

**Minutes of the  
Gaston College  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Myers Center Auditorium, Section C  
May 20, 2024**

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

Dr. John Hauser, President

**Members Absent:** Mr. Steve Huffstetler, Mr. Tom Keigher

**Others Present:** Ms. Shelly Alman, Ms. Ja-riel Bailey, Mr. Todd Baney, Dr. Jeff Booker, Ms. Tonia Broome, Ms. Jasmine Cox-Wade, Ms. Guyann Howe, Ms. Meagan Lingerfelt, Ms. Terri Livingston, Ms. Andrea Lovelace, Mr. Rico McIlwain, Mr. Mack Millen, Dr. Jennifer Nichols, Ms. Julie Ostrowski, Mr. Jeff Pruett, Ms. Alisa Roy, Mr. Stephen Sharp, Dr. Audrey Sherrill, Mr. Greg Smith, Ms. Bailey Standridge, and Mr. Luke Upchurch

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 – Mr. Fletcher
- 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 asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. None were identified.

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

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM:**

**1) March 25, 2024**

Chair Dancoff presented the Minutes of the March 25, 2024, Board of Trustees Minutes; he asked if there were any additions or corrections. None were identified.

Mr. Fletcher moved to approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting; Ms. Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**C. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Hauser welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Mr. Jeffrey Pruett, Faculty Senate President, and Ms. Bailey Standridge, Staff Senate President.

**1. SEI – Possible Conflict of Interest**

Chair Dancoff relayed that by law the College has to tell the Board of Trustees about Mr. Carstarphen's potential conflict of interest and record the notification in the Board of Trustees meeting minutes as directed by the NC State Ethics Commission.

The letter from the NC State Ethics Commission stated:

We did not find an actual conflict of interest but found the potential for a conflict of interest. The potential conflict identified does not prohibit service on this entity.

When this letter cites an actual or potential conflict of interest under N.C.G.S. § 138A-24(e), the conflict must be recorded in the minutes of the applicable board and brought to the membership's attention by the board's chair as often as necessary to remind all members of the conflict and to help ensure compliance with the Act. N.C.G.S. § 138A-15(c).

Mr. Carstarphen is an At Large member of the Board of Trustees. He is the president and chief executive officer of Pharr McAdenville Corporation, whose subsidiaries include Belmont Land, a real estate investment and development company, Strand Development Co., LLC d/b/a Strand Hospitality Services, a hotelier company, and Greenleaves Capital, an investment and management company. He owns reportable amounts of stock in many publicly traded companies, including JP Morgan Chase, Waste Management Inc., and Wells Fargo. Because a Pharr McAdenville company, JP Morgan Chase, or another company in which he has a financial interest may seek to do business with Gaston Community College, Mr. Carstarphen has the potential for a conflict of interest. Accordingly, he should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should an entity in which he has a financial interest come before the Board for official action.

**2. OnBoard Meetings virtual presentation**

Mr. Matt Maxwell, Senior Consultant with OnBoard Meetings, had a 15-minute presentation on

the benefits of using his program for Board of Trustees information, meetings, and committee meetings. He emphasized that his company would develop an implementation plan, educating all users.

**3. BoardEffect virtual presentation**

Mr. Adam Holzer, Regional Sales Director with BoardEffect, presented how his program would help support the Trustees and the College with capabilities such as surveys, scheduling polls, auto-generated emails, training, etc.

**D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chair Dancoff presented the Executive Committee's items.

**1. Proposed Cloud-based Program for Board Material**

Dr. Hauser, Ms. Howe, and Ms. Lovelace evaluated two Board, Cloud-based, companies, AGB OnBoard and BoardEffect in April. Both are digital programs that offer end-user training and have simple and secure accessibility. May be used for all Board Committee meetings, Board of Trustees meetings, and President's Cabinet meetings, and will help staff work more efficiently and cost-effectively. The Executive Committee voted to move forward with the presentations. Both programs were introduced to the Trustees at the May 20, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting.

An initial cost of 16 iPads (\$16,712) however, there will be annual cost savings in printing based on FY2023-24 outsourced from Board meetings, not including other internal Committee meeting printing costs:

Meeting Material	Printing Expenses
August, 2023 Board Meeting	\$470.80
September, 2023, Board Meeting	\$647.35
November, 2023, Board Meeting	\$620.60
January, 2024, Board Meeting	\$1,021.85
March, 2024, Board Meeting	\$968.35
May, 2024, Board Meeting	\$950.00 (estimate)
<b>Board Total</b>	<b>\$5,427.95</b>
July, 2023, President's Cabinet	\$1,802.95 (one example)

The Trustees were very engaged during both presentations asking pricing, access, and training questions, etc. After some discussion, the Trustees suggested seeing if either company would offer a 30-day trial to test the product before committing to purchase.

This agenda item was tabled so that Ms. Howe could follow up on the suggested 30-day trial and have the College's IT Department make sure the programs are secure.

**2. Proposed Naming to Honor Mr. Carl Stewart**

The Executive Committee met in April and discussed ways to honor Mr. Carl Stewart for all of his years of service to Gaston College. The timing seemed perfect with the College celebrating its 60th Anniversary beginning this fall. Several naming ideas were considered, however, based on Mr. Stewart being such an avid reader and a champion of community college training and education, it seemed fitting to name the Learning Center in the Morris Library as the Carl J. Stewart Learning Center.

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve to move forward with the naming of the Learning Center in the Morris Library as "The Carl J. Stewart Learning Center."**

As the motion came from Committee, a second was not required. Chair Dancoff asked if there were any discussions.

The motion passed.

### **3. Proposed College Attorney Interviews**

The Executive Committee met in April and discussed a potential succession plan for the College's long-time attorney, Mr. Carl Stewart. The plan included maintaining Mr. Stewart's services but hiring a law firm to provide additional support for specific needs. If approved by the Board, interviews would be set with three different firms during the June 2024 Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Hauser emphasized that the College plans to retain Mr. Stewart as its legal counsel, however, additional legal support is needed. He also stated that once a firm is selected, the firm would work alongside Mr. Stewart. Chair Dancoff stated that he had discussed this with Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Stewart supported moving forward with this plan.

Mr. Baney was asked to provide a general overview of the types of legal matters that may arise from time to time. Examples shared were matters related to contracts/leases, vendors/agreements, employment/benefits, and education.

Several Trustees suggested the College maintain its current structure of having a local attorney provide general counsel to work with Mr. Stewart until he retires and continue to work with larger firms for specialized issues.

The majority of the Trustees were not comfortable with moving forward with interviews of outside firms until Mr. Stewart was further consulted, specifically on whether the College should first consider a local attorney before considering a larger, outside firm.

This agenda item was tabled for further discussion.

### **4. Proposed Board of Trustees FY2024-25 Calendar**

During the February 2024 Board of Trustees Retreat, Dr. Hauser presented a new Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule and Committee Calendar for consideration. Changes would support

Committee restructuring with more business being vetted during committee meetings. The proposed FY2024-25 calendar dates were provided in the Board material. A Board of Trustees calendar with traditional meeting dates for FY2024-25 was distributed during the meeting.

**Proposed FY 2024-25 Board & Committee Meetings**

Month	Meeting
July 2024	No Meeting
August 2024	Board Meeting
September 2024	Committee Meetings
October 2024	Board Meeting
November 2024	Committee Meetings
December 2024	Board Meeting
January 2025	Committee Meetings
February 2025	Retreat/Board Meeting
March 2025	Committee Meetings
April 2025	Board Meeting
May 2025	Committee Meetings
June 2025	Board Meeting

**FY 2024-2025 Traditional Meetings**

**Traditional Board Meetings**

August 19, 2024	January 21, 2025 (Tuesday)
September 23, 2024	March 24, 2025
November 18, 2024	May 21, 2025
	June 23, 2025

**Traditional Finance & Facilities Meetings**

August 12, 2024	January 13, 2025
September 16, 2024	March 17, 2025
November 12, 2024 (Tuesday)	May 12, 2025
	June 16, 2025

**Board of Trustees Retreat**

**Friday, February 7, 2025; 8 a.m.; Location TBD**

After some review and discussion of both calendars, the consensus of the Trustees was opposed to the proposed new calendar dates and in favor of keeping the Board of Trustees traditional meeting dates, i.e., seven Board meetings and one retreat for FY 2024-2025, Finance and Facilities Committee meetings to be held the week before the Board meetings and other committees meet as needed.

Mr. Cloninger made a motion to approve the Traditional FY 2024-2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar. Ms. Hoyle seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

## 5. Proposed Revision of Board of Trustees Bylaws

During the February 2024 Board of Trustees Retreat, Dr. Hauser presented a revised Board of Trustees' Bylaws for the Trustees to consider and edit. The Bylaws were sent to the Trustees via email. After three different opportunities to make or recommend changes, the revised Bylaws were presented for discussion and adoption.

As a result, the following changes were recommended:

- The Board Secretary shall be elected by the Board from its membership-page 7
- The Board Secretary's duties may be assigned to the President or the Administrative Assistant to the President added language-page 8
- NC G.S. 115D-12 updated to 2023 Community College Laws of North Carolina-2023 Edition-pages 10-11
- If based on Robert's Rules, the SGA President, a non-voting member, should not be counted for a quorum during Board meetings but can be counted as part of a quorum for committee meetings-page 6

Once the recommended changes have been made, Ms. Howe will distribute the revisions to the Board via email before the June Board meeting. The revised Bylaws will be listed as an agenda item for discussion and adoption during the June 24, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting.

## E. Facilities

Mr. Smith presented the following Facilities Committee items, stating the items had been vetted by the Committee.

### 1. Proposed Lease Agreement for De-Escalation Training Facility Land

The City of Gastonia owns the real property on Bob and Pat Boyd Drive, Gastonia, North Carolina, at Rankin Lake Park, where Gaston College plans to construct a 5,000 square-foot De-Escalation Law Enforcement Facility/Structure to be used as part of the Basic Law Enforcement Training ("BLET") program. A ***Summary of Key Provisions*** for the proposed De-Escalation Center Land Lease is provided below and a copy of the proposed full lease was provided in the Board material.

#### ***Summary of Key Provisions***

The proposed lease included Gaston College constructing a De-Escalation Training Facility together with the necessary parking, pedestrian, and outdoor training and drainage and utility facilities on the land to carry out a de-escalation training program for use in its Basic Law Enforcement Training program. As part of the College's construction project, the College agrees to construct improvements to the existing access road crossing the City's property and providing access to the Land (the "Road Improvements"). The College shall construct the Road Improvements to City standards and in accordance with the plans prepared by City.

The College agrees to construct and maintain certain improvements needed for the De-Escalation Training Facility. Any improvements constructed by the College on the premises are owned by

the College throughout the term of the lease agreement. At the conclusion of the term of this agreement or any option, renewal thereof, the College will surrender the entire premises, along with the improvements, which will become the property of the City of Gastonia.

The lease will be effective for a forty (40) year term. The parties agree that the City may terminate this agreement early by giving the College 90 days' written notice of said termination. Should the City terminate this agreement after College has incurred the expenses of constructing the Improvements, the City shall purchase the improvements. The purchase price shall be the depreciated value of the Improvements (straight-line basis using a schedule of forty (40) years based on actual original cost of the Improvements.)

**Upon the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, Mr. Smith moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the lease agreement for the construction of the De-Escalation Training Facility to be used as part of the Basic Law Enforcement Training ("BLET) Program at Gaston College.**

As the motion came from Committee, a second was not required. Chair Dancoff asked if there were any further discussions.

**The motion passed.**

## 2. Capital Reports

### **De-Escalation Center**

C Design is in the design phase. The City of Gastonia approved the zoning application. The vendor "Action Target" has presented a proposal for the structure and target systems. The RFP for the purchase of the structure, audio-visual, and target systems is posted on the electronic vendor portal (e-VP) and bids are due on May 22 at 3 p.m. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has approved the erosion control permit.

### **Fiber Innovation Center**

The project is currently 100% complete. The project documentation was approved by the State Construction Office on February 6, 2024. Shelco will be compiling all documents for transfer to Gaston College. The warranty period is now in effect. Utilities were transferred to Gaston College as of February 6, 2024.

### **Health Science Education and Simulation Center**

Awaiting confirmation and funding approval from the NC Office of State Budget and Management for the project. Once the Scope of Work is approved, the 3-1 form establishing the project will be submitted to the State Construction Office. An RFQ for architectural services will follow.

**Steam Plant Renovation Project**

Gaston County has provided a site assessment from AME Consulting Engineers with an estimated HVAC renovation cost for each building. They have made a revision for two boiler rooms that will need to be added in the Beam Administration Building and the Morris Library buildings. We are awaiting final drawings and cost assessments.

**Burn Prop**

Regional Emergency Services Training Center (RESTC) staff is installing internal walls, stairwell components, and entry doors. The project is approximately 90% completed. A new hydrant is to be installed and quotes are being requested for the final grading. The State Construction Office does not have oversight for the project since cost is less than \$500,000.

**Sims Park Scoreboard**

Components have been confirmed to be in the Ultravision warehouse in Texas. The City of Gastonia has given the months of May and June as possible dates available for the installation. We are awaiting confirmation from Ultravision for hard install date and training time frame to be established.

**Regional Emergency Services Training Center (RESTC)**

The Board of Trustees approved to proceed with the structural inspection January 22, 2024. The scheduled date for the structural inspection is May 13 – 17, 2024. The time frame for the project has been confirmed with the engineer, the testing agency, and the concrete patching contractor.

**F. FINANCE**

Ms. Stroupe presented the following Finance Committee items, stating the items had been vetted by the Committee.

**1. Student Fees**

NC State Board of Community Colleges Code SBCCC 700.1 authorizes local boards of trustees to establish local fees. Several fee changes and additions are recommended for adoption effective July 1, 2025.

Curriculum Fees:*Student Success Fee*

- The \$10 student success fee per student per semester was added in fiscal year 2024 replacing the \$45 graduation fee with the intent to offset the cost of graduation and student success software. Revenues collected have not been sufficient to cover costs; therefore a \$5 increase is proposed.

*Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) Scanning*

- The College no longer scans records for the career readiness certificate program; therefore the \$30 fee is no longer necessary.



#### *TEAS Testing Fee*

- The TEAS test is an exam that nursing students take when applying for nursing school. The fee is a pass-through fee where the College collects the fee and then pays the vendor for the tests. The fee for fiscal year 2025 increases from \$65 to \$70 per test.

#### *Library Late Fees*

- All late fee charges for the Library will be forgiven with a donation to the Gaston College Food Bank.

#### *Library Card Replacement Fee*

- The Library currently does not charge a fee for a replacement library card and proposes a \$1 fee for each replaced card to offset the cost of issuing library cards.

#### *Clinical Compliance Software Package Fee*

- The College no longer collects this fee for the nursing or veterinary technology programs since students now pay directly when creating accounts on-line.

#### Economic Workforce Development/Continuing Educational (EWD):

##### *Regional Emergency Services Training Center Fees (RESC)*

- Increase fee for State Breathing Equipment School \$250 to \$350 to offset increase in material costs.
- Increase fee for Flashover Simulator classes from \$150 to \$250 per burn to offset increase in material costs.
- Increase Training Center Fees from \$80 per person per day to \$85 per person per day to offset increase in material costs.
- Delete fees for Swiftwater rescue classes as these classes are no longer offered.
- Increase instructor hourly rates for Offsite Flashover Training from \$31.95 to \$32.50 to increase instructor retention and recruitment.

##### *Emergency Medical Services Fees (EMS)*

- Add a \$32 pass-through fee for the FIDAP Scheduler Software which is required for the Emergency Medical Technician Basic Initial Class.

##### *Pharmacy Tech Fees*

- Pharmacy Tech program has been moved from curriculum to EWD. The lab fee of \$15 is proposed to cover the cost of materials used in the class. The \$104 fee for Complio and the \$20 fee for My Clinical Exchange are pass-through fees required for the program.

##### *Manufacturing & Textile Academies Fees*

- A \$100 fee for in-house created books, supplies & certification fee is proposed for the new Manufacturing and Textile Academies.

##### *Introduction to Service Technician Fees*

- A \$100 fee for in-house created books, supplies & certification fee is proposed for the new Introduction to Service Technician program.

*Community Education Fees*

- A \$1 increase fee for the Genealogy & Local History Basic and Advances classes to cover costs.

The increases in fees are to offset increases in operating costs for the tests and programs involved. Fees have been eliminated for classes no longer offered.

**Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Ms. Stroupe moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve all proposed Student Fees.**

As the motion came from Committee, a second was not required. Chair Dancoff asked if there were any discussions.

**The motion passed.**

**2. FY2024-25 Interim Budget**

The North Carolina Community College Law 115D-57 states:

In case the adoption of the budget resolution is delayed until after July 1, the board of trustees shall authorize the president, through interim provisions, to pay salaries and other ordinary expenses of the institution for the interval between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget resolution. Interim provisions so made shall be charged to the proper allocations in the budget resolution.

There are no fiscal implications for the budget other than to authorize ongoing expenditures until the 2024-25 Budget Resolution is approved by the Board.

**Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Ms. Stroupe moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Administration's request for the interim budget in accordance with the North Carolina Community College Law 115D-57.**

As the motion came from Committee, a second was not required. Chair Dancoff asked if there were any discussions.

**The motion passed.**

**3. Pension Spiking**

During the 2014 General Assembly session, contribution-based benefit cap (CBBC) legislation was enacted effective Jan. 1, 2015, to control the practice of "pension spiking" in which a retirement system member's compensation substantially increases, resulting in a monthly retirement benefit that is significantly greater than the member and employer contributions would fund. As part of this calculation, a minimum average final compensation (AFC) amount is established before the calculation would apply, which is indexed for inflation each year. The current AFC threshold is \$130,764.73. This rule as established will only impact a few members of the retirement system. The legislation requires the member's last employer to pay the additional contribution required to fund the member's benefit in excess of the cap.

The State Treasurer's office reports monthly to each employer a list of those members for whom the employer might be required to make an additional contribution. The chief financial officer of the agency is required to provide a copy of the report to the chief executive and the governing body, so that all are aware of the potential future liability.

Gaston College receives monthly reports from the State Treasurer's office identifying members who are close to the AFC threshold. The members identified may or may not actually reach the CBBC at the time of their actual retirement.

As of April 2024, the report from the NC Department of State Treasurer identifies 9 members who may be eligible to retire in the next 13 months whose estimated monthly retirement benefit exceeds the CBBC. There is 1 member whose salary exceeds the AFC threshold creating the potential for a required additional retirement contribution of \$187,633.29 should that member retire in 2024. We will continue to monitor the calculation in the future.

The report provided was for informational purposes; no action required.

4. Biannual Employment Vacancy/Turnover Report

In compliance with State Board Code 1A SBCCC 200.4 and Gaston College Policy 6-1.1, a biannual report detailing employment vacancy and turnover is required to be presented to the Board of Trustees. The vacancy/turnover report lists 67 positions that turned over from April 2023 to April 2024. The open position report shows 24 open positions as of April 29, 2024.

The report provided was for informational purposes; no action required.

5. Supplemental Budget Allocations

Supplemental State Budget Allocations received in March 2024.

**GASTON COLLEGE**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024/Supplemental Budget Allocation**

PURPOSE	DESCRIPTION	STATE CURRENT
361	Customized Training	\$ 39,542
various	Faculty Recruitment & Retention	\$ 529,864
various	Enrollment Growth Reserve	\$ 65,077
357	Apprenticeship	\$ 2,000
559	Finish Line Grant	\$ 12,789
	TOTAL	\$ 649,272

**Customized Training – Reconciliation  
As of March 2024**

		YTD Total
31142	Bosch Hand Tools	85,048
31135	Dole Foods	44,367
31182	APTAR #3	1,260
31107	AB Carter	12,004
31186	HYDAC	9,460
31178	Owens-Coming #2	48,452
31174	Tenowo	7,810
31187	Husky	116,834
31189	J & L Machine & Fabrication	53,619
31190	Metyx	11,925
31193	Blum (Project 2)	149,619
31195	Huber Technology Inc	23,460
31196	Plastics Product Manufacturing	3,498
	<b>Total for FY 2024</b>	<b>567,356</b>

The report provided was for informational purposes; no action required.

**6. Financial Reports**

Ms. Stroupe presented the summary of expenditures for month-end March 2024 for the State, Gaston, and Lincoln County operating budgets provided in the Board material.

The State budget is at approximately 75% spent at the end of March 2024. Spending for non-categorical funds is on target at 0.60% under budget. Spending in categorical funds is being monitored to ensure the College spends the funding to the fullest extent possible by the end of the fiscal year. However, some categorical funds are hard to spend due to eligibility requirements.

Although the Gaston County Budget report shows spending is on target for the year with 75.01% spent, the College is having to subsidize that budget due to the under-budgeted amount needed from the County. The Lincoln County Budget is also on target and will be fully spent by the end of the fiscal year.

Ms. Stroupe also reviewed the Proprietary Funds in comparison to the previous year:

The Rhino Shop

FY2024 revenues are down approximately \$111,000 when compared to the same period for FY2023. Expenses are also down approximately \$318,000 compared to the prior year in part due to the bookstore renovation and the way books are offered ranging from free access to subscription services in the prior year. Transfer Out of the Bookstore to other areas is to fund scholarships for students and athletics. The current bottom line of the Bookstore has improved when compared to the same time the prior year.

#### Textile Center

As the Fiber Innovation Center construction is finishing up and equipment is being moved and purchased, FY2024 revenues are down approximately \$88,000 over the prior year. Expenses are also down significantly due to all payroll relating to the Textile Center being moved to State funding.

#### Athletics

Expenses relating to Athletics through the end of March are \$1,179,314 which is funded via student activity fees, excess lab fees, campus access fees, and bookstore revenues.

#### Campus Access Fee

Revenues and expenses are both up. Revenues are higher than anticipated due to increased enrollment. Expenses have increased due to moving salaries for part-time security officers and some facility projects usually charged to the Gaston County budget to Campus Access Funding. Expenses also increased over the prior year due to the replacement of older trucks in the facility and campus security fleets.

#### Fire Training

Revenues for the fire training program have remained essentially flat when compared to the prior year. Relating expenses are slightly down for Fire Training in FY2024 most likely due to the more stable gas prices. Regional Emergency Services Training Center is expected to improve financially with the proposed increase in fees.

#### Foundation

Total Foundation cash and investments is \$13.8 million at the end of March 2024.

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

### **G. SGA REPORT**

Ms. Rose reported that the SGA planned and sponsored various events since the last Board of Trustees meeting. There was a total of 750 students who participated in all the events that were held.

#### N4CSGA Spring Conference

The SGA traveled with six student representatives and three advisors from April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 7, 2024, to participate in the N4CSGA Spring Conference in Durham, NC. During the N4CSGA Spring Conference event, current SGA Treasurer, Autumn Queen, was voted as the 2024-2025 N4CSGA Vice President.

#### Spring Fest

During the week of April 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, the SGA hosted three Spring Fest events for the Kimbrell, Lincoln, and Dallas Campus students. Giveaway items, lunch, and sweet treats were offered at all three campuses.

#### **OneBlood Blood Drive**

On April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>, the SGA sponsored two blood drive events with the OneBlood organization on the Dallas Campus. A total of 28 units were collected during these drives to help local patients in need.

#### **Gaston College Health Fair**

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, the SGA participated in the Gaston College Health Fair, hosted by the Health and Fitness Science Program on the North Quad of the Dallas Campus, to set up a table of healthy snacks for participants.

#### **Sexual Assault Awareness Events**

On April 22, 2024, and April 24, 2024, the SGA invited Hannah Hopper and Mollie Weakland of the Hope United Survivor Network in Gaston County to set up a table of information on the Lincoln and Dallas Campuses for students to learn more about Denim Day, a globally recognized Sexual Assault Awareness related event.

#### **Student Awards Celebration**

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the SGA hosted the 2024 Student Awards Celebration event to honor students on the President's List and outstanding graduates for the 2023-2024 academic year. Eighty-seven students were recognized for their academic and leadership success. Ms. Rose provided the welcome and presented the Senator of the Year award to Hernan Nicasio.

#### **SGA Elections**

The SGA Elections were held on April 20 – April 25, 2024. The following students were elected to SGA for 2024-2025: Autumn Queen, President; Bannock Scott, Vice President; Jocelyn DaRosa, Treasurer; and Senators – Amara Bailey, Alexis Odell, Alyssa Carpenter, Collin Quinn, Jeshua Gallo-Solano, Kelay Endalkachew, Marissa LeMoine, and Sweet Win.

#### **Gaston College Grad Fair**

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Gaston College hosted its first Grad Fair event to celebrate and provide important information for the Gaston College Class of 2024 graduates.

#### **Bowl 4 The Goal**

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the SGA participated in the first 2024 Bowl 4 The Goal event at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, NC. The SGA was a sponsor for the bowling event and was able to provide two teams of four students to participate in the bowling tournament in May.

#### **SGA Graduates**

Four of the SGA members graduated this year. All four of the graduates are planning to transfer to a four-year after graduation to continue their studies.

### **H. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Dancoff shared the following:

- Graduation took place on May 10, it was a great ceremony at CaroMont Park with 1,225 graduates; Approximately 650 of those graduates walked. He thanked those who were able to attend.
- The Nominating Committee for FY 2024-2025 is Ms. Peak, Ms. Hoyle, and Ms. Stroupe with Mr. Peak serving as Chair. Board Officers will be set next month. Also, the Gaston Board of Commissioners and NC Delegation have not said if Mr. Hall, Ms. Hoyle, and Ms. Stroupe will be reappointed. Letters to the appointing agencies have been sent to ask for consideration of their reappointments. Mr. Smith will not be seeking reappointment; Lincoln County will be announcing his replacement. We hope to have that information soon.
- The NCACCT Leadership Seminar is scheduled for September 11 – 13 2024, in Asheville. Ms. Howe will send out notifications regarding reservations once the information is provided to her.

Events coming up:

Finance/Facilities Committees	June 17, 2024	3:00 p.m.	MCMA, Section B
Board of Trustees Meeting	June 24, 2024	3:00 p.m.	MCMA, Section C
NCACCT Leadership Seminar	September 11-13		Asheville, NC
Stampede for Student Success Color Run	September 21, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Dallas Campus
60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Music Festival	September 21, 2024	TBA	Dallas Campus

**I. PRESIDENT’S REPORT / REMARKS**

Due to time constraints, Dr. Hauser directed the Trustees to his and the College’s Divisional reports found in the meeting material for their review.

**J. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with provisions of G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6), Chair Dancoff entertained a motion to enter the Board into Executive Session to discuss a confidential matter and then a personnel matter. Mr. Hall moved to enter the Board into Executive Session, and Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Dancoff entertained a motion to close the Executive Session and return the Board to open session. Ms. Peak moved to close the Executive Session and return to open session; Ms. Stroupe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Dancoff entertained a motion to accept the proposed \$210,000 settlement by the NC Department of Transportation for the acquisition of right of way and easements at the Kimbrell Campus for the ‘Bridge 91 Improvements over Catawba River on US29/74 and Intersection Improvement on US29/74 and NC 7 Catawba’ Project. Ms. Smith moved to approve the motion; seconded by Ms. Hopper. The motion carried.

Chair Dancoff entertained a motion as the result of the Board's discussion of the President's evaluation survey. Ms. Peak moved that the Board of Trustees give the President an Exceeds Standards rating for his performance evaluation for FY 2023-2024 from the Board of Trustees with an annual salary increase of 8% inclusive of any increase from the State with an annual performance incentive bonus of \$25,000. Ms. Stroupe seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposing vote.

Dr. Hauser's evaluation will be communicated to the NC Community College President pursuant to NC State Board of Community Colleges Code 1C SBCCC 300.2.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dancoff asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none.

Mr. Fletcher moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Chair Dancoff adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

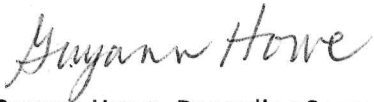
Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Shawnya Gore, Secretary



Mr. John Dancoff, Chair



Guyann Howe, Recording Secretary

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