

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

**September 26, 2023 – SCC Macon Campus**

**Attending:**

Trustees

Howard Allman      Luke D. Hyde  
Sue Bartlett        Beth Lofquist  
Jeff Cloer            Gerald McKinney  
Ken Henke           Gary Shields

College Staff

Don Tomas  
Thom Brooks  
Nan Coulter  
Lisa Kim Fisher  
Barb Putman

**Absent**

Mark Jones, Cory McCall, Brett Rogers, Betty Waldroop

**Guests**

Alina Lenzo, Macon Early College student

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College (SCC) met for their bi-monthly meeting on September 26, 2023 in the Board Room of the Cecil L. Groves Center on the Macon campus. A quorum was present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Luke D. Hyde 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**

Mr. Hyde asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of July 25, 2023 and the Special Called Meeting of September 6, 2023. Mr. Allman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Ms. Bartlett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Tomas reviewed the state budget recently passed by the General Assembly with the Board. He noted that that the NCGA also changed the appointment authority for community colleges, taking appointment powers from the Governor and local boards of education, and redistributing those appointments to the General Assembly. Those currently appointed by the Governor or local boards of education may fulfill their current terms.

## **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 asked Dr. Barbara Putman, Executive Dean for Instruction and Student Services, to introduce the student speaker. Dr. Putman introduced Alina Lenzo, a Macon Early College student. Ms. Lenzo spoke about her experiences at SCC and how much she admires the college and her instructors.

Dr. Brooks reported on the Spring 2023 Workforce Continuing Education enrollment and Fall 2023 Curriculum enrollment.

Under Action Items, Dr. Brooks presented the proposed 2024-2025 Academic Calendar for review and approval. Following review and discussion, Mr. Cloer made a motion to approve the 24-25 Academic Calendar as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Allman and passed unanimously.

## **FINANCE AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT**

Chairman Hyde 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 proposed revisions to Policy 4.04.07 – Staff Awards for review and discussion. Following review and discussion, Mr. Henke made a motion to approve the revisions to Policy 4.04.07 as presented, which was seconded by Mr. Cloer and passed unanimously.

Under Facilities and Operations, Dr. Tomas gave an update on the Firing Range, the Fire Rescue Training Facility, and the Groves Center Expansion plans.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Hyde reviewed the 2022 SCC Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation with the Board. The evaluation measures how the Board works together, with the President, and in the community.

Under Action Items, Chairman Hyde presented the full-time employee list and part-time employee list for review and approval. Dr. Lofquist made a motion to approve the employee lists as presented, which was seconded by Mr. McKinney and passed unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Under Other Business, Dr. Tomas thanked the Board for their support of the Boots, Blue Jeans, and Bling Gala held the previous Saturday.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Hyde adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

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Luke D. Hyde, Chairman  
Board of Trustees

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Don Tomas, Secretary  
Board of Trustees