

MINUTES
State Board of Community Colleges
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 19, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Burr Sullivan, Chair	Mr. Bobby Irwin, Vice Chair	
Dr. Shirley Carraway	Mr. Hari Nath	Mr. Jon Harris for Lt. Gov.
Ms. Sarah West	Ms. Ann Whitford	Mark Robinson (by phone)

Members Absent: Mr. Ray Trapp

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Breeden Blackwell, SBCC Chairman
Mr. Bill McBrayer, SBCC Vice Chairman
Mr. William Holder
Mr. Mark Merritt
Mr. Jerry Vaughan

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Thomas Stith, NCCCS President	Ms. Judykay Jefferson Ms. Elizabeth Grovenstein	Mr. Alex Fagg Ms. Sharon Gladwell
Dr. Patrick Crane Dr. Kim Gold Mr. Jonathan Harris	Dr. Bruce Mack Ms. Tawanda Artis Ms. Anne Bacon	Ms. Kelly Barretto Ms. Tiffany Howell

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Kelly Barretto took the roll of the Strategic Planning Committee members. With seven 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 July 15, 2021 minutes. Mr. Bobby Irwin made the motion to approve the agenda and the July 15, 2021 minutes, Dr. Carraway seconded, and the Committee approved the agenda and the July 15, 2021 minutes unanimously without change.

FOR INFORMATION

Updated Strategic Plan

Chairman Sullivan acknowledged new Committee members before introducing Dr. Patrick Crane. Dr. Crane provided context for updates now reflected in the final Strategic Plan document. He reminded the Committee that the Board approved those updates at their February meeting.

Progress of Strategic Plan Tactics

Anne Bacon presented updates on progress of tactics in Quarter 1 and Quarter 2. Quarterly reporting on tactics progress promotes accountability much like State Performance Measures do. She explained the layout of the table and gave an overview of tactics with a status of “monitor,” “celebrate,” or “implemented” and gave examples of each. The table also captures the level of the impact of COVID-19 on each tactic.

There were questions and discussion by the group.

September State Board Planning Meeting/ Launch of New Planning Process

Chairman Sullivan noted the Planning Meeting in September would take place at Wake Technical Community College’s RTP campus. Dr. Crane provided some logistical details for the upcoming Planning Meeting. The meeting will be an opportunity to spend time reflecting on where we are and what role community colleges in North Carolina will play in the coming years. We will discuss where we think we made progress toward our current strategic plan aims and why, what we want to carry forward from the plan, or where we want to shift attention going forward. We will look at what it takes to carry out the three pillars of the President’s vision, that is, to be the first choice for affordable higher education, to be a leader in the State’s economic recovery, and to be a national model for diversity, equity, and inclusion. We hope to begin regional meetings over fall and winter of 2022 to collect insight and best practices from stakeholders in the broader community and in the System’s ecosystem statewide with an expectation of finalizing the next Strategic Plan by July of 2022. Dr. Crane encouraged the Committee’s input and feedback throughout the planning process.

There were questions and robust discussion by the group.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, Chairman Sullivan adjourned the Committee at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barretto
Recording Secretary