

**Blue Ridge Community College
Board of Trustees
Special Called Meeting
Minutes
August 23, 2007
5:00 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2007, in the President's Dining Room, Killian Building, Flat Rock, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

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| Tom Orr | Mike Hawkins |
| Betty Gash | Ken Butcher |
| Patricia Jones | Ronnie Pepper |
| John McCormick, Jr. | Kohlan Flynn |
| Candler Willis | Bill Farrell |
| Jeff McDaris | Marilyn Bailey |
| Roy Neill | |

The following members were excused:

Chip Gould

Others present:

Molly Parkhill
Joe D. Spearman, Sr.
Lee Mulligan
Maria Whitson
Joe McCanless
Lee Anna Haney
Patty MacDuff
Scott Parrott, Times News
Fielding Lucas

Dr. Parkhill called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., in the absence of a chairperson and vice-chairperson. Dr. Parkhill welcomed one of our new Trustees, Marilyn Bailey (the other new Trustee, Roy Neill, arrived later in the meeting and was introduced and welcomed at that time).

Ethics Statement

Dr. Parkhill read the following Ethics Statement:

"Board Members, and financial and administrative staff:

- a. You are reminded that you have a duty to avoid all conflicts of interest, potential conflicts of interest, and appearances of conflicts of interest.

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- b. Do any of you know of or anticipate any conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest regarding the matters on the agenda for today's meeting?

Let the minutes reflect no conflicts were reported.

Election of Chairperson ProTem

Dr. Parkhill informed the board that the chairperson and vice-chairperson positions were vacant and that a Chairperson ProTem needed to be elected. Dr. Parkhill opened the floor to nominations. Ronnie Pepper nominated John C. McCormick, Jr., it was seconded by Ken Butcher. Hearing no additional names, nominations were closed. A motion to elect John McCormick as Chairperson ProTem was made by Candler Willis, seconded by Ken Butcher and passed without dissent.

Resolution for Designation of OSHA Training Institute Education Center

Chairperson ProTem, John McCormick asked Dr. Parkhill to introduce the OSHA resolution. She reviewed the purpose of the resolution. A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes. Questions arose concerning if the College would be assuming any liability with this Center. Dr. Parkhill responded that the Center's only purpose would be for training. Jeff McDaris made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. It was seconded by Ken Butcher and passed unanimously.

Approval of Instructional Service Agreement with Southeastern Community College

Dr. Parkhill informed the Trustees that Southeastern Community College wanted the Adult Sign Language classes to be offer via distance learning to their campus. Questions and comments arose concerning facility use and monetary compensation. Dr. Parkhill responded the College would benefit by sharing FTE's with Southeastern Community College. This would be for fall semester only. Ken Butcher made a motion to approve the service agreement as presented. It was seconded by Betty Gash and passed without dissent. A copy of the service agreement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Executive Session

Bill Farrell made a motion that the Trustees go into executive session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318-11 (a)(1) for the purpose of discussing personnel information that is confidential pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115D-27 through 29. It was seconded by Candler Willis and passed unanimously.

At this time, Dr. Parkhill, Lee Anna Haney, Fielding Lucas and Scott Parrott were excused.

Open Session – Presidential Candidate Recommendations

Bill Farrell made a motion to resume the Open Session of the meeting. It was seconded by Candler Willis and passed without dissent.

A motion was made by John McCormick to accept the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee and send the names of the following individuals to the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) for their review: Dr. Linda Barrow, Dr. Shelley Conroy, and Dr. Molly A. Parkhill. The NCCCS will be asked to approve these individuals and advise accordingly, from whom then the Trustees can select (or choose not to select) Blue Ridge Community College's next President.

A vote was taken: 10 members of the Board voted to approve the motion as made; 2 (Ken Butcher and Candler Willis) opposed; 1 member abstained.

Mr. Willis asked to speak with regard to his opposition to the motion. He believes it is evident the College needs to change direction, however, feels the Committee has handed the Trustees a "fait accompli," requesting their rubber stamp of approval. He vigorously objects to the process.

Kohlman Flynn asked if all of the Trustees could receive a packet of materials on the final three candidates. Maria Whitson confirmed that she will email this information to the Trustees (a folder with materials was given to Mrs. Gash).

Mr. McCormick noted that the majority vote was in the affirmative, therefore the names as presented in the motion will be forwarded to the NCCCS for their review and approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

John C. McCormick, Jr., Chairperson ProTem

Molly A. Parkhill, Secretary