

**Minutes of the
Gaston College
Board of Trustees Meeting
Myers Center, Section C
June 22, 2026**

Members Present:

Judge Jesse Caldwell, Chair
Ms. Janie Peak, Vice Chair
Dr. Shawnya Gore, Secretary
Mr. John Dancoff
Mr. Jonathan Fletcher
Mr. Steve Hall
Ms. Resa Hoyle
Mr. Steve Huffstetler
Mr. David Lee
Ms. Janie Peak
Mr. Bannock Scott, SGA President

Dr. John Hauser, President

Members Absent:

Mr. Bill Carstarphen, Sheriff Alan Cloninger, Ms. Iris Hopper, Mr. Tom Keigher, Ms. Julie Stroupe

Others Present:

Ms. Mikhaela Abarientos, Dr. Lisa Albright-Jurs, Mr. Todd Baney, Ms. Tonia Broome, Mr. Brett Buchanan, Mr. Caiden Buckner, Ms. Kate Carmody, Ms. Jasmine Cox-Wade, Dr. Dewey Dellinger, Mr. Sherod Dixon, Ms. Guyann Howe, Ms. Elizabeth Johnson, Dr. Zachary Kendra-Dill, Mr. Ronald Key, Ms. Meagan Lingerfelt, Ms. Andrea Lovelace, Ms. Suzanne Mauney-Smith, Mr. Kendrick McDowell, Mr. Rico McIlwain, Ms. Savonne McNeill, Mr. Mack Millen, Dr. Jennifer Nichols, Ms. Julie Ostrowski, Ms. Jennifer Pickett, Ms. Melanie Pullen, Mr. Stephen Sharp, Dr. Audrey Sherrill, Mr. Richard Walker, and Mr. Mike Whiteman.

Chair Caldwell called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 Caldwell 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 Caldwell asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. None were identified.

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

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. May 18, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting

Chair Caldwell asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the May 18, 2026, Board of Trustees Minutes. None were identified.

Ms. Peak moved to approve the May 18, 2026, Board of Trustees Minutes; Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. WELCOME

Dr. Hauser welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Mr. Michael Boone, who was representing Mr. Brett LaFemina, President of the Faculty Senate. He also welcomed Ms. Elizabeth Johnson, 2025–26 President of the Staff Senate, and Mr. Kendrick McDowell, 2026–27 President of the Staff Senate.

1. SkillsUSA

Dr. Lisa Albright-Jurs, Dean of the Career and Technical Education Division, introduced the National SkillsUSA students and faculty members who attended the competition and were present at the Board meeting.

Advisors:

- Kate Carmody
- Allison Fraley
- Ron Key

Students:

- Mikhaela Abarientos – First Place Team, Video Production Technology
- Sherod Dixon – Third Place Team, Audio Production Technology
- Melanie Pullen – Third Place, Medical Assisting.

Students Unable to Attend:

- Erika Danielle – First Place Team, Video Production Technology
- Anaia Mayner – Second Place, Health Occupations Professional Portfolio Presentation
- Colby Love – Third Place Team, Audio Production Technology

The students expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the competition. Dr. Albright-Jurs noted that several thousand students and advisors attended the event and that Gaston College may have been the only college represented in which all six competitors earned medals.

Dr. Albright-Jurs thanked the Board of Trustees, the Bosch Community Foundation, the Gaston Community Foundation, and the Gaston College Foundation for their generous support, which helped make the students' participation and success possible.

2. Recognition of Mr. Bannock Scott, SGA President

The following resolution was presented for adoption, recognizing the leadership of SGA President Bannock Scott.

**Gaston College Board of Trustees Resolution
Honoring the Service of Mr. Bannock Scott**

WHEREAS, the Gaston College Board of Trustees wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Bannock Scott for serving as President of the Student Government Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees during the 2025-2026 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott accomplished all goals established for the 2025-2026 year as President, which strengthened the Student Government Association and benefited the students of Gaston College; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott served as the 2024-2025 Secretary and Vice President of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association, by organizing board meetings, planning and attending divisional and statewide conferences; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott served as the 2025-2026 President of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association, by leading the executive board, and by being a member of the State Board of North Carolina Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott was the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association 2025 Bryan Pugh Award recipient for his dedication above and beyond the expectations of his role; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott was nominated for the Governor Robert W. Scott Leadership Award and recognized as the Gaston College 2025-2026 nominee; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott represented Gaston College and the Student Government Association with professionalism and passion while executing his duties as President;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June 2026.

In addition to presenting the resolution, Chair Caldwell commended Mr. Scott for his outstanding service as the Student Government Association (SGA) representative and presented him with a token of appreciation. Mr. Scott will attend Purdue University this fall.

Dr. Hauser congratulated Mr. Scott on his accomplishments and noted that he would be able to transfer Gaston College credits to Purdue University.

Mr. Scott expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Board and thanked the Trustees and College community for their support.

3. Recognition of Trustee Sheriff Alan Cloninger
The following resolution was presented for adoption:

**Gaston College Board of Trustees Resolution
Honoring the Service of Sheriff Alan Cloninger**

WHEREAS, Sheriff Alan Cloninger was appointed by the Governor's Office in 2002 to serve on the Gaston College Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cloninger has faithfully served six consecutive terms on the Board, totaling twenty-four years of distinguished service, including two years as Secretary of the Board; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he has provided steadfast leadership and guidance in support of Gaston College and the citizens of Gaston and Lincoln counties while witnessing and contributing to the institution's significant growth and advancement; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cloninger has served as a valued member of the Personnel, Facilities, Finance, Campus Affairs, and Administrative Services Committees, serving two years as Chair of the Facilities Committee and additionally serving as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, he contributed to the development of five Strategic Plans and participated in the creation of three Master Facilities Plans that helped shape the future direction of the College; and

WHEREAS, among the first initiatives he supported upon joining the Board was the promotion of a Missing Child Policy for the Early Childhood Development Center, demonstrating his long-standing commitment to student safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership and support, numerous renovation and maintenance projects were also completed, including improvements to the Kimbrell Campus Classroom Building, the

Lincoln Campus Cosmetology Center, and the Pharr Trade and Industrial Center; and construction of the Albright Public Safety Building, the Jerry W. Cochrane Science and Technology Building, the David Belk Cannon Health Institute, the Robinson Classroom Building, the Center for Advanced Manufacturing, the Veterinary Technology Facility, and the Fiber Innovation Center; and most recently the De-Escalation Center; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cloninger's dedication to education, public safety, student opportunity, scholarships, and institutional advancement has significantly strengthened Gaston College and furthered its mission to provide learning opportunities that improve lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston College Board of Trustees hereby expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Sheriff Alan Cloninger for his twenty-four years of exemplary service, leadership, and commitment to Gaston College and the communities it serves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees extends its sincere thanks and best wishes to Sheriff Cloninger for continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June 2026

4. Recognition of Trustee John Dancoff

The following resolution was presented for adoption:

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

WHEREAS, Mr. John Dancoff was appointed to the Gaston College Board of Trustees by the Lincoln County Commissioners in 2014; and

WHEREAS, throughout his dedicated service to Gaston College, Mr. Dancoff faithfully served on the Finance and Facilities Committee, as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, and beginning in 2020, served four one-year terms as Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Gaston College experienced significant academic growth through implementation of numerous new programs in the areas of health, career and technical education, transfer, Apprenticeship 321, and the Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership and during his service, Gaston College earned numerous recognitions and honors, including the Bellwether and Distinguished Partners awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dancoff supported the return of collegiate athletics to Gaston College, resulting in conference titles, national tournament appearances, and enhanced student opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dancoff played an instrumental role in advancing numerous capital improvement projects and master planning, including, the Center for Advanced Manufacturing, the Skinner Veterinary Medical Technology Facility, the Fiber Innovation Center, Lincoln Campus

improvements, the De-Escalation Training Facility, athletic facilities, facility renovations, the proposed Lincoln Center for Advanced Technology; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dancoff contributed to the development of the College's 2024–2026 Strategic Plan and supported the institution through its SACSCOC reaffirmation of accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dancoff cultivated strong relationships with community partners and government leaders, and actively represented Gaston College at trustee conferences; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dancoff's vision, leadership, and unwavering commitment have made a lasting and meaningful impact on Gaston College and the communities it serves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston College Board of Trustees hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mr. John Dancoff for his years of exemplary service, leadership, and dedication to Gaston College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees extends its best wishes to Mr. Dancoff in all future endeavors and recognizes his enduring legacy of service to the College and the citizens of Gaston and Lincoln Counties.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June 2026.

Mr. Fletcher moved to adopt the resolutions honoring Mr. Bannock Scott, Sheriff Alan Cloninger, and Mr. John Dancoff into the minutes of the June 22, 2026, meeting. Ms. Hoyle seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

D. FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Huffstetler presented the following informational items, which were vetted during the Committee meeting held on June 15, 2026.

1. 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 was presented to the Board of Trustees.

The primary purpose of this report is to demonstrate that the college is actively recruiting for open positions and is not intentionally delaying the hiring of key roles for improper or unethical reasons.

It was noted that some positions have taken longer than expected to fill for the following reasons:

- Compensation is not competitive.
- Shortages of qualified candidates, particularly in specialized fields such as IT, trades, and healthcare.
- In some cases, the recruitment process may take longer than usual.
- Increased competition for talent.

- Limited flexibility for remote work.
- Positions may be opened, placed on hold, and then reopened based on fiscal conditions, which extends the overall time to fill.

This agenda item was for information only; no action required.

2. Supplemental Budget Allocations

The College's net increase in Supplemental State Budget Allocations through May 2026 was \$4,571,409. Customized Training received an additional \$52,088 allocation for fiscal 2026.

Description	State Current
High-Cost Health Care Workforce Start-Up - Carryforward	\$ 818,170
Adult Basic Education - Carryforward	72,157
Apprenticeship Building America - Carryforward	12,390
Apprenticeship Expansion - Carryforward	200,404
Equipment - Carryforward	896,952
Books - Carryforward	12,817
Base Skills PBF - Carryforward	1
Other PBF - Carryforward	3,163
Perkins - Carryforward	24,109
BioNetwork	864,811
Short-Term Workforce Development	7,435
Finish Line Grants	26,211
Disaster Recovery Act of 2024	124
Adult Basic Education	253,759
Title II Corrections Education and Other Institutionalized Individuals	24,461
Faculty Recruitment and Retention	427,502
Nursing Faculty Salary Adjustment	197,622
Modernization of Degree Program Competencies	20,000
Career Coach	148,163
Longevity	450,723
Enrollment Growth Funding	307,767
Apprenticeship Recall	(6,000)
Apprenticeship Recall	(44,307)
Apprenticeship Expansion - Recall	(97,108)
Modernization of Degree Program Competencies RECALL	(20,000)
Faculty Recruitment and Retention Recall	(29,917)
Total	\$4,571,409

**Customized Training
Allocations
For the Month of May 2026**

Description	Total
LNS	2,376
Meridian Specialty Yarn Group	1,100
Parkdale Mills	26,850
OWENS #4	1,101
J&L Proj #4	7,625
Bosch Hand Tools	14,220
Blum #3	(4,105)
AB Carter	2,921
Total	52,088

This agenda item was for information only; no action required.

3. Financial Reports

Summaries of the budget and expenditures for the month-end May 2026, are included for State, Gaston and Lincoln County. Proprietary financials are included in your packet as well.

State: The State budget non-categorical spending was 87% spent at the end of May 2026. Results will fluctuate based on receipt of supplemental funding and the timing of one-time operational spending.

Categorical: Overall spending is at 80.6%, with some categories higher. Due to the nature of certain categorical allotments, straight line percentage comparisons may be misleading, as not all are based on the fiscal year, and funds are allocated to the College throughout the year for specific projects.

County Budgets: 87.9% of the Gaston County budget and 85% of the Lincoln County budget have been spent as of the end of May 2026. Finance continues to manage county spending using other funding sources as needed.

Proprietary:

An overview of all student fees for fiscal 2026.

- Total Revenue from Student Fees: \$2,867,228
- Total Expenses: \$3,261,307

- Net Loss: (\$394,080) – The overall loss is driven by the Technology Fees Fund Balance for a required refresh and update of computers to Windows 11 compatibility.
- Total Cash on Hand: \$2.047 million
- Total invested cash: \$2.568 million, which includes both principal and interest earned.

An overview of all auxiliary activities for fiscal 2026.

- Total Revenue: \$3,621,198
- Total Expenses: \$3,713,587
- Net Loss: (\$92,389) – Several factors are contributing to the year-to date loss
 - We are nearing the end of the fiscal year, and Athletic expenses will likely outpace Athletic revenues. The shortfall in revenues is due to fundraising revenue falling short of the fundraising goal. Through May 31, the cash deficit is \$299,553. We expect to see some revenue activity in June, and the cash will likely end in a deficit balance.
 - Fire training – Financial activity is now being actively monitored. The plan for fiscal 2027 is to operate at a break-even or slightly surplus level. Then we will continue to adjust rates to begin to reduce the cash deficit.
 - The Textile Center
Has accumulated cash over the past few years and used those cash reserves for a one-time grant match to assist with the purchase of machinery.
- Cash on Hand: \$1.846M million
- Invested Cash: \$737,967, which includes both principal and interest earned.

An overview of all other activities for fiscal 2026.

- As a reminder, for presentation purposes, the Indirect Cost and Indirect Cost Reserve activity has been retitled as the Administrative Cost Pool and Administrative Cost Reserve to align with common industry terminology.
- Total Administrative Cost and Lost Revenue income: \$236,411
- Total Administrative Cost and Lost Revenue expenses: \$266,438
- Net Administrative Cost and Lost Revenue Loss: (\$30,028)
- Cash on hand: \$442,041
- Invested cash: \$1.622 million, which includes both principal and interest earned.
- Health Science Education and Simulation Center
- Interest Revenue: \$1,374,042
- Cash used for construction activities: \$1,923,920
- Expenditures were greater than revenues by: (\$549,878), which will continue because the \$60M was received in fiscal 2025 and will be spent down as the project continues.
- Cash on Hand: \$0
- Invested cash: \$59.6 million, which includes both the principal and interest balance.

This agenda item was for information only; no action required.

4. Capital Reports

Mr. Stephen Sharp provided an update on the Fiber Innovation Center, and Mr. Mack Millen summarized the progress of other capital improvement projects currently underway at the College.

This agenda item was for information only; no action required.

5. Grant and Foundation Update

Fundraising Update:

From July 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, the Foundation received \$1,015,693 through 4,177 gifts, with an average contribution of \$243.

Annual Funds/Grants	\$395,803
Athletic Funds	\$225,627
Capital Funds	\$35,000
Endowment Funds	\$145,740
WSGE Radio	\$213,399

New Foundation Funds FYTD 2026

- Rafalow Vet Tech Scholarship
- Clifton and Flora Walton Scholarship
- The Gregory F. Smith Scholarship for Workforce Development
- Metropolitan Woodworks Scholarship
- James A. Crawford Jr. Award for Excellence
- Alisa and Joseph Roy Endowed Scholarship
- Senator David W. Hoyle Scholarship
- Linda Summey Hoyle Scholarship
- Martin-Barbour Scholarship
- Hunter | Everage Scholarship

Grants and Sponsored Programs- FYTD 2026

Grants Awarded: \$5,172,362.00

- U.S. Department of Education- TRiO- Student Support Services- \$1,361,820*

- CaroMont Health- Medical Sonography Support- \$75,000**
- Bosch Community Fund- Skills USA/Academic Enrichment- \$30,000**
- NC State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program- \$185,000- I.T. Infrastructure*
- Gaston Community Foundation- \$20,000- Skills USA/Academic Enrichment**
- NC AHEC- Clinical Faculty Support- \$15,000
- Duke Endowment/Atrium Health-Lincoln Health Academy- \$900,000
- National Science Foundation- SPARC 6- \$750,000*
- National Science Foundation- Textile Engines- \$2,510,542*
- NC Community College System- Electrical Systems Technology- \$250,000
- Duke Energy Foundation- Fire Training Enhancements- \$25,000**

Grants Pending: \$28,780,000

- Economic Development Administration- Lincoln Workforce Development - \$20,000,000
- NC State and Local Cyber Security Grant Program-I.T. Infrastructure - \$750,000
- CaroMont Foundation- Equipment for Respiratory and Nursing Programs- \$30,000**
- U.S. House of Representatives- Fire Training Upgrades- \$6,000,000
- National Science Foundation- SPARC7- \$2,000,000
- Golden LEAF Foundation- Health Science Immersive Technology- \$1,000,000

*Federal Funded Grants

** Grants to Gaston College Foundation

This agenda item was for information only; no action required.

E. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Approval of FY 2026-27 Board Officers for the Board of Trustees

Chair Caldwell announced the Nominating Committee during the May 18, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting as Ms. Resa Hoyle (Chair), Mr. Bill Carstarphen, and Mr. Steve Hall. The Committee met on June 17, 2026.

Ms. Hoyle reported that the Nominating Committee recommended Judge Jesse Caldwell as Chair, Ms. Janie Peak as Vice Chair, and Dr. Shawnya Gore as Secretary for FY 2026-27.

Chair Caldwell asked if there were any nominations from the floor for these positions. There being none, he entertained a motion that the slate of officers for FY 2026-27 recommended by the Nominating Committee, Judge Caldwell, Chair, Ms. Peak, Vice Chair, and Dr. Gore, Secretary, be closed and the Board accept the nominations by acclamation as presented.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Chair Caldwell thanked the Nominating Committee, the elected officers for agreeing to serve in this capacity, and also thanked the Board for their support as Chair.

Dr. Hauser thanked the Board committees for their outstanding work throughout the year, noting that their efforts contributed significantly to the efficient and seamless conduct of Board meetings.

F. SGA

Mr. Scott gave the following SGA update:

Amp Camp

The 2026-2027 SGA Vice President Amina Elliott, and SGA Secretary Jeshua Gallo Solano, alongside SGA Advisor Ms. Meagan Lingerfelt, participated in the 2026 Amp Camp Retreat on May 27th – 29th at Camp Caraway in Sophia, N.C.

NC Community College System's SLDP

Incoming 2026-2027 SGA President, Caiden Buckner, is a participant in the 2026 NC Community College System's Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP) and attended the SLDP Summer Session for leadership training and development.

SGA Summer Programming

The SGA is currently planning summer student events for the Dallas Campus and Lincoln Campus locations to serve Summer 2026 students. The SGA plans to participate in the upcoming Rhino Rush registration events in July to assist with serving students through these initiatives.

SGA Leadership Training

The 2026-2027 SGA student leaders will be participating in a summer training session from August 3rd – 6th to help prepare the incoming SGA student leaders to serve their student body for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Mr. Scott once again thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and introduced the incoming SGA leadership, President Caiden Buckner.

G. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Approval of Foundation Board of Directors Nominees

Chair Caldwell shared that, pending Board of Trustees approval, the following individuals have agreed to serve on the Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors:

Mr. John Dancoff – New Appointment

Mr. Dancoff is the Director of Small Business Development for the Lincoln Economic Development Association (LEADA). Prior to his employment at LEDA, he was the Plant Operations Manager at Steele Rubber Products. John is a graduate of Gaston College and has served as a Trustee of the College.

Dr. Robin Lang- New Appointment

Dr. Lang is the Chief Information Officer at CaroMont Health. Over her 25-year career with CaroMont, she has held a variety of roles, including Director of Clinical Informatics and Assistant Nurse Manager. Robin is also a graduate of the Gaston College Nursing Program.

Mr. Bobby Robinson- New Appointment

Mr. Robinson is a Corporate M&A & Intellectual Property attorney, investor, and entrepreneur who has spent his career at the intersection of tech, entrepreneurship, and law. A former Big Law partner specializing in M&A and Intellectual Property, Bobby founded and exited a legal tech platform before launching Kirk&Co. Capital, an investment firm that acquires and operates home services companies across the Southeast.

Mr. Steven Wilson- New Appointment

Mr. Wilson is President of Capital Advisers, Inc., an SEC-registered investment advisory and wealth management firm with offices in Charlotte, Raleigh, and Charleston, SC. Mr. Wilson is a Director at the Gaston Community Foundation and The CaroMont Health Foundation. He is a member of the Investment Committee of the North Carolina Textile Foundation and serves Wake Forest University as a member of the General Counsel Advisory Committee.

The Gaston College Foundation Board requests that the individuals mentioned above be approved to serve terms beginning on July 1, 2026.

Mr. Huffstetler moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Mr. John Dancoff, Ms. Robin Lang, Mr. Bobby Robinson, and Mr. Steven Wilson to serve on the Gaston College Foundation Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2026. Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

Chair Caldwell asked if there was any further discussion before proceeding to a vote. There being no further discussion, **the motion passed.**

2. Updates:

- The College received a certificate from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) as a member in Good Standing for Service and dedication to the honorable mission of higher education in 2026.
- The Senate selected Mr. Bryan Farris of Gaston County to serve as a new Trustee, and the House has not let us know about Dr. Gore's appointment. They will vote the week of June 29 and have said that her appointment looks very favorable. The Lincoln County Commissioners have notified the College of the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Waller. The Gaston County Commissioners are to vote on June 23, 2026, on the reappointment of Trustee Keigher. Our new SGA representative for FY2026-27 will be Caiden Buckner.
- Chair Caldwell thanked everyone who came out to the Momentum Makers event on Friday, June 5th. It was a fun and successful event.

- Events coming up:

Committees Meetings	August 10, 2026	1-3 p.m.	MCMA, Section B
Board of Trustees Meeting	August 17, 2026	3:00 p.m.	MCMA, Section C
Convocation	August 20, 2026	TBD	Myers Center
NCACCT Leadership Seminar	August 26-28	TBD	Greensboro, NC
Committee Meetings	September 14, 2026	1-3 p.m.	MCMA, Section B
Board of Trustees Meeting	September 21, 2026	3:00 p.m.	Lincoln Campus

H. PRESIDENT’S REPORT/REMARKS

Dr. Hauser reported that the College had experienced a record year, attributing its success to the strong leadership represented in the room. He then invited Dr. Nichols to provide an enrollment update.

Dr. Nichols reported that Fall 2026 enrollment is currently up approximately 4% in both headcount and FTE. While summer enrollment is somewhat lower, she noted that visiting students, university students who enroll at Gaston College during the summer, account for approximately 150 to 200 students for the summer semester.

She announced that the College will host Rhino Registration Rush events on July 15 at the Lincoln Campus and July 22 at the Dallas Campus. Before the conclusion of the spring semester, Student Services and Educational Partnerships also hosted a Senior Night event. In addition, the College is exploring the use of artificial intelligence tools to provide student support and assistance after regular business hours.

Dr. Hauser thanked Dr. Nichols, her team, and Dr. Kendra-Dill for their continued hard work and dedication to serving students through Educational Partnerships and Student Services.

Congratulations to our Lincoln Campus Team, who have been presented with the Outstanding Partner Award by the Lincoln County Economic Development Association (LEDA). Even more exciting, they are the first-ever recipients of this annual award!

Dr. Hauser thanked Dr. Albright-Jurs and Chair Caldwell for attending the most recent Textile Advisory Meeting. He also shared that FutureTEX’s performance plan and budget were recently submitted to the Department of War.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with provisions of NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5), Chair Caldwell entertained a motion to enter the Board into Executive Session.

Mr. Fletcher made the motion to enter the Board into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Hall.

The motion passed.

Ms. Peak made a motion to close the Executive Session and return to open session, seconded by Mr. Huffstetler.

Mr. Dancoff made the motion that the Board of Trustees approve President Hauser's request to engage in secondary employment with FutureTEX, finding that such employment does not present a conflict of interest and will not interfere with the President's duties and responsibilities to Gaston College. The approval is subject to ongoing compliance with all applicable College policies and state ethics requirements. Mr. Huffstetler seconded the motion.

With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Jonathan Fletcher moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Hoyle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

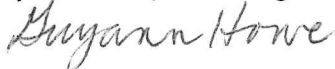
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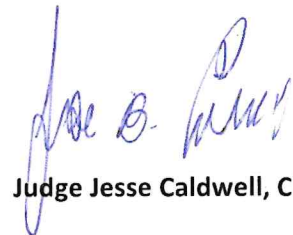
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(College Seal)



Judge Jesse Caldwell, Chair