

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BI-MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Southwestern Community College**

**January 23, 2024 – SCC Jackson Campus**

**Attending:**

Trustees

Howard Allman	Cory McCall
Sue Bartlett	Jerry McKinney
Jeff Cloer	Brett Rogers
Ken Henke	Gary Shields
Mark Jones	Betty Waldroop
Beth Lofquist	Zyla Young

College Staff

Don Tomas  
Thom Brooks  
Nan Coulter  
Lisa Kim Fisher  
Tyler Goode

**Absent**

Jack Debnam, Luke D. Hyde

**Guests**

Johnathan Mallard, NCCCS Academic Excellence Award recipient; Glenn Barnett, Governor Robert Scott Leadership Award recipient

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College (SCC) met for their bi-monthly meeting on January 23, 2024 in the Slagle Board Room of the Conrad G. Burrell Building on the Jackson campus.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Beth Lofquist called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and read the Conflict of Interest Statement. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES**

Dr. Lofquist asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of November 14, 2023. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Ms. Waldroop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Tomas informed the Board that he will be traveling to Durham January 24-26, 2024 for the Winter NCACCP Presidents meeting.

Dr. Tomas gave the Committee an update on the Propel NC initiative, which is a complete overhaul of the current community college funding model, designed jointly by the NCCCS and the NCACCP. The plan goes to the State Board of Community Colleges for review and vote in February 2024, and if approved by the SBCC, it will then go to the NCGA.

## **CURRICULUM AND STUDENT SERVICES**

Curriculum and Student Services Committee Chair Ken Henke asked Dr. Thom Brooks, Executive Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, to report to the Board.

Dr. Brooks introduced Jonathan Mallard, NCCCS Academic Excellence Award recipient, and Glenn Barnett, recipient of the Governor Robert Scott Leadership Award, who spoke of their experiences in their programs and how they are prepared for their careers.

Dr. Brooks reported on the Workforce Continuing Education and the Spring 2024 Curriculum enrollment. Dr. Brooks reviewed the annual Program Compliance Review, noting that the review resulted in non-material findings in reporting errors for 2 BLET classes, which will not result in penalties.

There were no Action Items coming from the Curriculum and Student Services Committee.

## **FINANCE AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT**

Finance and Campus Improvement Committee Chair Cory McCall asked Vice President for Financial and Administrative Services Lisa Kim Fisher to give a report on Local Revenue Analysis and State Budget Expenditures.

Under Action Items, Ms. Fisher presented the Budget Allocations and Transfers. Following review and discussion, Mr. Cloer made a motion to approve the Budget Allocations and Transfers as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Allman and passed unanimously.

Ms. Fisher then presented the 2024 College Budget, and following review and discussion, Mr. McCall made a motion to approval the Budget as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Waldroop and was approved unanimously.

Ms. Fisher presented proposed revisions to Policy 7.03.05 – Purchasing. Following review and discussion, Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the revisions to the policy, which was seconded by Mr. Cloer and passed unanimously.

Under Facilities and Operations, Dr. Tomas gave an update on the Fire Rescue Training Facility, the Groves Center Expansion, and the Dental Assisting renovation plans. He will make a

presentation for funding at the January 24, 2024 Macon County Commissioners Meeting for the Fire Rescue Training Facility and Groves Center expansion.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Vice Chair Lofquist presented the full-time employee list and part-time employee list for review and approval. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the employee lists as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Bartlett and passed unanimously.

With no other business before the Board, Dr. Lofquist adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

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Luke D. Hyde, Chair  
Board of Trustees

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Don Tomas, Secretary  
Board of Trustees