

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Clement Dining Room
October 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Trustees Larry Caddell, Chairman; Tim Carpenter, Vice Chairman; Joseph Clendenin, Secretary; Gene Horne; Bruce Hurst; Gary Evans; Irish Pickett; Billy Carter; BethAnn Pratte; Stephen Woodward; Helen Probst Mills; Anthony Hunt; Haden Barnett, SGA Vice President

ABSENT: George Little, Dell Cook

STAFF: Dr. Sandy Stewart; Ron Layne; Teresa Sheets; Dr. Rebecca Roush; Dr. Julie Voigt; Dr. D.J. Farmer; Germaine Elkins; Dr. Fallon Brewington; Steven Garner; Alex Patti; Tess Regan; Lindsey Farmer; Dr. Kirk Lynch; Shenika Ward; Chad Williams; Karen Walker; Danaka Bunch; Dwight Threet, Tammy Stewart; Mary Bridschge

GUESTS: John May; Matt Lamb, The Pilot Newspaper; Taylor Hobbs, Chevon Moore, Hobbs Architects

Mr. Caddell called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. He read the statute regarding conflicts of interest to the Trustees and asked the Board if there were any potential conflicts with the agenda items to be discussed. Hearing none, Mr. Caddell proceeded to the next item of business.

Mr. Hurst offered a moment of prayer.

Due to the absence of Attorney Dean Shatley, Mr. Evans made a motion to postpone the review of Title IX policies until the December Board of Trustees meeting. Ms. Probst Mills seconded the motion. Mr. Woodward, Ms. Pratte, and Mr. Hunt voted against the postponement. Mr. Evans and Ms. Probst Mills did not withdraw their motions, and the motion to delay the Title IX review passed.

Upon Mr. Caddell's request, Mr. Horne made a motion to move the discussion of the SCC Inclement Weather Policy to follow the Student Government Association Report. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hunt seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024, Special Called Meeting. Ms. Pickett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024, Special Called Meeting. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dean Tammy Stewart presented information regarding the Boyd Library to include the addition of quiet space areas which provide a more suitable location for student study, and library resources offering multiple data bases. The Hoke Campus has utilized many of the library offerings, both in person and via remote access. The Boyd Library also includes the Hastings Art Gallery, the Teresa Wood Reading Room, and the Children's Library.

Mr. Barnett presented the Student Government Association (SGA) Report. Recent SGA activities include a program held in the First Responders Courtyard to commemorate the events of 9/11. The SGA recently approved the newly established Natural Resources Club. Future events include Fall Fest, Pink-Out Day, and an upcoming SGA conference.

Mr. Woodward requested that the Board review the policy for inclement weather policies. Mr. Caddell explained that the ultimate decision to cancel classes or to close campus lies with the President of the College, following conversations with superintendents and other officials. Dr. Stewart clarified the procedure for school cancellations.

Mr. Carpenter reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Mr. Carpenter introduced Tyler Hobbs and Chevron Moore with Hobbs Architects. Mr. Hobbs reviewed the specifications for the proposed new structures to be located at the Hoke Center. Divided into phases, imagery for a manufacturing trades building, health sciences building, student union building, and an administration building were presented. Total cost of the project is an estimated \$12.6MM.

Mr. Garner reported that a Certificate of Occupancy was issued, and that students and faculty are now occupying classrooms in Meyer Hall. Nine firms have submitted interest in the construction of the Innovative High School. The firms will meet with a selection committee at an undetermined future date. Hobbs has compiled a site study to determine the scope of work that may be needed at the President's former residence.

Mr. Horne reported for the Finance Committee. Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the Student Life/SGA budget. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the 2024/2025 Athletics budget. Mr. Woodward seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reviewed the Financial Report and State and County Bond Funds through June 30, 2024, with no Board action required. Ms. Walker reviewed the state and institutional budget figures as of August 31, 2024. Ms. Walker also reviewed the State and County Bond Funds information. Dr. Farmer reviewed the 2024-2025 state budget information.

Mr. Evans reported for the Personnel Committee. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2024-2025-2026 as presented. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the hiring of Emily Gunter as EMS Clinical Coordinator. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Officer Threet presented the Annual Security Report. There have been no reportable incidences submitted to Campus Security during the academic year.

Mr. Clendenin reported for the Planning Committee. Dean Farmer reported on the College Strategic Plan (CSP). An advanced copy of the plan draft was mailed to the Board prior to the October 1, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. The plan is insightful and engaging. Extensive research was conducted to determine what is most successful in higher education. The Planning Committee met on September 16, 2024. Mr. Clendenin made a motion to approve the 2024-2028, Year 1, CSP. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pickett reported for the Educational Programs Committee. Ms. Pickett made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 SCC Catalog changes. Mr. Clendenin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Roush shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Moore Innovative High School. Various approvals have been necessary from the Department of Public Instruction, the State Board, and Legislature. The College will not know if it is approved and fully funded until summer 2025, but the intent remains to bring in the freshman class in fall 2025. Dr. Roush touched on information within the presentation to include guidelines, classes offered to include Career Exploration, Focused Pathways, Manufacturing, and Information Technology, among others. College degrees as well as certificate programs will be offered.

Dr. Roush noted that Michelle Bauer worked on two high-cost healthcare grant applications. The programs are for growing current programs as well as for the development of new programs. Both grants have been approved for approximately \$400,000 each.

Ms. Probst Mills presented the Student Affairs Committee Report and introduced Chad Williams, Vice President of Student Services. Mr. Williams reported that enrollment this fall is up 6% as compared to the previous fall. Pell grant recipients are at about 47%. Mr. Williams thanked the Board for the approval of the Student Life and SGA budgets. Ms. Probst Mills commended Student Services for doing a great job.

Ms. Elkins presented the SCC Foundation report. The August Coca Cola Classic Golf Tournament yielded \$50,000. Upcoming Bradshaw Performing Arts updates include the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series and the First Family Fun Series. The Lady Flyers Volleyball team is undefeated. The team will host a “Pink -Out” tournament to recognize Breast Cancer Month. The

Foundation's annual board meeting will take place on Oct 21, 2024. The Foundation office is finalizing annual campaign mailing. To date, 246 gifts have been received.

Dr. Stewart introduced Alex Patti, Faculty Assembly President, and Tess Regan, Staff Council President, and commended them for their leadership roles. The College hosted an Alzheimer's Walk event in September, with an attendance of over 1,000. A donation site has been opened on campus for the collection of supplies to be delivered to Western North Carolina. The System Office is working to connect community colleges to support students and to work with legislature to assist with special educational needs. Dr. Stewart noted that as a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Helene in N.C., skilled trades will be at a premium in the coming months and years. Both houses of the General Assembly did not pass enrollment growth funding.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Caddell, Chairman of the Board

Joseph Clendenin, Secretary of the Board