



BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 11, 2020 ~ 5 p.m.
Henderson County Campus, Patton Building, Room 150 and Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT Electronically/telephonically: Steve Dozier, Betty Gash, Nathan Kennedy, Kelly Leonard , John McCormick, Mike Pressley, Bill Ramsey, Dr. Kathy Revis, and Dr. Brian Weaver

Physically: Dr. Jeremy Gibbs and Chairman Chip Gould

MEMBERS ABSENT Vivian Bolaños, Lilly Blankenship, Josh Hallingse and Duke Woodhull

OTHERS PRESENT Electronically: Carolyn Alley and Dr. Chad Merrill

Physically: Lee Anna Haney, Dr. Laura Leatherwood, Tammy Pryor and Mr. Dean Shatley

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND ROLL CALL Chairman Chip Gould called the meeting to order, confirmed attendance and established that a quorum was reached at approximately 5 p.m.

ETHICS STATEMENT Chairman Gould read the Ethics Statement. No conflicts were reported.

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS Mr. Gould called for a motion to approve suspension of specific provisions of the Board Bylaws to allow for a telephonic or video-conference meeting; and to allow for Trustees participating remotely to count toward a quorum while North Carolina is in a declared State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dozier and passed without opposition.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA On a motion by Mr. Dozier, the meeting agenda was approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Weaver and passed without opposition.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Chairman Gould read the list of items under the consent agenda. Dr. Gibbs moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCormick and passed unanimously.

COLLEGE REPORTS

President's Report

Dr. Leatherwood began with the College's COVID-19 response timeline and important benchmarks. The update included timeline items beginning with March 6. On this date, the College established an internal COVID-19 Response Team and launched a COVID-19 Continuity Plan, just days before Governor Cooper's State of Emergency Declaration on March 10. The timeline covered the College's pandemic response through May 18 when the summer term begins.

Dr. Leatherwood also provided information on the pandemic's impact on:

- Instruction and programs
- College employees
- Related expenses and relief funds
- Facilities
- Community Support
- Small Business Center
- Future College Planning Assumptions

Chairman Gould added that Dr. Leatherwood and many of the College faculty and staff have worked many days around the clock to keep the College running in the face of the pandemic and expressed his gratitude for all that has been done.

Educational Foundation Report

A detailed update was included in the President's Report posted to the Board website.

The Student Government Association (SGA) Report was posted to the Board meeting web page for review.

OLD BUSINESS

College Attorney Dean Shatley reminded the Trustees that the original closing timeline for the Henderson County property purchase was mid-June. He explained that the contracts for both of the parcels being purchased by the College have been extended to mid-July to allow ample time for the property owners to vacate the premises. Payment for the property will take place in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gould announced that the link to the annual Board self-evaluation survey would be emailed to everyone on May 12. He encouraged 100% participation and encouraged all to complete the survey by May 27.

He also shared that a link to the annual Trustee Interest Form would be emailed on May 12 and encouraged all to submit their responses by May 20.

CLOSED SESSION

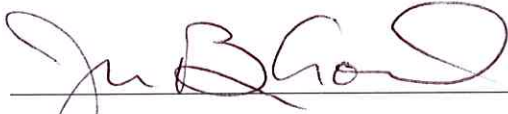
The Blue Ridge Community College Board of Trustees entered closed session at approximately 5:40 p.m. on a motion pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1), to prevent the disclosure of confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115D-27, and 318.11(a)(3), to prevent disclosure of confidential attorney-client communications. The motion was made by Dr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. McCormick, and passed unanimously.

The meeting returned to open session at approximately 5:55 p.m. on a motion by Mr. McCormick. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dozier and carried without opposition.


COMMENTS AND
ADJOURNMENT

Upon return to open session, a motion was made by Dr. Gibbs to approve the President's four-year contract term and salary increase as indicated in closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dozier and passed without opposition.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:56 p.m.



John B. "Chip" Gould, Chairman



Dr. Laura B. Leatherwood, Secretary