to be involved.

Chairman Shook made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Raye.

The State Board withdraws its official position surrounding G.S. 115D-13

The motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pearson commended Chairman Shook for the work put into assuring that all stakeholders were informed and had input.

Mr. Vaughan asked if Chairman Shook felt all the stakeholders left the meeting on March 23rd satisfied with the results. Chairman Shook stated the meeting was tense at times, but issues were aired and discussed. At the end of the meeting, there was a good agreement on the process going forward.

Mr. Vaughan asked if governance and the decision by this board will shape discussions at the NCACCT Law/Legislative Seminar. Chairman Shook shared the conversations that occurred and the actions by the

State Board in this meeting help clear the air. He further shared the action being taken is very positive for all concerned parties moving forward.

Ms. Estep asked if Dr. Hunter had any input about the tone of the meeting on March 23rd and the tone of the trustees in relation to the Law/Legislative Seminar. Dr. Hunter stated the trustees position has been and continues to be they will not support any legislation. Anytime there is a bill sent through the General Assembly the issue is out of the control of the system. Conversation last week was good. Dr. Hunter stated his feeling that a rescue team needs to be formed and led by the System President in coordination with the presidents and trustees. Dr. Hunter stated the trustees are nervous about the legislation. Not sure about the tone of the upcoming trustee meeting. He does not predict there will be a lot of support. Anything less will be discussed thoroughly and calmly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next State Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 through Friday, April 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 no 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 Mr. Raye unanimously approved by voice vote at 11:33 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

James C. Williamson, PhD, System President

Mr. Scott Shook, Chair