

**Minutes of the
Gaston College
Board of Trustees Called Meeting
Gaston Country Club
February 9, 2024**

Members Present: Judge Jesse Caldwell
Mr. Alan Cloninger
Mr. John Dancoff
Mr. Jonathan Fletcher
Dr. Shawnya Gore, Secretary
Mr. Steve Hall
Ms. Iris Hopper
Ms. Resa Hoyle
Mr. Steve Huffstetler
Mr. Tom Keigher
Ms. Janie Peak
Mr. Tim Smith
Ms. Julie Stroupe, Vice Chair
Ms. Taylor Rose, SGA Representative

Others Present: Mr. Todd Baney
Dr. Jeff Booker
Dr. Dewey Dellinger
Dr. John Hauser, President
Ms. Guyann Howe
Ms. Andrea Lovelace
Mr. Greg Smith
Mr. Carl Stewart, College Attorney

Vice Chair Stroupe called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. A quorum was present for the meeting.

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

Vice Chair Stroupe 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 Stroupe asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda.

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

B. PERSONNEL MATTER

Vice Chair Stroupe reminded the Trustees of Mr. Vinson's letter of resignation as Chair and updated them on his recent resignation as a Trustee effective January 29, 2024. During the Board of Trustees meeting in Executive Session on January 22, 2024, there was discussion on appointing a Chair to preside the remainder of Mr. Vinson's term, June 30, 2024. A motion by Judge Caldwell was made but no vote was taken. Ms. Stroupe opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Gaston College Board of Trustees effective February 9, 2024, until June 30, 2024.

Mr. Cloninger nominated Ms. Stroupe to move from her current Vice Chair position to Chair of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Stroupe, although grateful for the nomination, declined the position.

Judge Caldwell made a motion that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Dancoff to serve as Chair of the Gaston College Board of Trustees effective February 9, 2024, until June 30, 2024; seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion carried.

C. FACILITIES

1. Textile Academy Renovation Project

Vice Chair Stroupe called on Dr. Hauser and Dr. Booker to review the Facilities Action Item.

Dr. Hauser reminded the Trustees of the move of the Esthetics program to the newly renovated space at the Lincoln Campus. The space vacated by the Esthetics program is what is being proposed for the Textile Academy; the primary focus at the Academy is adult learners. \$1.5 million of equipment was donated to the Academy. Dr. Hauser explained that it was an oversight that this was not brought before the Facilities Committee and the Board during the January meeting.

Mr. Cloninger asked Chair Smith and the Facilities Committee if they were comfortable delegating a decision by the Board before having it presented to the Facilities Committee. The Facilities Committee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Cloninger, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Fletcher unanimously agreed to proceed with the action item being presented to the Board.

Dr. Booker reported that the project will include interior and exterior renovations to the Kimbrell Classroom Building on the Gaston College Kimbrell Campus. The renovations will create space for (2) Analytical Testing Labs, a Microscopy Lab, and (2) Physical Testing Labs. This will allow for support and growth in industry training for the region, and nationally. It will also enhance the development of the Associate Degree in Textile Technology by offering students hands-on training. The drawings from the Architect were included in the Board material. Due to the size/cost of the project, it will need to

be submitted into a State Construction contract. There will be modifications and improvements in the Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing systems.

Dr. Booker also pointed out that the original estimated cost of the project is \$1,211,573, with an estimate of 15-20% for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment, Design fees, and Owner Soft Costs has now increased to a total of \$1,453,888. This will be funded by the State Capital Infrastructural Fund (SCIF).

Mr. Cloninger moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the Textile Academy Renovation Project as presented; seconded by Judge Caldwell.

Mr. Hall asked if the renovation would affect any other programs currently at the Kimbrell Campus. Dr. Hauser relayed that the Textile Technology Associate Degree is also offered in the Kimbrell Campus Building; the equipment added in the proposed renovation will enhance that program as well. The CNA program originally offered at the Kimbrell Campus has been moved to the Dallas Campus. He also clarified that the Cybersecurity lab located in the Kimbrell Campus Classroom building has been completed.

Ms. Stroupe expressed concerns about funding to overhaul the current Steam Plant system at Gaston College. Dr. Booker explained the central plant system and how the system has exceeded its life. With the assistance of some County funding, the replacement process has begun but mainly in the design phase. Dr. Booker anticipates future SCIF funding being allotted toward the replacement phasing of the current system. Dr. Booker also emphasized the challenge of multi-facility management; however, the College has the opportunity with the approval of this action item to create an international learning center at the Kimbrell Campus.

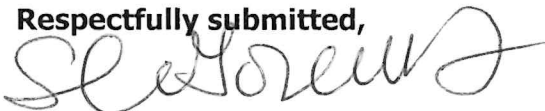
The motion carried.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Stroupe entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judge Caldwell moved to adjourn; Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Stroupe adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Shawnya Gore, Secretary



Ms. Julie Stroupe, Vice Chair

Guyann Howe, Recording Secretary

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