

**Minutes of the
Gaston College
Board of Trustees Meeting
Myers Center Multipurpose Auditorium, Section C
June 26, 2023**

Members Present: Mr. John Dancoff, Chair
Mr. Jonathan Fletcher
Dr. Shawnya Gore
Mr. Steve Hall
Ms. Resa Hoyle
Mr. Steve Huffstetler
Mr. Tom Keigher
Ms. Janie Peak
Mr. Tim Smith
Ms. Julie Stroupe, Secretary
Mr. Randy Vinson, Vice Chair
Ms. Sidney Hare, SGA President

Dr. John Hauser, President

Members Absent: Judge Jesse Caldwell
Mr. Alan Cloninger
Ms. Iris Hopper

Others Present: Ms. Shelly Alman, Mr. Todd Baney, Dr. Jeff Booker, Ms. Rebekah Ferguson, Ms. Patti Fisher, Ms. Guyann Howe, Ms. Andrea James, Ms. Meagan Lingerfelt, Ms. Terri Livingston, Ms. Erin Long, Mr. John Lowery, Mr. Willie Martin, Ms. Rachel McDowell, Chief Talmadge McInnis, Captain Rico McIlwain, Sr. Mr. Mack Millen, Ms. Renita Mizraim, Dr. Jennifer Nichols, Ms. Julie Ostrowski, Ms. Leslie Pressley, Ms. Sharika Ramseur, Ms. Taylor Rose, Mr. Stephen Sharp, Mr. Greg Smith, Mr. Luke Upchurch, Dr. Heather Woodson, Ms. Mary Beth Wortham, and Mr. Carl Stewart, College Attorney.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Dr. Hauser asked to make a special welcome and announcement.

Dr. Hauser shared that this past October (2022), we announced a vacancy for a Chief Operating Officer (COO) that would lead our Finance, Operations, Purchasing, Auxiliary Services, Information Technology, Facilities, and Plant Operations. We held multiple rounds of interviews with multiple candidates. We offered the position in early November of 2022. Since then, we have worked to achieve a start date for our new COO in confidence with respect to all organizations involved.

Our new COO, Dr. Jeff Booker, has spent the past thirty-six years serving in various capacities affording him the opportunity to utilize his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He has managed hundreds of millions in capital dollars, operations of one of the largest public school systems in North Carolina, large budgets while planning for growth, and increasing fund balances while maximizing State funding. Dr. Booker completed his Bachelor of Science Commerce degree from the University of Virginia, while his graduate degrees in Executive Leadership and Educational Leadership come from Gardner Webb University.

Dr. Booker served as Superintendent of Schools for Gaston County Schools since 2014, prior to that he served four years as Deputy Superintendent for Gaston County Schools, Assistant Vice President for Atrium, Assistant Superintendent of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, and was the Principal owner of LWA Associates (a firm that offered program management of educational facilities, owner representation, and claims analysis). Dr. Booker continues to hold a significant number of positions while serving on numerous boards locally and statewide. He continues to present and publish articles on education and the future of education. Dr. Booker also serves as a trustee of Ferrum College since 2017 which provides him valuable knowledge with higher education to supplement his tremendous knowledge and skills as our new Chief Operating Officer (COO). Dr. Booker's start date is July 1, 2023.

Chair Dancoff called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was present for the meeting.

- **Invocation – Ms. Hoyle**
- **Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder**
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

Chair Dancoff stated that the agenda would need to be amended to add an Executive Session at the end of the meeting. He asked if there were any other changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda.

Ms. Peak moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 22, 2023, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

Chair Dancoff presented the Minutes of the May 22, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. No changes were identified.

Mr. Fletcher moved to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting as presented; Mr. Huffstetler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Welcome Guests and Introduce New Employees

Dr. Hauser welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized John Lowery, President, Foundation Board of Directors; Ms. Tanisha Williams, Staff Senate President, was not present; Mr. Jeffrey Pruett, Faculty Senate President, was not present.

Dr. Hauser invited Ms. Alman, Mr. Baney, Ms. Mizraim, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Woodson to introduce the new employees in their divisions:

Ms. Alman introduced:

Ms. Patti Fisher, Accounts Payable Specialist

Mr. Baney introduced:

Mr. Willie Martin, Campus Police Officer
Mr. Rico McIlwain, Sr., Campus Police Captain

Ms. Mizraim (in Dr. Sherrill's absence) introduced:

Ms. Rachel McDowell, Academic Advisor

Mr. Smith introduced:

Ms. Erin Long, Criminal Justice Academy/Basic Law Enforcement Training

Dr. Woodson introduced:

Ms. Cheryl Logan, Instructor/Director of Nursing (unable to attend)

2. Student Spotlight

Ms. Leslie Pressley, Associate Dean-Health and Human Services, introduced Ms. Sharika Ramseur who has worked for CaroMont Health for fifteen years. Her first job there was in the cafeteria where she worked for one year. She then earned her CNA I and transferred to the medical/surgical unit where she worked for three years. After earning her CNA II, she transferred to labor and delivery where she has been working as a CNA II for the past eleven years.

Ms. Ramseur started the LPN program this past August through the CaroMont LPN Apprenticeship. There were 297 applicants for twenty seats. Sharika will graduate from the practical nursing program this July.

When asked how the LPN Apprenticeship program has benefited her, she stated:
"I'm currently doing my preceptorship on 3 South where I have accepted a position. This apprenticeship was a benefit for me because my unit was able to work with me and adjust my schedule as needed. I didn't have to pay for school which was a weight lifted. I was able to do clinicals at a CaroMont facility. It's a plus because I know this facility and it felt like home. I love that I'm precepting on the unit where I'll be working after graduation.

I'm learning hands-on while getting to know the unit. It's not so scary going to a new job as a new nurse when you've been in that unit two months before actually starting.

This opportunity would not have been available without the partnership between Gaston College, Apprenticeship NC, and CaroMont Health.

Ms. Peak shared that she personally was able to experience excellent care provided by Ms. Ramseur during her recovery at home after hip replacement surgery. Ms. Ramseur came highly recommended to Ms. Peak by Gaston College and CaroMont Health.

Chairman Dancoff thanked Ms. Pressley and applauded Ms. Ramseur on her achievements.

3. Landscape Architect Masterplan

Ms. Andrea James and Ms. Mary Beth Wortham with ColeJenest & Stone presented a PowerPoint representing their project approach of (1) Due Diligence & Site Analysis, (2) Visioning, (3) Ideation, and (4) today's presentation of the Final Landscape Master Plan. While working with campus staff, faculty, and the greater community several themes were identified that support the current and future vision of the campus: Enhance Campus Identity; Create a Pedestrian Friendly Campus; Strengthen and Expand Campus Core; Beautify Campus; and Operational Excellence.

Enhancements for the Dallas Campus included:

- Clock Tower Plaza
- Outdoor Class room at LSB
- Connection to Campus Quad
- RCB-CET Parking reduction and entry enhancement
- Reduction of Parking behind the Quad for Pedestrian Connection
- CVA and Volleyball Green Space Enhancement
- Health Science Expansion Future Building Enhancements and Pedestrian bridge connection to Green Space
- Green Space enhancements adjacent to VET
- Connection to future greenway
- Green screening of S/R/M
- Enhance gated entry and planting to training facilities
- Green space enhancements adjacent to LIF
- Greenway connection and screening plantings at CAM
- Outdoor classroom in wooded area at RCH

Priorities for the Dallas Campus included:

- Wayfinding and Signage on Campus
- Roundabout Entry
- Rhodes Drive Entry
- Tower Blvd Streetscape
- Clock Tower Plaza Enhancements
- Campus Open Space

- Lower Plaza
- Perimeter Campus Path
- Campus Quad
- Health Expansion Future Building Enhancements and Pedestrian Bridge Connection

A Six-Phase Plan for the Dallas Campus was also presented.

Notes for the overall landscape concept for the Kimbrell Campus were:

- Small enhancements to accompany the completion of the Fiber Innovations Center
- Enhancing the Entrance from Alice Avenue with monument signage, gate entry, and enhanced plantings
- Connectivity between all three buildings to enhance walkability
- Creating outdoor spaces for students and faculty a priority with a trail through the natural wooded area

Notes for the overall landscape concept for the Lincoln Campus in Concept 1 were:

- Creating continuity across all three campuses with additional branding and wayfinding to clearly communicate circulation to pedestrians
- Reduce parking on site to provide additional pedestrian-oriented greenspace along S. Academy St.
- Relocate accessible parking in front of the Lincoln Classroom building to provide additional green space at the entry
- Additional landscape added, more furnishings, and wayfinding similar to what has been recommended to the Dallas Campus to establish better continuity
- A small covered seating area added along Aspen St; another passive open space with natural plantings added west of the Cochrane Science & Tech Building

Several items discussed by the Trustees after the presentation were:

- The overall map of the Dallas Campus did not show the recent parcel purchased by the College.
- The Landscape Architects were provided the final DOT plan in front of the Kimbrell Campus
- The need for signage upgrades and overall groundskeeping maintenance

Chairman Dancoff thanked Ms. Wortham and Ms. James for the thorough Master Plan. He also relayed to the Board that the Master Plan would also be discussed during the Facilities portion of the meeting.

4. Recognition of Ms. Sidney Hare, SGA President

The following resolution was presented for adoption recognizing the leadership of SGA President Ms. Sidney Hare.

*Gaston College Board Of Trustees
Resolution
Honoring the Service of Ms. Sidney Hare*

WHEREAS, the Gaston College Board of Trustees wishes to express its appreciation to Ms. Sidney Hare for serving as President of the Student Government Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees during the 2022-2023 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hare accomplished all goals established for the 2022-2023 year as President, which strengthened the Student Government Association and benefited the students of Gaston College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hare served the Student Government Association and Gaston College with loyalty and dignity and was a role model for Gaston College students with her vision, enthusiasm, leadership abilities, and personal dedication to the group's success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hare served as the 2022-2023 Treasurer of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association, by planning and attending divisional and statewide conferences; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hare participated in the 2022-2023 North Carolina Community College System Student Leadership Development Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hare was nominated for the Governor Robert W. Scott Leadership Award for 2023 established by the North Carolina Community College System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hare gave generously and unselfishly of her time and talents to lead the Student Government Association with dedication and concern for fellow students and college needs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hare represented Gaston College and the Student Government Association with professionalism and passion while executing her duties as President;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved that: The Board of Trustees of Gaston College hereby gives formal expression of its gratitude to Ms. Sidney Hare, and directs that this Resolution be placed in the minutes of the Board of Trustees and a copy be given to Ms. Hare.

Respectfully,

John Dancoff, Chair
June 26, 2023

Julie Stroupe, Secretary

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hauser's activities, since the May 22, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting, were provided in the Board packet. Also, in the Board packet were reports from the Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Vice Presidents/Administrators for Economic and Workforce Development; Finance and Operations; Human Resources, Organizational Development, and Safety; the Foundation; and the Textile Technology Center.

NJCAA Women's Softball World Series – From May 23-May 26, the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) held the Women's Softball World Series in Alabama.

NJCAA Men's Baseball World Series – From May 27-June 2, the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) held the Men's Baseball World Series in Colorado. Although neither Rhino Team walked away with the Title, the experience for these players and Coaches was phenomenal. Both teams worked extremely hard all season acquiring Regional and District Titles and making Gaston College history.

2023 NJCAA Foundation Awards - On Thursday evening, June 8, five Gaston College staff members, my wife, and I attended the NJCAA Foundation Awards where Coach Leonard Hamilton was inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame. Coach Hamilton was recognized as beginning his collegiate basketball career as a student-athlete at NJCAA member college, Gaston College, to his career as the head coach at Florida State for the past 33 years. It was an honor and a privilege to be present during this momentous occasion.

Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, June 14, the Foundation Board of Directors met. Mr. Chad Melvin gave a Finance & Investment Committee report, Mr. John Lowery presented the Nominating Committee Report, and I provided the Gaston College Update. Mr. Upchurch reviewed the Foundation Budget and Updates.

Bosch Ground Breaking – On Tuesday, June 20, the Lincoln Economic Development Association and Robert Bosch Tool Corporation held a groundbreaking at their Lincoln facility. The expansion represents the largest in the history of Lincoln County. The new 325,000-square-foot facility will cater to the growing cutting tool division, serving industrial, professional, and do-it-yourself sectors in North America. Currently, Bosch has a headcount of 600 employees; however, after the completion of this expansion in five years, the workforce will exceed 1,000 people with a total investment of \$130,000,000 expected.

The Textile Technology Center Advisory Board – The TTC met on June 22, 2023, at the Kimbrell Campus. Mr. Chris Plemmons brought the meeting to order, Ms. Jasmine Cox-Wade provided a TTC Review and Education and Training Opportunities, Mr. Don Rusch and Mr. Stephen Sharp provided a FIC Update, Mr. Luke Upchurch and Ms. Terri Livingston discussed FIC Donations/Partnerships and I provided a Gaston College Update.

E. SGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SGA President, Ms. Sidney Hare presented the SGA report on SGA activities as of May 22, 2023.

Summer Event Programming – To support student event programming for the summer semester, the SGA scheduled a Kona Ice shaved ice mobile truck to provide free treats for the Lincoln Campus on June 6, 2023, and the Dallas Campus on June 7, 2023.

Amp Camp – The 2023-2024 SGA Vice President, Ja-riel Bailey, along with SGA Advisors Ms. Lingerfelt and Mr. McDowell, participated in the 2023 Amp Camp Retreat on June 13th – June 15th at Camp Caraway in Sophia, N.C.

N4CSGA Transition and Bonding Retreat - The 2023-2024 Gaston College SGA Vice President and 2023-2024 N4CSGA Vice President, Ja-riel Bailey, attended the 2023 N4CSGA Transition and Bonding Retreat on June 20th – 22nd at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount, N.C.

SGA Leadership Training– On June 26 – 29, 2023, the SGA Executive Board and Senators will participate in a summer training session to help inform and equip new and returning members of SGA to serve their student body during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Chairman Dancoff thanked Ms. Hare for her report and for her service on the Board of Trustees during FY 2022-2023.

F. FACILITIES

Chairman Dancoff called on Mr. Smith to provide the Facilities items for review.

1. Campus Beautification Initiative

On October 26, 2022, the Facilities and Finance Committees had a called meeting. The purpose was to review three architecture firms and their presentations in response to the College's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Landscape Architecture Master Plan as part of the Campus Beautification Initiative presented as an informational item to the Trustees on August 29, 2022.

The theme of the project included developing a master plan related to exterior spaces, focusing on campus beautification, outdoor learning and gathering spaces, connecting to the community, and inclusion of native and low-maintenance seasonal plants appropriate to the college's outdoor spaces. The college will use the developed master plan to implement the design in a phased approach.

The Facilities Committee and Board of Trustees awarded the contract to ColeJenest & Stone who presented earlier in the meeting their final plan.

Mr. Fletcher asked who made up the original Steering Committee for the Master Plan. The original Steering Committee consisted of Dr. Hauser, Mr. Luke Upchurch, Mr. Todd Baney, Mr. John Dancoff, Ms. LaShelle McClain, Mr. Sid Sowers, Mr. Tim Smith, Ms. Jasmine Cox, Dr. John McHugh, Mr. Michael Titus, Ms. Rosalind Welder, Mr. Mack Millen, Mr. Michael Dellinger, and Ms. Julie Wyatt.

Dr. Hauser referenced the handout provided to the Trustees in their Board packet with a list of projects assigned to Dr. Booker, Chief Operating Office. He pointed out that one of those projects was the Master Landscape Architecture Plan, costs associated with phases of the Plan, priorities, and recommendations to bring back to the Board prior to moving forward.

Upon the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, Mr. Smith moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees conceptually approve the Landscape Masterplan as presented.

Chair Dancoff asked if there was any discussion. As the motion came from Committee, a second was not needed.

The motion carried.

2. Capital Reports

Fiber Innovation Center

The concrete floor has been poured, windows are being installed, interior wall framing is 95% complete, sprinkler and water lines installed and asphalt work has begun. This project work is at 55% complete.

Burn Prop

Work should begin soon.

De-Escalation Center

Approval from the State Construction Office has been issued for the C Design contract. Once all signatures are obtained, RFP for construction can begin.

PTI Ventilation for Welding Shop

Work is complete.

Cybersecurity Renovations

Work has begun on all three campuses; electricity is being worked on and flooring; the project is 60% complete.

These items were presented for informational purposes; no action was necessary.

G. FINANCE

Due to Mr. Huffstetler's absence at the Finance Committee Meeting on June 19, 2023, he referred to Ms. Alman to present the Finance Items for review.

1. FY 2023-2024 County Budget Updates

Updates related to the FY 2022-2023 budgets for Gaston and Lincoln counties follow:

FY 2023-24 Gaston County Budget Update

Gaston College submitted the 2023-24 budget request to Gaston County on February 6, 2023.

<u>2023-24 Budget Requested</u>	<u>2023-24 Budget Manager's Recommendation</u>	<u>2022-23 Approved Budget</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>
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Operating	\$7,049,494	\$5,968,062	\$5,868,062	1.7%
Capital	797,219	797,219	797,219	0%

The budget was approved on May 9, 2023.

Ms. Alman noted Gaston County is planning to fund the Boiler replacement/upgrade project with American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. Mr. Millen will be meeting with them in the coming week to share projected costs. Dr. Hauser thanked Mr. Keigher for his support and help with this project.

FY 2023-24 Lincoln County Budget Update

Gaston College submitted the 2023-24 budget request to Lincoln County on January 17, 2023.

	2023-24 Budget <u>Requested</u>	2023-24 Budget Manager's <u>Recommendation</u>	2022-23 Approved <u>Budget</u>	Percentage <u>Increase</u>
Operating	\$368,329	\$279,499	\$279,499	0%
Capital	50,000	30,000	30,000	0%

A public hearing was held on June 5, 2023, for the recommended 2023-2024 budget with final approval by the Board of Commissioners to be held on June 19th.

This item was presented for informational purposes; no action was needed.

2. FY 2023-2024 State Budget Updates

The FY2023-25 Senate Budget Proposal was released on May 17, 2023. This proposal has not been passed by the Senate Chamber yet.

The proposal includes:

- \$41,965,132 in Student Investment expansion (to develop and expand community college courses in high-demand career fields, including nursing and other health-related programs)
- 2.5% Salary increase for College employees
- \$7,131,565 in salary increases for Nursing Faculty

This item was presented for informational purposes; no action was needed.

3. Change in Mileage

Effective January 1, 2023, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has established new mileage rates. The business standard rate for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) increased to 65.5 cents per mile.

Gaston College is requesting to increase the mileage rate from 62.5 cents per mile to the new rate of 65.5 cents per mile established by the IRS.

If a state employee chooses to use a personal vehicle, actual mileage is reimbursable. Mileage is measured from the duty station or point of departure—whichever is closer to the destination—to the destination (and return). In accordance with agency's policies, a state employee shall be reimbursed at a rate that does not exceed the business standard mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service (effective January 1 of each calendar year) when using their personal vehicle for state business. Unless otherwise specified, the Office of State Budget and Management adopts the IRS rate annually.

Gaston College also requests permission to modify future mileage rates as they are established by the IRS without annual approval from the Board of Trustees.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Mr. Huffstetler moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the annual IRS standard business mileage rate (65.5 cents per mile) as the mileage rate effective July 1, 2023, and grants the administration the permission to modify future mileage rates as established by the IRS.

Chair Dancoff asked if there was any discussion. As the motion came from Committee, a second was not needed.

The motion carried.

4. FY 2023-2024 Proprietary Budget

The proposed FY 2023-24 proprietary operating budgets follow.

Rhino Shop

- Bookstore revenues are expected to remain flat during fiscal 2023-24. There is still the expectation that the shift toward all-inclusive service offerings by publishers for students and an increasing use of Open Educational Resources (OER) by faculty will continue to reduce the costs of books for students while also reducing revenues for the Bookstore. OER are freely accessible, openly licensed textbooks, media, and digital assets faculty members can use in lieu of requiring a textbook. Cengage offers electronic access to online instructional materials for all Cengage courses for a single subscription fee which has a significantly lower profit margin than hardback textbooks. The use of Cengage subscription services for textbooks by students has greatly increased in the last few years. Bookstore payroll expenses for 2023-24 are expected to increase approximately 4% while purchases for resale and other operating costs are expected to decrease.

Campus Access

- The 2023-24 campus access fee revenues are projected to increase an estimated \$724,500 over prior year 2022-23 due to the increase in the campus access fee

effective July, 2022. The fees are mainly used for facility repairs, paving, landscaping, and other projects.

Vending, Discretionary, President’s Discretionary, and Fine Arts

- Vending revenue for 2022-23 continued to improve as students returned to campus but is still lower than pre-pandemic vending revenues. Budgeted vending revenues are estimated to increase \$7,500 over the prior year. This revenue is used for the President’s and staff discretionary and fine arts spending. The College will need to use \$15,000 of existing fund balance to meet expected expenses for 2023-24.

Textile Testing Center

- 2022-23. The impact of changes and construction at the Textile Technology Center on revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2023-24 will be closely monitored as we transition and move equipment into the Fiber Innovation Center.

SGA

- The SGA revenue budget is expected to increase slightly during fiscal year 2023-24 mainly due to interest earnings.

Fire Training

- Fire Training program revenues are expected to increase slightly during fiscal year 2023-24 due to an increase in fees charged. Fluctuating fuel cost impacts operating expenses for the program as well.

Cosmetology & Esthetics

- With the addition of the Nail Technician and Esthetics Programs to the Lincoln Campus, revenues are expected to increase \$5,000 over the prior year 2022-23.

Student Success Fee

- Based upon actual revenues collected Student Success Fee revenue is estimated to be \$70,000 for fiscal year 2023-2024. These funds are used to pay for the graduation venue and other related expenses.

The FY 2023-2024 proprietary expense budget totals are:

Rhino Shop	\$ 1,884,000
Campus Access (Usage) Fee	546,841
Vending	50,000
Discretionary	18,000
President’s Discretionary	30,000
Fine Arts	2,000
Kimbrell Campus Textile Testing	1,452,000
Student Activity	154,000
Fire Training	360,000
Cosmetology, Esthetics & Nail Tech	45,000
Student Success Fee	70,000

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Mr. Huffstetler moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the FY 2023-24 Proprietary Budgets.

Chairman Dancoff asked if there was any discussion. As the motion came from Committee, a second was not needed.

The motion carried.

5. FY 2023-2024 Supplemental State Budget Allocations

Following are the Supplemental State Budget Allocations received in **May and June 2023**:

361	Customized Training	42,535
220	Recruitment and Retention	<u>113,096</u>
	Total	155,631
Customized Training-Reconciliation		
31135	Dole Foods	81,744
31182	APTAR #3	37,390
31186	HYDAC	62,553
31178	Owens-Corning #2	36,861
31174	Tenowo	4,180
31173	Dixon Project	12,970
31187	Husky	2,024
31188	Fab Tech	5,495
31189	J & L Machine & Fabrication	48,592
31190	Metyx	14,752
31191	Cataler #4	86,791
31192	Hays Fluid Controls	19,999
31193	Blum (Project 2)	175,847
31194	Coats America	16,006
31195	Huber Technology Inc	2,996
31196	Plastics Product Manufacturing	5,913
31197	Hodges International	<u>49,093</u>
	Total	663,206

This item is presented for informational purposes; no action was needed.

4. Financial Reports

Month-end financials for May 2023 were presented to the Board. The State Budget is 86.9% spent, not including \$2,579,964 in budget funds reserved for future fiscal years. The Gaston County Budget is 85.4% spent, and the Lincoln County Budget is 71.5% spent.

This item was presented for informational purposes; no action was needed.
Chair Dancoff thanked Ms. Alman for presenting the Finance items for the meeting.

H. REPORT FROM NCACCT

Mr. Vinson shared that the Legislators are hoping to approve the budget by the third week in July. He also reminded everyone of the NCACCT in Wilmington from August 30 – September 1.

Chair Dancoff thanked Mr. Vinson for his report.

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Approval of Foundation Board of Directors Nominees

Pending Board of Trustees approval, the following individual has agreed to serve on the Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors:

Mr. Eric Clay- New Appointment

the managing partner of MECA Commercial Real Estate, joining his father in the business in 2004. Eric has served in numerous community capacities in Gaston including serving on the Board of Directors for United Way, Gaston Skills, Gaston Country Club, Habitat for Humanity, Charlotte Regional Commercial Board of Realtors representing Gaston County, and the Gaston Business Association. Eric is also the Head Golf Coach for the Girls' Varsity team at Gaston Christian School.

The Gaston College Foundation Board requested that Mr. Clay be approved to serve a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2023.

Mr. Keigher moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Mr. Eric Clay to serve on the Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2023; Mr. Huffstetler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Recognition of Service to the Foundation Board of Directors

The following resolution was presented for adoption recognizing the leadership and service of Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors President Mr. John Lowery.

*Gaston College Board Of Trustees
Resolution
Honoring the Service of Mr. John Lowery*

WHEREAS, Mr. John Lowery and his wife, Malinda, are proud alumni of Gaston College;
and

- WHEREAS,** Mr. Lowery has served as President of Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors from July 2021 through June 2023; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Lowery has brought inspired vision and dedication to the Gaston College Foundation during his leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Lowery has provided strategic input in expanding the Gaston College Foundation to support various new initiatives including Gaston College Athletics and the Fiber Innovation Center.
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Lowery, as President of the Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors, has led the Foundation's efforts to raise more than \$3 million for capital expansion, program support, and scholarships.
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Lowery has led the Foundation as it reached the \$6 million milestone in Endowed Fund generating more than \$300,000 each year to foster student success.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of Gaston College hereby gives formal expression of its gratitude to Mr. John Lowery and does hereby acknowledge the substantial contributions he has made to the Gaston College Foundation and to Gaston College and directs that this Resolution be placed in the minutes of the Trustees and a copy be given to Mr. Lowery

Respectfully,

John Dancoff, President

Julie Stroupe, Secretary

June 26, 2023

3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for FY 2023-2024 Board Officers

Prior to announcing the Nominating Committee, Chairman Dancoff reported that the Gaston County Board of Education has reappointed Steve Huffstetler for another term; the Gaston County Board of Commissioners has reappointed Janie Peak for another term; and the Governor's Office has reappointed Iris Hopper for another term.

Chairman Dancoff announced Mr. Jonathan Fletcher has agreed to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee; Tim Smith and Resa Hoyle will make up the rest of the Committee. They will meet during the summer and come back at the August meeting with their recommendations. He thanked them for taking on this important task.

4. FY 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule

At the last Board of Trustees meeting, members were asked to review the proposed FY 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule to see if there were any major conflicts with events in the community. No conflicts were identified.

The FY 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Board Meetings

Board meetings are scheduled at 3:00 p.m., as follows, in the Myers Center Auditorium, Section C, unless otherwise noted:

Monday, August 28, 2023	Monday, January 22, 2024
Monday, September 25, 2023 Lincoln Campus, LC 139	Monday, March 25, 2024
Monday, November 13, 2023	Monday, May 20, 2024 Kimbrell Campus, KCC 118
	Monday, June 24, 2024

Finance and Facilities Committees Meetings

Finance and Facilities Committees Meetings are scheduled at 3:00 p.m., as follows, in the Myers Center Auditorium: Section B

Monday, August 21, 2023	Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Monday, September 18, 2023	Monday, March 18, 2024
Monday, November 6, 2023	Monday, May 13, 2024
	Monday, June 17, 2024

Campus Affairs Committee Meetings

This Committee meets as needed. Meeting location to be determined.

Board of Trustees Retreat
Friday, February 9, 2024; 8 a.m.; Location TBD

The next NCACCT Leadership Seminar is scheduled for August 30-September 1, 2023 in Wilmington. Ms. Howe has provided Travel forms and information for those that have reached out to her for reservations. Eight Trustees have been registered to attend thus far. Please correspond with her as soon as possible if you plan on attending so that she can reserve a room while they are still available. Only one trustee is due for their Ethics Training by this fall and will be contacted individually about this.

Events coming up:

Finance/Facilities Committees	August 21, 2023	3:00 p.m.	MCMA, Section B
Board of Trustees Meeting	August 28, 2023	3:00 p.m.	MCMA, Section C
NCACCT Leadership Seminar	Aug. 30 – Sept. 1	TBD	Wilmington, NC
3rd Annual Rhino Classic Golf Tournament	October 2, 2023	11:00 a.m.	Gaston Country Club
Stampede for Student Success 5K/Run and 2K/Walk	November 4, 2023	8:30 a.m.	Dallas Campus

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with provisions of G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5), Chairman Dancoff entertained a motion to enter the Board into Executive Session.

Ms. Stroupe moved to enter the Board into Executive Session, and Ms. Peak seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Dancoff entertained a motion to close the Executive Session and return the Board to open session. Mr. Smith moved to close the Executive Session and return to open session; Ms. Hoyle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dancoff entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fletcher moved to adjourn; Ms. Stroupe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Dancoff adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Julie Stroupe, Secretary

Mr. John Dancoff, Chair

Guyann Howe, Recording Secretary

(College Seal)