

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Southwestern Community College
September 14, 2017 – SCC Jackson Campus

Attending:

Trustees

Terry Bell
Bobbi Jo Carlton
Doug Cody
Vance Davidson
Karl Gillespie
Paul Holt
Mark Jones
Libby Knight
Lambert Wilson

College Staff

Don Tomas
William Brothers
Nan Coulter
Johnathan Dean
Curtis Dowdle
Tyler Goode
Benjamin Johnson

Guest

Madison Shuler

Absent

Jeff Cloer
Jean Ellen Forrister
Jeremy Hyatt
Gary Shields

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College (SCC) met for a special called meeting on September 14, 2017 in the Charles Siler Slagle Board Room of the Conrad G. Burrell Building on the Jackson campus. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Chairman Terry Bell called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and read the Ethics and Conflict of Interest statement.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS' MINUTES

Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings of July 25, 2017. Mr. Holt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. William Brothers, Vice President for Financial and Administrative Services, presented the proposed 2017-2018 College Budget to the Trustees for review and discussion.

Dr. Tomas presented three design options for the campus entrance to the Trustees for review and discussion. After discussion, Mr. Holt made a motion to approve Option 3, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously.

Dr. Tomas presented the plats of the 6.0 acres of land offered to the College by the Macon County Board of Commissioners for construction of the Fire Rescue Training Facility on Siler Farm Road for review and discussion.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Gillespie made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 College Budget as presented and to accept the 6.0 acres of land offered by the Macon County Board of Commissioners for construction of the College Fire Rescue Training Facility. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson and passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Bobbi Jo Mathews Carlton was introduced to the Board of Trustees by Dr. Tomas and was administered the Oath of Office by Ms. Nan Coulter to serve as the 201-2018 Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Carlton expressed her enthusiasm for serving for the academic year and thanked the Trustees for their warm welcome.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Tomas presented outgoing Student Representative Madison Shuler with a plaque of appreciation and her Board of Trustees portrait and thanked her for her service during the past academic year as Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Shuler thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to serve.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Davidson made a motion to enter into Closed Session under North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(2) – Privileged Information. Mr. Holt seconded the motion, and the Board went into Closed Session at 5:36 p.m. The Board returned from Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. and announced that it had authorized the following actions related to the damage to the Balsam Building on the Jackson campus resulting from the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s R5000 project:

1. Authorized the College President to instruct the College Attorneys to send Letters of Demand on September 15, 2017 to DeVere Construction Company, The Travelers indemnity Company, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Attorney General, requiring satisfactory response to the College by September 28, 2017;
2. Authorized the College President to instruct the College Attorneys to file complaint against DeVere Construction Company and the North Carolina Department of Transportation on September 29, 2017 in Superior Court of Jackson County if the College does not receive satisfactory response by September 28, 2017.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Tomas reminded the Trustees that the SCC Foundation’s Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and Bling Gala will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino. He encouraged the Trustees to attend and shared that the SCC Foundation expects to meet the \$1 million goal of the Student Success Campaign on that evening.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Terry Bell, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Don Tomas, Secretary
Board of Trustees