

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**Southwestern Community College**

**March 10, 2016 – SCC Jackson Campus**

**Attending:**

Trustees

Terry Bell  
Conrad Burrell  
Jeff Cloer  
Vance Davidson  
Jean Ellen Forrister  
Karl Gillespie

Jeremy Hyatt  
Libby Knight  
Ciara Payne  
Gary Shields  
Lambert Wilson

College Staff

Don Tomas  
Nan Coulter  
Cliff Stalter  
Tiffany Allen

**Guests:**

Chad Donnahoo, Walter Currie

**Absent**

Paul Holt  
Mark Jones

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College (SCC) met for a Special Called meeting on March 10, 2016 in the Charles Siler Slagle Board Room of the Conrad Burrell Building on the Jackson campus.

Chairman Terry Bell called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and read the Ethics and Conflict of Interest statement.

**PREVIOUS MEETINGS' MINUTES**

Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the quarterly meeting of January 26, 2016. Mr. Burrell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

Dr. Tomas distributed a handout detailing the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents' recommendations to the 2016 – 2017 budget.

## **ACTION ITEM**

Dr. Tomas introduced a proposed Joint Resolution between the SCC Board of Trustees and the Jackson County Board of Education supporting the proposed ¼-cent increase referendum to the Jackson County Sales Tax tentatively scheduled for the June 7, 2016 U.S. Congressional election. If approved, the sales tax increase will be earmarked for capital improvements for the Jackson County Public Schools and SCC. The Jackson County Board of Elections will decide on March 16, 2016 whether to add the sales tax referendum to the June 7 ballot; therefore, if approved by both bodies, the joint resolution will be held back from publication until such time as the referendum is officially added to the ballot. Dr. Tomas also gave a brief overview of the Jackson Master Plan to illustrate how the proceeds from the tax increase would be utilized at SCC if the referendum is approved by the voters. Following discussion, Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the joint resolution supporting the ¼-cent sales tax increase referendum in Jackson County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cloer and passed unanimously.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Bell announced the need to enter into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) – matters protected by the attorney-client privilege. Mr. Wilson made a motion to enter into Closed Session, which was seconded by Mr. Burrell and passed unanimously. The Board entered into Closed Session at 5:10 pm.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 6:07 pm.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Cloer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

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Terry Bell, Chairman  
Board of Trustees

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Don Tomas, Secretary  
Board of Trustees