



## BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2022 ~ 11 a.m.

The Institute at GE Current, 3010 Spartanburg Hwy., East Flat Rock, NC

Item

MEMBERS PRESENT	Vivian Bolaños, Cathy Childress, Steve Dozier, Dr. Clay Eddleman, Chip Gould, Dr. Jeremy Gibbs, Mark Isabelli, Nathan Kennedy, Kelly Leonard, Mike Pressley, Jim Rasmussen and Duke Woodhull
MEMBERS ABSENT	Brianna Allen, Betty Gash and Dr. Brian Weaver
OTHERS PRESENT	Lisa Adkins, Kathy Allen, Carolyn Alley, Lorri Allison, Kennon Briggs, Kirsten Bunch, Lee Anna Haney, Dr. Jessica Harrell, Dr. Laura Leatherwood, Glenda McCarson, Dr. Chad Merrill, Tammy Pryor, Dr. Scott Queen, Ben Rickert, College Attorney Dean Shatley, Dr. David Stegall and Steve Young
CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME	Chairman Chip Gould called the meeting to order at approximately 11 a.m. Dr. Leatherwood recognized incoming Chief of Staff Dr. David Stegall. Dr. Stegall introduced himself to the trustees.
ETHICS STATEMENT	Chairman Gould read the Ethics Statement. No conflicts were reported.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Ms. Bolaños, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The motion carried without opposition.
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA	A motion was made by Mr. Pressley, seconded by Dr. Gibbs, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed without opposition.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p><b>Nominating Committee</b></p> <p>Chairman Gould recognized Nominating Committee Chairman Kelly Leonard and then removed himself from the meeting. Mr. Leonard announced that the Nominating Committee met on April 12, 2022, and asked for a motion from Committee members to approve the minutes of said meeting. Mr. Kennedy moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Mr. Woodhull and carried without dissent.</p> <p>Mr. Leonard then conveyed that the Committee met to discuss the candidates for the 2022-23 slate of officers along with their two executive committee appointments, at their meeting on April 12. After thoughtful discussion, the Committee reached unanimous consensus to recommend Mr. Gould as Chairman, along with Dr. Gibbs as Vice-Chairman for 2022-23 at the July Board meeting. As both of these trustees have served the maximum consecutive terms allowed under the current bylaws, Mr. Leonard presented a bylaw change, drafted by Mr. Shatley, to the board for consideration. This change would allow for additional consecutive terms for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, upon approval of 2/3 of the Board of Trustees. The bylaw change was posted to the meeting website, as well as included in hard copy in each trustee's meeting folder.</p>

In accordance with the bylaws, approval of the bylaw change will be requested at the next regular board meeting, slated for July 11, 2022.

Mr. Gould re-joined the meeting after the Nominating Committee report concluded.

#### COLLEGE REPORTS

College reports were posted on the meeting website one week prior to the meeting, and included on the Consent Agenda.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gould thanked the trustees for their participation in the annual board self-evaluation survey. Dr. Leatherwood shared the results of the survey along with several of the comments made by board members on the survey.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

#### CLOSED SESSION

The Blue Ridge Community College Board of Trustees entered closed session at approximately 11:20 a.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 present disclosure of confidential attorney-client communications. The motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Bolaños, and passed without opposition.

Closed session ended at approximately 11:45 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Gibbs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and carried without opposition.

The Chairman presented the President's Evaluation Committee's recommendation, as discussed in closed session. Because this recommendation came from a committee, a second is not needed and the Chairman called for the vote. The board vote was unanimous to approve the committee's recommendations.

#### COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gould paused for final comments from board members. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:47 a.m.

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John B. "Chip" Gould, Chairman

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Dr. Laura B. Leatherwood, Secretary