

MINUTES
State Board of Community Colleges
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 20, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Burr Sullivan, Chair	Dr. Samuel Powell
Mr. Bobby Irwin, Vice Chair	Mr. Bob Stephens
Mr. Jerry Vaughan	Mr. Hari Nath

Members Absent: Mr. Jesse Watts

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Ann Whitford

NCACCP Liaisons

Dr. Maria Pharr

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE*

Mr. Thomas Stith, NCCCS President	Dr. Kim Gold Mr. Jon Harris Ms. Elizabeth Grovenstein Ms. Tawanda Artis Mr. Alex Fagg	Ms. Anne Bacon Ms. Sharon Gladwell Ms. Tiffany Howell Ms. Kelly Barretto Dr. Laura Leatherwood
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*Additional individuals watched on the System Office YouTube channel

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Barretto took the roll of the Strategic Planning Committee members. With six members in attendance, a quorum was present.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan asked for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for today's meeting and the April 15, 2021 minutes. Dr. Powell made the motion to approve the agenda and the April 15, 2021 minutes, Mr. Irwin seconded, and the Committee approved the agenda and the April 15, 2021 minutes unanimously without change.

FOR INFORMATION

NC Community College Leadership in Economic Development and Recruiting Adult Learners

After an introduction by Chairman Sullivan, Dr. Crane provided background on today's presentations and introduced NCCCS Vice President of Economic Development Maureen Little and President Laura Leatherwood of Blue Ridge Community College to share examples of how the NC Community College System can best lead on economic recovery and sustained growth across the State. With federal investment amounts in the billions of dollars in higher education in coming years, we are poised for many additional opportunities. Ms. Little highlighted regional jobs announcements from January 2020 to date and pointed out an acceleration of growth in biopharma and life science industries. She briefly discussed the regional collaboration with aerospace manufacturer Pratt and Whitney and introduced Dr. Leatherwood to report on the attainment and workforce collaborative in a four-county region. Dr. Leatherwood emphasized the use of a regional approach versus a service-area approach.

There were questions and discussion by the group.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Chairman Sullivan adjourned the Committee at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barretto
Recording Secretary