

**Minutes of the  
Gaston College  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Myers Center Auditorium, Section C  
June 24, 2024**

**Members Present:** Mr. John Dancoff, Chair  
Judge Jesse Caldwell  
Mr. Bill Carstarphen  
Mr. Jonathan Fletcher  
Dr. Shawnya Gore, Secretary  
Mr. Steve Hall  
Ms. Iris Hopper  
Ms. Resa Hoyle  
Mr. Tom Keigher  
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. Alan Cloninger

**Others Present:** Ms. Shelly Alman, Mr. Todd Baney, Dr. Jeff Booker, Ms. Tonia Broome, Ms. Jasmine Cox-Wade, Dr. Dewey Dellinger, 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. Autumn Queen, Mr. Stephen Sharp, Dr. Audrey Sherrill, Mr. Greg Smith, Ms. Bailey Standridge, Mr. Luke Upchurch, and Dr. Heather Woodson

Chair Dancoff called the meeting to order at 3:02 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 asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. None were identified.

Mr. Keigher moved to approve the agenda; Judge Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

**1. May 20, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

Chair Dancoff presented the Minutes of the May 20, 2024, Board of Trustees Minutes; he asked if there were any additions or corrections. None were identified.

Ms. Peak moved to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting; Ms. Hoyle 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. Recognition of Ms. Taylor Rose, SGA President**

The following resolution was presented for adoption recognizing the leadership of SGA President Taylor Rose.

**Gaston College Board Of Trustees  
Resolution  
Honoring the Service of Ms. Taylor Rose**

**WHEREAS**, the Gaston College Board of Trustees wishes to express its appreciation to Ms. Taylor Rose for serving as President of the Student Government Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees during the 2023-2024 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rose accomplished all goals established for the 2023-2024 year as President, which strengthened the Student Government Association and benefited the students of Gaston College; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rose 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. Rose served as the 2023-2024 Treasurer of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association, by planning and attending divisional and statewide conferences; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rose 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. Rose 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. Taylor Rose, and directs that this Resolution be placed in the minutes of the Board of Trustees and a copy be given to Ms. Rose.

Respectfully,

John Dancoff, Chair

Dr. Shawnya Gore, Secretary

June 24, 2022

## **2. Recognition of Service to the Board of Trustees – Mr. Tim Smith**

Chair Dancoff shared the following comments regarding Mr. Smith.

Tim was appointed in FY 2019-2020 to fill an unexpired term by the Lincoln County Commissioners to serve on the Gaston College Board of Trustees. He was reappointed to serve the four-year term of FY 2020-2024. He has seen a lot of growth and assisted in that growth to serve the citizens of Gaston and Lincoln counties.

Since his appointment, he has been a valued member of the Board's Facilities Committee with two of those years as Committee Chair. Tim has also served on the Nominating Committee and participated in the creation of the College's Strategic Plan and the Landscape Master Plan.

During his four years on the Facilities Committee, a lot has been accomplished. The Dallas Campus Sign replacement, completion of the Lincoln Campus Cosmetology Center and other Lincoln Campus renovations, the Cyber Security lab renovations, Beach Volleyball Courts, Sims Legion Park MOU and turf upgrades, the Naming of the Patricia Skinner Veterinary Medical Technology Facility, the Rhino Shop renovation, the College Avenue Land Purchase and the new Fiber Innovation Center.

Tim, your work as a Trustee for the Gaston College Trustees has strengthened the College in many ways. We are most appreciative of your commitment and dedication to the Board of Trustees and the College's Mission, "To educate and care for people."

## **D. CAMPUS AFFAIRS**

### **1. Authorization – Working Policies for the 2024 Title IX Regulations**

Ms. Peak presented the Campus Affairs Committee action item regarding the new 2024 Title IX regulations. Ms. Peak noted that Mr. Baney, Dr. Sherrill, and others within the College have been working diligently to comply with the new regulations. The College has also been obtaining legal advice from Parker Poe to help ensure compliance with the new regulations. In sum, the College was requesting authorization to implement a "working" Title IX policy and related policies as of August 1, 2024 - the date the new regulations are to take effect. The topic was vetted by the Campus Affairs Committee and the Committee unanimously passed a motion to authorize the College to implement a working Title IX policy, and related policies, for compliance.

Some of the background supporting the motion included: On April 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Education issued its updated final regulations enforcing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., which will govern sex discrimination complaints regarding conduct that occurs on or after August 1, 2024.

Since the release of the new Title IX regulations, members of the College staff have been working diligently to learn, interpret, and understand the new requirements, which will precipitate the need for developing a new Title IX policy and reviewing various associated policies for potential revision. Note: the current Title IX policy will continue to be applicable for any reported matters that allegedly occurred prior to August 1, 2024, the effective date of the new regulations.

Due to the complexity and ambiguity of certain aspects of the new Title IX regulations, the new policy will not be completed in time for the June 2024 Board of Trustees meeting. And, since the Board of Trustees is not scheduled to meet in July 2024, it is requested that the Campus Affairs Committee, and ultimately the Board of Trustees, grant the College authorization to implement a new Title IX policy that complies with the new regulations. The new Title IX policy will likely inform changes to applicable associated policies such as Equal Opportunity (Non-Discrimination) and ADA/Reasonable Accommodation.

Once the new Title IX policy and any associated policies are finalized and ready for proposal, they will be presented to the Board sub-committee and the Board of Trustees for review, ratification, and/or approval. Additionally, the new Title IX policy and review of associated policies may require legal assistance, but the total implication for the budget is unknown at this time.

**Ms. Peak moved that the Campus Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the College to implement a "working" Title IX policy that complies with the new 2024 regulations, and any applicable associated policies (e.g., Equal Opportunity (Non-Discrimination) and ADA/Reasonable Accommodation) to be effective August 1, 2024, and that once the new Title IX policy and any associated policies are finalized and ready for proposal, they will be presented to the Board sub-committee and the Board of Trustees for review, ratification and/or approval.**

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

Ms. Stroupe asked if a time limit should be added to the motion from the Committee. Ms. Peak and Mr. Baney shared that detailed implementation plans have been developed that will guide the project which includes a framework for the new Title IX policy and some of the key decision points, and a checklist of other policies, information, and related documents that will likely need

to be updated to comply with the new Title IX regulations that are to be effective August 1, 2024. Although there are still aspects of the new regulations that need to be better understood, the intent is to have the actual new policy and related documents proposed to the Board Subcommittee and Board of Trustees as soon as practicable. Ms. Hopper and Judge Caldwell added comments supporting the motion.

Judge Caldwell Called the Question and Mr. Keigher seconded.

**The motion carried.**

## **E. Facilities**

Mr. Smith presented the following Facilities Committee items, stating the items were informational.

### **1. Capital Reports**

Fiber Innovation Center: The project is currently 100% complete. The plans and funding are being addressed for the addition of a chiller to serve the new equipment that is being installed. Shelco is in the process of several warranty repairs to the BDA (Bi-directional Amplifiers for emergency services radios) system, generator, compressed air system, and a sprinkler line leak that caused minor damage.

De-escalation Center: C Design is in the design phase. The City of Gastonia approved the zoning application. The submittals received from the RFP were reviewed and evaluated as required by the State Purchasing Guidelines. Those reports have been submitted for approval. Board of Trustees approved format of land use agreement with the City of Gastonia for the new structure and parking lot.

Health Science Education and Simulation Center: We are 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. The project is currently in the design phase; however, based on preliminary assessments the first phase will focus on the Comer Engineering Technology Building (CET) and the Robinson Classroom Building (RCB).

Burn Prop: RESTC staff is installing internal walls, stairwell components, and entry doors. The project is approximately 95% completed. The final grading will be completed soon. The State Construction Office does not have oversight for the project since cost is less than \$500,000.

Sims Park Scoreboard: The old scoreboard is currently being removed and the new scoreboard installation is scheduled to begin June 25, 2024.

Regional Emergency Services Training Center (RESTC): The Board of Trustees approved to proceed with the structural inspection January 22, 2024. The structural inspection took place May 14-16, 2024. We are waiting on the concrete testing process to be completed. Then we should receive the final report with their findings. The time frame for the project has been confirmed with the engineer, the testing agency, and the concrete patching contractor.

PTI Automotive Labs Exhaust System: The exhaust systems for the automotive labs in the Pharr Trade and Industrial Building, rooms PTI 109 and PTI 110, will be renovated to install updated equipment. The project is currently in the design phase.

Rauch Science and Fine Arts Building Lab Hood Exhaust System: The Lab Hood exhaust systems in the Rauch Science and Fine Arts Building need repair and renovation to restore them to full operation. This will include needed repairs, updates for energy savings, and the removal of the pneumatic controls and air compressor. The controls will be integrated with the Gaston College Building Automation System.

## **F. FINANCE**

Ms. Stroupe presented the following Finance Committee action item and informational items:

### **1. FY 2024-25 Proprietary Budget**

**The proposed FY 2024-25 proprietary operating budgets follow.**

#### The Rhino Shop

Bookstore revenues are expected to decrease 13.77% or \$259,500 during fiscal year 2024-25. The continuing 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 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 continues to increase from year to year. Bookstore payroll expenses for 2024-25 are expected to increase approximately 3% while purchases for resale and other operating costs are expected to decrease.

#### Campus Access

Campus access fee revenues are projected to be \$920,000 for fiscal year 2024-25 which approximates actual revenues for prior year 2023-24. The campus access fee was increased July, 2022. The fees are mainly used for campus security salaries, facility repairs, paving, landscaping, motor vehicles, student transportation, and other projects.

### Textile Technology & Fiber Innovation Center

Revenues for the Textile Technology & Fiber Innovation Center are estimated to be \$1,101,000 for fiscal year 2024-25 which approximates actual revenues for the prior fiscal year 2023-24. Restructuring and construction at the Textile Technology & Fiber Innovation Center has impacted revenues and expenses over the past couple of years. Salaries and benefits for employees have been moved to state funding. Revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2024-25 will be monitored as we continue to transition and move equipment into the Fiber Innovation Center.

### Fire Training

Fire Training program revenues are expected to increase \$144,000 or 40% during fiscal year 2024-25 due to an increase in fees charged approved at the prior Board meeting. Expenses are expected to increase \$77,442 or 22% due to anticipated increase in salaries and benefits and due to inflation. The savings generated in fiscal year 2024-25 will offset the deficits incurred in prior years.

### IMPLICATION FOR BUDGET

The FY 2024-25 proprietary expense budget totals are as follows:

Bookstore	\$ 1,624,000
Campus Access (Usage) Fee	\$ 663,046
Kimbrell Campus Textile Testing	\$ 1,101,000
Fire Training	\$ 437,442

**Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Ms. Stroupe moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the FY 2024-25 Proprietary Budgets.**

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

**The motion passed.**

## 2. FY 2024-25 County Budget Updates

### 2024-25 Gaston County Budget Update

Gaston College submitted the 2024-25 budget request to Gaston County on February 6, 2024

	<b>2024-25 Budget Requested</b>	<b>2024-25 Budget Manager's Recommendation</b>	<b>2023-24 Approved Budget</b>	<b>Percentage Increase</b>
Operating	\$7,057,331	\$6,021,775	\$5,968,062	1%
Capital	\$3,143,045	797,219	\$797,219	0%

The 2024-2025 budget was approved by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners on May 28, 2024.

### **2024-25 Lincoln County Budget Update**

Gaston College submitted the 2024-25 budget request to Lincoln County on January 17, 2024.

	<b>2024-25 Budget <u>Requested</u></b>	<b>2024-25 Budget Manager's <u>Recommendation</u></b>	<b>2023-24 Approved <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>Percentage <u>Increase</u></b>
Operating	\$394,698	\$354,698	\$279,499	27%
Capital	50,000	35,000	35,000	0%

The 2024-2025 budget was approved by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on June 3, 2024.

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

### **3. Supplemental Budget Allocations**

The Supplemental State Budget Allocations received in April and May 2024 were listed for review in the Board material. A total of \$1,075,825 in budget additions were received during this time period.

Customized Training for the fiscal year totals \$950,160. This funding provides corporate requested, specific training. Corporations and companies apply for state funded training which is delivered by the College.

Fiscal year 2024-25 begins July 1. The Finance Team is working hard to ensure we spend all available state and county dollars for FY2023-24.

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

### **4. Financial Reports**

Ms. Stroupe presented the summary of expenditures for month-end of May 2024 for the State, Gaston, and Lincoln County operating budgets and proprietary accounts in comparison to previous year.

**State:** State budget should be approximately 92% spent at the end of May 2024. Spending for non-categoricals is on target only 0.37% over budget. There are several individual areas slightly over budget that are being monitored and managed. 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. Some categorical funds carry-forward into the next year and others can be difficult to spend due to eligibility requirements.

**Gaston County:** Gaston County budget report shows spending is on target for the year with 90.6% spent. It is not a coincidence that county spending is almost exactly on-target. Due to the tight Gaston County budget, the College has had to use other funding sources to cover expenses typically covered with County funding.



**Lincoln County:** Lincoln County budget spent is on target and will be fully spent by fiscal year end.

**Proprietary:**

**The Rhino Shop:** FY2024 revenues are down \$145,704 and relating expenses are down \$540,481 when compared to the same time period for FY 2023. Transfers Out of the Bookstore to other areas fund scholarships for students, matching requirements for grants, and athletics. The bottom line for FY2024 improved when compared to the bottom line for the same time in the prior year but we believe the Bookstore will continue to experience declining revenues and will need to adjust and monitor expenses to break even.

**Textile Center:** As the Fiber Innovation Center planning continues and equipment is being moved and purchased, FY2024 revenues decreased approximately \$39,000 over the prior year. Expenses are also down significantly due to payroll relating to the Textile Center being moved to State funding.

**Athletics:** Expenses relating to Athletics through the end of May are \$1,133,287, which is funded via student activity fees, excess lab fees, campus access fees, and bookstore revenues.

**Campus Access Fee:** Revenues and expenses have both increased over the prior year. Revenue increase over the prior year 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 the replacement of older trucks in the facility and campus security fleets.

**Fire Training:** Revenues for the fire training program has remained essentially flat when compared to the prior year. Relating expenses are up slightly Fire Training in FY2024. We expected the financial position of the Regional Emergency Services Training Center to improve with the increase in fees approved at the last Board meeting.

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

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

**G. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**1. Approval of FY2024-2025 Board Officers for the Board of Trustees**

Chair Dancoff asked Ms. Peak for her report as Chair of the Nominating Committee (Ms. Peak, Ms. Hoyle and Ms. Stroupe) for Board Officers for FY2024-2025. Ms. Peak reported that the Committee had met and were presenting the following slate of nominations for Board Officers for consideration: Mr. John Dancoff, Board Chair, Judge Jesse Caldwell, Board Vice Chair, and Dr. Shawnya Gore, Board Secretary.

Chair Dancoff asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Board Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary Officers. No additional nominations were made, however, Mr. Fletcher questioned whether the three one-year consecutive terms for Chair outlined in the Bylaw requirements and vacancy between those terms were justifiable for Mr. Dancoff to serve again as Chair.

After further discussion, the Question was Called by Ms. Stroupe; seconded by Mr. Keigher.

Chair Dancoff entertained the motion by the Nominating Committee that the nominations for Board Officers for FY 2024-2025 be closed and the Board accept the nominations of Chair Dancoff, Vice-Chair Judge Caldwell, and Secretary Dr. Gore.

The motion passed with one opposing vote by Mr. Fletcher.

#### **H. SGA REPORT**

Ms. Rose reported that the SGA planned and sponsored various events since the last Board of Trustees meeting.

##### Amp Camp

The 2024-2025 SGA President, Autumn Queen, and SGA Vice President, Bannock Scott, along with SGA Advisor Ms. Lingerfelt, participated in the 2024 Amp Camp Retreat on June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup> at Camp Caraway in Sophia, N.C.

##### N4CSGA Transition and Bonding Retreat

The 2024-2025 Gaston College SGA President and 2024-2025 N4CSGA Vice President, Autumn Queen, and 2024-2025 N4CSGA Co-Advisor, Ms. Meagan Lingerfelt, attended the 2024 N4CSGA Transition and Bonding Retreat on June 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> at the NC Community College System Office in Raleigh, N.C.

##### SGA Leadership Training

The 2024-2025 SGA Executive Board and Senators participated in a summer training session on June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to help inform and equip new and returning members of SGA to serve their student body during the 2024-2025 academic year.

##### Summer Event Programming

To support student event programming for the summer semester, the SGA plans to provide a lunch and treat option for summer students and event-participating students during the upcoming Rhino Rush events. The first Rhino Rush event will serve Dallas Campus students on June 19<sup>th</sup> and the second will serve Lincoln Campus students on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The SGA also plans to bring out Kona Ice for and additional treat event on the Dallas and Lincoln Campuses during June and July.

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

##### **1. Approval of the Foundation Board of Directors Nominees**

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

##### Mr. Chad Ghorley- New Appointment

Ms. Ghorley is the CEO of Carolina Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine in Gastonia NC and has over twenty-five years of executive experience in healthcare leadership. Chad is a familiar face at the Rhino Softball watching his daughter, Emma (#33). Chad is the immediate past President of the

North Carolina Medical Group Management Associate and is a member of the Gastonia Board of Zoning. Mr. Ghorley is appointed to a four-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

Mr. Chris Elmore- Reappointment

An alumnus of Gaston College and a long-time supporter, Mr. Elmore was involved in the formation of AvidXchange in 2000. AvidXchange is a \$1.4 billion fintech company with 1000+ employees. In addition to his success at AvidXchange, Mr. Elmore is an accomplished author of eight books and countless articles. He has also served as a Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at UNC Charlotte and Queens University. Mr. Elmore is appointed to a four-year term beginning July 1, 2024. Mr. Elmore will be serving as the Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors President for FY 2024-2025.

Ms. Christa Heilig- New Appointment

Ms. Heilig is a real estate agent with McHenry Rosemond Realty in Gastonia. Christa is the mother to two amazing children, Katherine (21) and Four (19), who both attend NCSU and she is the wife to Charles. Christa has served on several boards in our community including, the Warlick Family YMCA, Gaston County Family YMCA Metro, Gaston Literacy Council, NextGen, and Gaston Community Foundation. She is a member of the Lutheran Chapel Church. Mrs. Heilig is appointed to a four-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

Ms. Rosalind Welder- Reappointment

Ms. Welder is an alumna of West Lincoln High School and Appalachian State University. She was the previous Dean of the Lincoln Campus at Gaston College, serving the College for 11 years. Ms. Welder has been involved in numerous community organizations since her retirement. In 2014, she was awarded the 2014 Lincoln County "Woman of the Year" award. Ms. Welder is nominated to serve a four-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

The Gaston College Foundation Board requested that these nominees be approved to serve a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2024.

Mr. Hall moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Mr. Chad Ghorley, Mr. Chris Elmore, Ms. Christa Heilig, and Ms. Rosalind Welder to serve on the Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2024; Mr. Smith 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

**Gaston College Board of Trustees  
Resolution  
Honoring Mr. D. Timothy Efrid**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tim Efrid and his family have proudly supported Gaston College; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Efird has served as President of Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors from July 2023 through June 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Efird has brought inspired vision and dedication to the Gaston College Foundation during his leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Efird has provided strategic input in expanding the Gaston College Foundation to support various new initiatives including the direction of the Foundation's investment portfolio.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Efird, 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. Efird has led the Foundation as it surpasses 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. H. Timothy Efird 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. Efird

Respectfully,

John Dancoff, Chair

Dr. Shawnya Goré, Secretary

June 24, 2024

3. Chair Dancoff shared the following:

The Gaston County Board of Commissioners has reappointed Steve Hall for another term; Mr. David Lee has been appointed by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for term 2024-2028. We still have not heard anything from the Legislators on Ms. Stroupe's and Ms. Hoyle's reappointments.

A survey will go out soon asking for your selection as to which Board Committee you would like to participate. You may select (1) Finance & Facilities, (2) Academic & Student Affairs (previously Campus Affairs), or (3) Administrative Services. You will be asked to make your first, second, and third choices; descriptions of all three committees will be on the selection sheet. Once all the responses have been received, a confirmation email will be sent to everyone.

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	August 12, 2024	3:00 p.m.	MCMA, Section B
Board of Trustees Meeting	August 19, 2024	3:00 p.m.	MCMA, Section C
NCACCT Leadership Seminar	September 11-13		Asheville, NC
Stampede for Student Success Color Run	September 21	9:00 a.m.	Dallas Campus

## J. PRESIDENT'S REPORT / REMARKS

- Board of Trustees Bylaws Revision update: After consulting with Parker Poe on the proposed Bylaws revision, other changes have been recommended. Once these changes have been made, the revision will be shared with you before the August Board of Trustees meeting so that they can be presented and voted on during that meeting. Dr. Hauser will also be presenting a flat fee or monthly fee proposal for Parker Poe Attorneys' services.
- During the May Board of Trustees Meeting two software programs were presented. A trial was offered by both companies and Tech Services did sign off on both being secure sites. Ms. Lovelace has been showing the meeting material in the BoardEffects program during today's meeting and is happy with the outcome.
- The Spring IRC report was submitted and FTE is up 9.2%
- For the summer 2024 term, the college experienced a 12% increase in the number of applications received to the college compared to last year and a 49% increase in the number of applicants who completed the enrollment processed and enrolled in summer classes
- The Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences had their first graduating class this year of 12 students.
- Beginning Fall 2024, the Lincoln Campus will house the Health and Teacher Academies in partnership with Lincoln County Schools as well as the new College Now pathway, Foundations of Agriculture. Both academies will address shortages in Lincoln County- Licensed Practical Nurses and Teachers. Sharing of Lincoln Campus program offerings continued at the LCS Opportunity Fair, Rotary Club, County Director of NC PreK, Lincoln County Extension, and community events such as Music in the Park and Live After 5.
- Art faculty Liliya Zaveliskaya has been accepted to the prestigious University of New Mexico's Tamarind Institute's 2024 July Summer Workshop on Aluminum Plate Lithography.
- The cosmetology, esthetics, and manicuring programs had a surprise inspection last week and scored 97% from the North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Arts.
- SkillsUSA - On to Nationals - GC won 1st place in Audio Production, Video Production, Medical Assisting, and Medical Terminology; Six (6) students and three (3) advisors will be attending the SkillsUSA National competition in Atlanta, GA, is taking place this week.
- Technology Services implemented an additional layer of Identify Protection on Office 365 and replace Cisco Firewall with new more secure Pal Alto Firewall. They are working 24/7 with Arctic Wolf, continuously updating servers for security purposes, and continuing to test and monitor VPN
- The Pilot BLET class was completed on 6/14/24. The State Exam was taken on June 19 with a 100% pass rate. This pilot class has been in class since January completing over 868 hours of training.
- Adult High School: 89 Graduates for the 2023-2024 program year. 61.8% increase in the number of graduates and 60.3% MSG for Adult High School

- All correctional facilities sections are currently running classes (Gaston Correctional, Lincoln Correctional, Gaston County Jail) 5 days a week for 5 hours per day. For the year 23-24, we have had 11 graduates so far and possibly 2 more by the end of June.
- WSGE received \$58,969 in donations during their spring drive with another \$4,237 pledged
- During FY23-24, 53 student-athletes made the All-Academic team in Region 10 with a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- The Foundation Calendar of Events, the Grant Activity report, and the Textile Technology Center/Fiber Innovation Center PowerPoint were pointed out in the Board material.

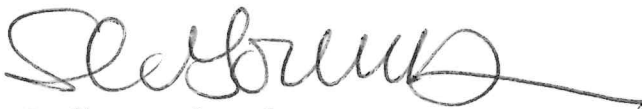
#### K. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Mr. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Keigher seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Chair Dancoff adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Dr. Shawnya Gore, Secretary**



**Mr. John Dancoff, Chair**



**Guyann Howe, Recording Secretary**

**(College Seal)**