

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT MEETING**  
**Southwestern Community College**

**February 25, 2022 – SCC Jackson Campus**

**Attending:**

Trustees

Sue Bartlett            Mark Jones  
Vance Davidson        Beth Lofquist  
Jean Ellen Forrister    Cory McCall  
Ken Henke                Gary Shields  
Luke D. Hyde            Lambert Wilson

College Staff

Don Tomas  
Scott Baker  
Thom Brooks  
Nan Coulter  
Lisa Kim Fisher

**Guests:**

Julie Woodson, President of NCACT; Dean Shatley, Campbell Shatley

**Absent**

Jeff Cloer, Jeremy Hyatt, Heber Najera, Brett Rogers

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College (SCC) met for their retreat on February 25, 2022 in the Burrell Conference Center of the Conrad G. Burrell Building on the Jackson campus. A brief meeting was held at the beginning of the retreat.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Lambert Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**FINANCE AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT**

Vice President for Financial and Administrative Services Lisa Kim Fisher presented the 2021-2022 College Budget for review and approval. Following discussion, Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the Budget Allocations and Transfers and policy revision, which was seconded by Mr. Hyde and passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Tomas presented a proposal to the Board from the SCC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee regarding the upcoming college-wide Cultural Fusion event scheduled for March 30, 2022.

The Committee has proposed inviting a drag artist to participate as a performer during the Cultural Fusion event. Dr. Tomas presented that Board with the details regarding this invitation and asked the Board to deliberate and make a decision regarding this proposal. Following several minutes of discussion, the Board voted to table the request until later that day during the Retreat.

Following retreat presentations by the NCACCT President Julie Woodson and College Counsel Dean Shatley, the Board took up the matter of the Cultural Fusion event. Dr. Tomas provided the Board with more information on the drag artist and the song the drag artist plans to perform.

Following additional discussion, the Board made the following recommendations:

The drag artist should be invited to participate in a panel discussion with other event performers and presenters at the end of the Cultural Fusion event.

The drag artist should be permitted to perform the proposed song at the end of the Cultural Fusion event.

Jackson Early College students will not be admitted to the panel discussion or the song performance at the end of the event, as requested by Jackson County Public Schools Superintendent Dana Ayers.

Dr. Lofquist made a motion to approve the proposed recommendations to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, which was seconded by Ms. Forrister and passed unanimously.

The retreat continued with presentations by Dr. Brooks on Instruction and Student Services and by Mr. Baker on Information Technology and Security.

Mr. Wilson concluded the retreat by adjourning the group at 2:40 p.m.

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Lambert Wilson, Chairman  
Board of Trustees

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Don Tomas, Secretary  
Board of Trustees