

**Minutes of the
Gaston College Board of Trustees
Teleconference Meeting
August 24, 2020**

Members Present on the Teleconference: (Attendees had the option to attend the teleconference meeting in person or remotely. Those attending remotely are noted.)

Mr. John Dancoff, Vice Chair
Ms. Jennifer Davis, Secretary
Mr. Steve Hall
Ms. Iris Hopper
Ms. Resa Hoyle
Mr. Steve Huffstetler
Mr. Tom Keigher
Ms. Janie Peak
Ms. Suzanne Riley
Mr. Tim Smith
Ms. Julie Stroupe
Ms. Natalie Tindol
Mr. Randy Vinson
Ms. Najira Davis, SGA President (attended remotely)

Dr. John Hauser, President

Members Absent: Sheriff Alan Cloninger

Others Present: Those attending remotely will have (AR) after their name. Ms. Hannah Angel (AR), Mr. Todd Baney, Mr. Sam Buff (AR), Mr. Jerome Connor (AR), Dr. Dewey Dellinger, Ms. Mary Ellen Dillon, Mr. Stephen Haynes (AR), Ms. Lori Hupp (AR), Mr. Zachary Kendra-Dill (AR), Ms. Cynthia McCrory, Ms. Savonne McNeill, Ms. Stephanie Michael-Pickett (AR), Ms. Shikera Moore (AR), Mr. Brad Overcash, Ms. Elizabeth Richardson (AR), Dr. Audrey Sherrill (AR), Mr. James Smith, Mr. Darren Stewart (AR), Ms. Lena Thompson (AR), Ms. Crystal Todd (AR), Mr. Luke Upchurch, Dr. Jim Watson, Ms. Brittany Wilson; and Mr. Carl Stewart, College Attorney. The public was invited to listen via livestreaming to the meeting as per Open Meetings Law.

Vice Chair Dancoff called the teleconference meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

- **Invocation – Ms. Hopper**

As this was a teleconference meeting, Vice Chair Dancoff relayed to the Trustees some helpful information and protocols of which they would need to be aware:

- The public has access to view and hear this meeting via a streaming link available on the meeting agenda, which is posted to www.gaston.edu, under the "About Us" tab, then "Governance." Trustees and special guests will use the Zoom link, which was sent to them.
- Trustees must identify themselves prior to making a motion, commenting on a deliberation, or voting. All votes during the meeting will be conducted by roll call, which the Board Executive Administrative Assistant will conduct.
- Chats, instant messages, texts, or other written communications among members of the Board regarding transaction of public business while the meeting is in order are part of the public record.
- Per Open Meetings Law, all Trustees' microphones will remain un-muted for the entirety of the meeting, as will Executive Council members' and Mr. Stewart's microphones.
- Trustees should please be vigilant regarding excess noise as that would be a distraction to the other meeting attendees. The public is invited to listen to the meeting.

Vice Chair Dancoff asked Ms. Dillon to conduct the roll call. The following trustees were noted as present:

Vice Chair John Dancoff, Ms. Jennifer Davis, Mr. Steve Hall, Ms. Iris Hopper, Ms. Resa Hoyle, Mr. Steve Huffstetler, Mr. Tom Keigher, Ms. Janie Peak, Ms. Suzanne Riley, Mr. Tim Smith, Ms. Julie Stroupe, Ms. Natalie Tindol, Mr. Randy Vinson, and Ms. Najira Davis.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

- **Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder**

Vice Chair Dancoff reminded Trustees of the ethics requirements of public servants and requested they identify any conflicts of interest or appearance of conflicts of interest present. No conflicts were identified.

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Dancoff asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. None were identified.

Mr. Keigher moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Huffstetler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted resulting with 13 yea votes and 0 nay votes. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 22, 2020, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

Vice Chair Dancoff presented the Minutes of the June 22, 2020, Board of Trustees Meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. No changes were identified.

Ms. Peak moved to approve the June 22, 2020, minutes; Mr. Keigher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted resulting with 13 yea votes and 0 nay votes. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Welcome Guests and Introduce New Employees

Dr. Hauser welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Ms. Lori Hupp, Faculty Senate President, and Mr. Darren Stewart, Staff Senate President, who were attending remotely. He then invited the Vice Presidents to introduce the new employees in their Divisions.

Mr. Baney, VP for Administrative Services, Introduced:

Mr. Stephen Haynes, Human Resources, Coordinator-Professional Development

Ms. Cecilia Novinski, Communications Specialist-Campus Police and Security (Not in attendance.)

Mr. Michael McPherson, Campus Police Officer (Not in attendance.)

Ms. Lena Thompson, Coordinator-Environmental, Health and Safety

Ms. Crystal Todd, Communications Specialist-Campus Police and Security

Dr. Dellinger, VP for Academic Affairs and Interim VP for EWD, Introduced:

Ms. Hannah Angel, Secretary-Small Business Center/Continuing Education

Ms. Amanda Lamphear, Instructor-Nursing, 9-Month (Not in attendance.)

Ms. McCrory, VP for Finance, Operations, and Facilities Introduced:

Ms. Shikera Moore, Supervisor-Payroll/Accounts Payable/General Accounting

Dr. Sherrill, VP for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Introduced:

Mr. Zachary Kendra-Dill, Director-Advising and Testing

Ms. Elizabeth Richardson, NCWorks Career Coach

Dr. Hauser concluded the introductions by again welcoming the new employees to the Gaston College Family.

2. Welcome New Trustees

Vice Chair Dancoff warmly welcomed four new trustees to the Board and provided a brief introduction for each one.

Ms. Resa Hoyle

Ms. Hoyle is a resident of Dallas and a Gaston College graduate. She went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Lenoir-Rhyne College and a Master of Arts in School Administration from Gardner-Webb University. She has an extensive background in the education field, where currently, she is a Beginning Teacher Support Coordinator for Gaston County Schools. She serves on the Leadership Gaston Advisory Board, various committees within St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and the North Gaston High School Athletic Booster Club.

As per N.C.G.S. §138A-15(c), Vice Chair Dancoff reported to the Board that Ms. Hoyle's SEI noted a potential conflict of interest – her spouse owns Hoyle Appraisal Services, a real estate appraisal and land development company. In addition, Ms. Hoyle and her spouse own financial interests in Dirt Road Properties LLC, a commercial rental company and DWH Management & Services Co. Inc. Therefore, Ms. Hoyle has the potential for a conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of her duties should issues involving these entities or any other in which she and her spouse own a financial interest come before the Board for official action.

Mr. Steve Hall

Mr. Hall is a resident of Bessemer City and a Gaston College graduate. He retired from Gaston College after a 22-year career in the facilities area. In 2007, he formed High Caliber Athletics Inc., a locally recognized non-profit to help kids in the community who wanted to be involved in sports. He has worked with students from all walks of life to challenge them and maximize their talents and abilities.

As per N.C.G.S. §138A-15(c), Vice Chair Dancoff reported to the Board that Mr. Hall's SEI noted a potential conflict of interest – his spouse owns a financial interest in Dominion Energy. Because power and energy companies occasionally have real estate properties for sale or lease, and the Board has the authority to acquire, hold, and transfer real and personal property, he has the potential for a conflict of interest. Therefore, Mr. Hall should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should issues involving Dominion Energy come before the Board for official action.

Ms. Julie Stroupe

Ms. Stroupe is a resident of Cherryville and a Gaston College graduate. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Gardner-Webb University. She has been with BB&T, now Truist Financial, since 1998, advancing through various positions and is now a Teammate Banking Specialist. She is an active member of Mount Beulah Baptist Church where she is the organist/pianist, a Sunday School teacher, and Churchwide Missions Educator. She is also active with the Cherryville Little Theater.

As per N.C.G.S. §138A-15(c), Vice Chair Dancoff reported to the Board that Ms. Stroupe's SEI noted a potential conflict of interest - she is employed by Truist Bank, whose business could intersect with the Board. Therefore, Ms. Stroupe has the potential for a conflict of interest, and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of her public duties, should issues involving Truist Bank come before the Board for official action.

Ms. Najira Davis

Ms. Davis is a resident of Gastonia and a student at the Gaston Early College High School. Ms. Davis is a hard-working, dedicated, and loyal student. She cherishes both her community and school, and she is passionate about helping others. She looks forward to the opportunity to serve the Student Government Association as president. Ms. Davis is working on obtaining an Associate in Science degree at Gaston College and plans to transfer to a four-year university to study nursing.

3. Recognition of Service to the Board of Trustees

Vice Chair Dancoff, on behalf of the Board, had invited Dr. Jim Watson, Mr. Brad Overcash, Mr. Steve Campbell, and Mr. James Smith to attend the August Board of Trustees meeting to thank them for their service to the Board of Trustees as their terms had ended. He relayed to the Board he was sorry the College had to have this ceremony by Zoom and with masks due to COVID-19 and couldn't have a *Hall of Fame* ceremony for them as their contributions to the Board of Trustees were numerous.

Dr. Jim Watson

Dr. Watson was appointed by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to serve on the Gaston College Board of Trustees; he served on the Board for eleven years. Since his appointment in 2008, he served two years as a member of the Board's Campus Affairs Committee, six years on the Facilities Committee-with three of those years as Facilities Chair, and three years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

On the Campus Affairs Committee, Dr. Watson helped to guide the College through important policy decisions and was part of the approval process for the Human Services Technology Degree. As a member of the Facilities Committee, a new Facilities Master Plan was generated, the Gaston County Greenway approved, and several renovation projects took place. Additionally, the Center for Advanced Manufacturing was constructed and the Veterinary Medical Technology facility begun. Vice Chair Dancoff thanked Dr. Watson for his commitment and dedication to the College's Mission and the Gaston College Board of Trustees. Vice Chair Dancoff invited Dr. Watson to address the Board.

Dr. Watson commented that his tenure on the Board had been an enjoyable time, and he was grateful for the opportunity to serve with them. He further commented that he felt there was no greater impact on the quality of life for Gaston and Lincoln counties' citizens than the educational opportunities that Gaston College provides. The Board gave him a round of applause.

Mr. Brad Overcash

Mr. Overcash was appointed by the Governor's Office to serve on the Gaston College Board of Trustees. He served one, four-year term. Since his appointment in 2016, he has served three years as a member of the Board's Finance Committee, one of those years as Finance Chair. Mr. Overcash also served one year as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. During his years on the Finance Committee, he has helped guide the Committee through important financial decisions related to the College's various budgets, Capital projects, the town of Cramerton Firing Range agreement, audits, and funding for salaries and advanced degrees. Also, during that time, a new Strategic Plan for 2019-2024 was established.

During his time as Chairman of the Board, many important items came before the Board. The most important was the selection of Gaston College's new president, Dr. John Hauser. Mr. Overcash also attended and hosted many events to honor retiring president, Dr. Patricia Skinner. Many other College-related items occurred during the year, which included selection of a vendor for the café and the architect for the Lincoln Campus

expansion, the appointment of new Foundation Board Directors, the review of several policies in anticipation of the College's decennial SACSCOC review, approval of the Pharmacy Technology program, and a resolution supporting MyFutureNC. Vice Chair Dancoff thanked Mr. Overcash for the many ways he helped to uphold the College's commitment to excellence in education and support of the College's Mission. Vice Chair Dancoff invited Mr. Overcash to address the Board.

Mr. Overcash stated that he was proud to serve on the Board and felt the College is unrivaled in what it provides to the community. He commented further that under Gaston College's new president the College will grow and continue to offer courses that will allow students to advance their careers. He thanked the Board for letting him be a part of the work to bring educational opportunities to students. The Board gave him a round of applause.

Mr. Steve Campbell

Mr. Campbell was not in attendance. Vice Chair Dancoff commented he will invite Mr. Campbell to the October 5, 2020, meeting so the Board can honor his service at that time.

Mr. James Smith

Mr. Smith was appointed by the Gaston County Board of Education to serve on the Gaston College Board of Trustees. He served four, four-year terms. Since his appointment in 2004, he served twelve years as a member of the Board's Finance Committee, three of those years as Finance Chair, one year on the Facilities Committee, and three years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He also served on the WSGE 91.7 Radio Study Committee and later on the WSGE Ad Hoc Committee.

The Finance Committee reviews and recommends to the Board all college budgets. During Mr. Smith's tenure there were many budget challenges regarding funds reduced, reallocated, and reverted back to the State. The Finance Committee also reviews and approves all College contracts and bids for construction of new buildings and renovation projects. Mr. Smith also served one year as a member of the Facilities Committee, which was the year the Veterinary Medical Technology Facility plans were taking form. The three years Mr. Smith served as Board Chair, the CAM was being built, a new Master Facilities Plan was underway, and the encompassing HR Policy Review was held.

Vice Chair Dancoff thanked Mr. Smith for his work as a Trustee and as Chair for the Gaston College Board of Trustees as it has bolstered the College in many ways. The Board was grateful for his guidance, commitment and dedication to the College's Mission. Vice Chair Dancoff invited Mr. Smith to address the Board.

Mr. Smith thanked Vice Chair Dancoff for his kind words as they meant a great deal to him. He relayed that it is difficult to summarize a 16-year commitment to one of the most exciting things he has done in the volunteer world. It had been a joy to work with Board members and staff who do everything in the most professional way. Mr. Smith spoke of his early years as a Gaston College student in 1964, the growth of the Dallas Campus, and the instructors who mentored his accounting career.

He spoke of Gaston College's key role in Gaston and Lincoln counties and the respect it has garnered in North Carolina and even across the United States. From the boardroom to the classroom; from the accreditation process to the strategic planning process; from convocations to awards' ceremonies (which are so telling of the heartwarming stories of students' life struggles and students' successes); and teamwork effort that makes Gaston College's Board a success, likewise exemplified by the staff and faculty.

Mr. Smith stated it is often asked on occasions of celebration what words of wisdom and/or experience one might suggest. He relayed that Gaston College has a new president, who has hit the ground running in one of the most challenging times in our country and in the history of our college. He advised the Trustees to let him do his job, and he noted that the faculty and staff are the responsibility of the president. He further cautioned that the Board of Trustees is not a political Board. Political and personal agendas have one place, and that is outside the door of the Board's chamber.

Mr. Smith added a series of thank-you messages to individual trustees, staff, and Drs. Hauser and Skinner for their leadership, guidance, fairness, kindness, wisdom, community advocacy, and dedication to Gaston College's students. He concluded his remarks with this last thought: "May you find challenges with meaningful solutions; vision with a hope for tomorrow; leadership to equip and guide your team; the support of a caring and thoughtful Board and a continued faith that weaves throughout the fabric of your being. May God bless you all! Thank you!"

Vice Chair Dancoff thanked Mr. Smith for sharing his thoughts. The Board gave Mr. Smith a round of applause.

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hauser relayed to the Board the following news and information:

College Update - In their Board packet, a report was provided on the various meetings in which Dr. Hauser had participated since June. At each of the Board's places, Dr. Hauser had provided them with a GC backpack that was given to each student on the first day of classes. In the backpacks for the students were a GC tee-shirt, supplies, and helpful tips to keep them safe from COVID-19. He also gave Board members a Gaston College overview booklet and a Gaston College facemask.

Convocation - Dr. Hauser commented that this year's Convocation took place on August 19, with a virtual presentation to Campus. He thanked Ms. McNeill and the IT staff and all the various Campus departments that worked together to make the event happen. A copy of the notes from that presentation were included in the Board packet, directly behind his President's Report.

Enrollment - Enrollment is down eight percent in FTE; however, with the current pandemic that is not a surprise. Dr. Hauser reported many other colleges in our region and state have enrollment statistics that are down double digits. The College is offering several late start courses in its efforts to bolster enrollment with hopes to level out.

GC Safe Plan – Dr. Hauser relayed that Trustees were sent copies of the GC Safe Plans; however, depending on State recommendations, updates to the GC Safe Plans would be made regularly and can be found on the Colleges website at <https://www.gaston.edu/gcsafe/>.

Cybersecurity - Dr. Hauser advised Trustees that an update on the Cybersecurity project had been emailed to them earlier today (August 24, 2020). He would be glad to answer any questions they had concerning that material.

Vice Chair Dancoff thanked Dr. Hauser for his report.

E. SGA PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Ms. Najira Davis, SGA President, gave the following update on SGA activities since June 22, 2020. The report in its entirety can be found in the Board meeting packet.

Welcome Back Gifts for Students - The Office of Student Life and the Student Government Association prepared 4,000 gift bags for students to welcome them back to campus and celebrate the upcoming school year.

Greeter Day - SGA partnered with the Student Success Committee and participated in Greeter Day that was held on August 20 and August 24, 2020, at the Dallas Campus. Greeters were stationed at key academic buildings and the Myers Center to provide a warm welcome to students, information on campus resources, directions to classes, and answers to any additional questions they have.

Vice Chair Dancoff thanked Ms. Davis for her report.

F. CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Vice Chair Dancoff called on Ms. Jennifer Davis, Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee, to bring forward the items under consideration. Ms. Davis clarified that the Campus Affairs Committee had not met previously to consider the Action Items being brought forward, but she had discussed them with Dr. Dellinger and supports the actions under consideration. Ms. Davis called on Dr. Dellinger to introduce the Action Items. Dr. Dellinger relayed that the two programs, Therapeutic Massage and Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, that would be discussed had been reviewed by the internal College Curriculum Committee and the Executive Council. He then called on Dr. Allison Abernathy, Dean of Health and Human Services, to explain the proposed changes to both of the programs.

1. Therapeutic Massage Move to Continuing Education and Termination of the Curriculum Program.

Dr. Abernathy relayed that in the past several years, the enrollment in the Therapeutic Massage program has not been sufficient to support the program. Tables were provided to the Board with program costs versus FTEs generated, yearly enrollment by course, and awards by cohort.

There are five proprietary schools in neighboring counties that offer North Carolina Board of Massage & Bodywork Therapy approved programs that compete with Gaston College (Maiden School of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, North Carolina Massage School, North Carolina School of Advanced Bodywork, Inc., Southeastern Institute, and Therapeutic Massage Training Institute). These programs do not require general education coursework, and students can finish within a shorter period and enter the workforce sooner. Running the massage program through Continuing Education may potentially increase enrollment, since it would more closely compete with proprietary schools and would not require the additional curriculum coursework. Community colleges may run therapeutic massage through either curriculum or continuing education. About half of the NC community colleges offering Therapeutic Massage run the program through curriculum and about half as a certificate program through continuing education. The five-year employment projection for massage therapists for the Gaston College service area indicates an annual growth rate of 2.5%.

A teach-out plan has been developed for students who are already in the curriculum program. This plan will be sent to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

On behalf of the Campus Affairs Committee, Ms. Davis moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the termination of the curriculum Therapeutic Massage Program and its transfer to Continuing Education; Ms. Riley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted resulting with 13 yeay votes and 0 nay votes. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Nutrition and Dietetics Technician Program Move to Continuing Education and Termination of the Curriculum Program

Dr. Abernathy relayed that in the past several years, the enrollment in the Nutrition and Dietetics Technician program has not been sufficient to support the program. Tables were provided to the Board with program costs versus FTEs generated, yearly enrollment by course, and awards by cohort. The five-year employment projection for dietitians and nutritionists for the Gaston College service area indicates an annual growth rate of 1.3% with a total demand of 17 jobs during that period.

Gaston College is the only community college in North Carolina that offers the Nutrition and Dietetics Technician program. Due to increasing requirements for higher degrees, many college programs have begun to close programs. The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) has indicated that eight of thirty-one programs are pending closure.

The Certified Dietary Manager Certificate can be run through Continuing Education. A few of the courses can be added to the A.A.S. in Health and Fitness Science program. The program chair is qualified to teach in the Human Services program, which is doing well. She has taught for the Human Services program in the past.

A teach-out plan has been developed for students who are already in the curriculum program. This plan will be sent to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

On behalf of the Campus Affairs Committee, Ms. Davis moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the termination of the curriculum Nutrition and Dietetics Program and its transfer to Continuing Education; Mr. Huffstetler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted resulting with 13 yea votes and 0 nay votes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Davis then asked Vice Chair Dancoff for a moment of privilege to address the Board; he agreed. Ms. Davis thanked the Board for all the cards, flowers, gifts and food given to her and her family at the time of the death of her husband, Fred. They are all very grateful to everyone.

G. FACILITIES

Vice Chair Dancoff asked Ms. Peak to present the Facilities Item for review.

Ms. Peak took a moment before bringing the Capital Report forward to update the Board regarding a request she had received from Ms. Susan Neely, the head of the nurses for Gaston County Schools. Ms. Neely had called her to ask if Gaston College's senior CNA nursing students and senior Medical Office Assistants might come in and help out Gaston County Schools as school begins. They would take temperatures, facilitate school nurses in identifying cases, and other tasks at individual schools. They would receive their clinical hours under the direction of herself and other Certified RN nurses in her charge. Dr. Hauser and Dr. Allison Abernathy agreed to help the schools, which would be a better alternative for the students to complete their hours than going into hospitals where there would be more risk of COVID-19 infection. Ms. Neely, Dr. Booker and all those at Gaston County Schools were very appreciative of Gaston College working with them in this endeavor. Ms. Peak closed with a plea to the Board to look for opportunities, wherever, to work together for the benefit of the County.

1. Capital Reports

Ms. Peak called on Ms. McCrory to update the Board on the Capital projects.

Veterinary Medical Technology Facility

Ms. McCrory reported State inspections were completed and signed August 14, 2020, and the faculty and staff are moving into the building. There are many smiling faces.

Firing Range Cover

The Firing Range Cover has been completed. There had been some delays due to weather, but the last State inspection is scheduled for the week of August 24, 2020. Scheduling the various local departments for trainings has begun.

Lincoln Campus Space Renovation

This project had been delayed a few weeks as work was done to finalize the project scope. Initially, the College had thought to move the Massage Therapy program to the Lincoln

Campus, but different plans have now been made; and it will remain at the Dallas Campus. With this change in project scope, the budget has been reduced; however, another phase of the project may be planned later. The College will move ahead with this scope of work as there are some particular plans within this project related to moving the Esthetics program from the Kimbrell Campus to the Lincoln Campus that are critical to starting the Early College High School on the Kimbrell Campus. The College is initializing the project with the State, turning in the proper forms, and will get started as soon as possible.

Ms. Peak concluded by saying the Lincoln Renovation was part of an effort to better utilize space and group like programs together.

A question was asked by Mr. Vinson related to costs to attend the Vet Tech program at Gaston College versus Catawba Valley Community College. Dr. Dellinger and Dr. Hauser both replied they would research the issue and get that information for him. Dr. Hauser added that Mr. Vinson should relay to the student that brought that concern to his attention to feel free to call him or Dr. Dellinger so they could clarify any cost related issues.

H. FINANCE

Vice Chair Dancoff asked Ms. Riley to present the Finance Items for review.

1. FY 2020-2021 State Budget Update

Ms. Riley reviewed with the Board a Budget Projection Worksheet for the 2020-21 State Budget. The College's budget FTE is projected at 5,078, a 3.9% increase over the 2019-2020 budget FTE. A 3% reserve has been set aside for possible reversion. The working budget will remain relatively flat for 2020-2021.

This item was presented for the Board's information and review; no action was required.

2. FY 2020-2021 County Capital Priorities

Ms. Riley presented the FY 2020-2021 County Capital Priorities for the Board's information and review. The priorities were based on the \$697,000 in capital funding provided by Gaston County for the 2020-2021 budget year. No action was required.

2020-21	Priority	Budget Amount	Source
Morris Library Roof Replacement Main	1	\$ 275,000.00	County Cap
Craig/Dalpiatz/Pearson/CVA Building Automation Controls	2	\$ 150,000.00	County Cap
Rauch Science Building Exhaust System	3	\$ 150,000.00	County Cap
Maintenance Reserve	4	\$ 75,000.00	County Cap
OSHA/ADA	5	\$ 22,000.00	County Cap
Energy Conservation	6	\$ 25,000.00	County Cap
BUDGET YEAR TOTAL		\$ 697,000.00	County Cap

3. Financial Reports

A summary of expenditures for FY 2019-2020 through June 30, 2020, for State, Gaston, and Lincoln operating budgets and proprietary accounts in comparison to the previous year was provided for the Board's review and information.

I. REPORT FROM NCACCT

Mr. Vinson reported that the NCACCT Leadership Seminar would be held virtually; currently, there are 368 people registered to attend. This was approximately 100 more attendees than when the event is held in Raleigh. One Seminar session will cover North Carolina's economy after COVID-19 and the role community colleges will play. To discuss that topic, there will be panelists from the NC Rural Center, the NC EDA, and the Economic Development Partnership of NC. There will be other sessions for reappointed trustees and new trustees. Finally, the NC Ethics Commission will offer Ethics Training so trustees can fulfill their Ethics requirement.

Mr. Vinson further commented that the NCACCT is partnering with the ACCT on rural issues such as availability of broadband. Additionally, the Legislature is meeting on September 2, 2020, to discuss COVID relief issues related to community colleges.

Dr. Hauser thanked Mr. Vinson for his report and for serving with the NCACCT. He advised trustees to be sure to watch their emails for important information related to legislative bills and proposals. Several of these have a direct impact on Gaston College.

J. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chair Dancoff asked Ms. Tindol for her report as Chair of the Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 Board Officers. He thanked her, Mr. Huffstetler and Sheriff Cloninger, who also served on the Committee. Board Officers serve one-year terms and may be re-elected for up to three years. Ms. Tindol reported that the Committee had met three different times and then presented the following slate of nominations for Board Officers for consideration: Mr. John Dancoff for Board Chair, Ms. Jennifer Davis for Vice Chair, and Sheriff Alan Cloninger for Secretary. Vice Chair Dancoff asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Board, Vice Chair or Secretary Officers; no additional nominations were made.

Vice Chair Dancoff entertained a motion by Mr. Vinson that the nominations be closed and the Board accept the nominations by acclamation as presented by the Nominating Committee; Ms. Peak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted resulting with 13 yeas votes and 0 nay votes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Dancoff commented that he had recently conducted the New Trustee Orientation and told them how very humbled he had been to be a new Trustee on the Board when he first arrived. He thanked the Trustees for their confidence in him as Board Chair and would work for and with them to do anything he could to help Gaston College.

K. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Dancoff reported that there are currently eight trustees scheduled to attend the NCACCT Leadership Seminar on August 28 along with Dr. Hauser.

1. He relayed the following information to the Trustees about the virtual seminar:
 - NCACCT has indicated that each attendee will receive their own login with their unique username and password. If NCACCT does not already have their personal email address, they will be reaching out to collect that information. Ms. Dillon registered each trustee with this information, so they should have it.
 - Trustees will receive login instructions a couple days before the seminar, so if Trustees choose, they can practice logging in and looking around the virtual event platform.
 - Some Colleges are hosting groups of trustees in a computer lab or in a conference room for the event, which is totally fine, but each attendee will need to be logged in on a different device in order for them to get individual credit for attending their required training.
2. The ACCT Leadership Congress will take place October 5-8, 2020. Currently, four trustees are registered, and with the group rate, two more trustees can attend with no additional cost. Vice Chair Dancoff asked that trustees to let him or Ms. Dillon know if they wish to attend.
3. On August 25, a survey will go out asking Trustees to select the Board Committee on which each would like to participate; descriptions of all three committees were on the selection sheet. Trustees could select the Finance, Facilities, or Campus Affairs Committee. Trustees should note their first, second and third choices and send that information to Ms. Dillon by September 9. Once all the responses have been received, a confirmation email will be sent to everyone.

L. AJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the Board Vice Chair Dancoff entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Huffstetler made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Keigher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted resulting with 13 yea votes and 0 nay votes. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Davis, Secretary

Mr. John Dancoff, Vice Chair

Mary Ellen Dillon, Recording Secretary

(College Seal)