

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Clement Dining Room  
August 21, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Trustees George Little, Chairman; Larry Caddell, Vice Chairman; Joe Clendenin, Secretary; Gene Horne; Connie Lovell; Bruce Hurst; Irish Pickett; Vincent Gordon; Helen Probst Mills; BethAnn Pratte; Stephen Woodward; Tim Carpenter; Andrew Jimenez, SGA President

**ABSENT:** Gary Evans

**STAFF:** Dr. Sandy Stewart; Ron Layne; Heather Lyons; Teresa Sheets; Dr. Rebecca Roush; Dr. Julie Voigt; Libba Thomas; Dr. D.J. Farmer; Germaine Elkins; Dr. Twana McKnight; Dr. Fallon Brewington; Chreatha Alston; Steven Garner; Matthew Dial; Lindsey Farmer; Linda Chandler; Dwight Threet; Stephanie Lang; Shenika Ward; Tess Regan

**VISITORS:** Representative Garland Pierce; John May; The Family of Irish Pickett; Moore County Residents

Mr. Little called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He read the statute regarding conflicts of interest to the Trustees and asked the Board of Trustees (BOT) if there were any potential conflicts with the agenda items to be discussed. Hearing none, Mr. Little proceeded to the next item of business.

Mr. Hurst offered a moment of reflection.

Representative Garland Pierce of Hoke County presented Irish Pickett with the prestigious award,

Tess Regan, Coordinator of Advanced Manufacturing, presented information regarding the SCC Welding Program. A brief history of the program, which began in 2014, included information regarding classes and certifications accredited by the National Center for Construction Education & Research. Her presentation included samples of student projects used to gauge their success.

Ms. Lyons administered the Oath of Office to new Board members, BethAnn Pratte and Stephen Woodward, and for the reappointment of Trustee Irish Pickett.

Dr. Stewart designated Teresa Sheets to be the assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mr. Clendenin explained that the original agenda that had been emailed to the Board had been amended by a second email adding the minutes of the June 15, 2023, meeting. Mr. Clendenin made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clendenin made a motion to approve the June 15, 2023, agenda. Ms. Pickett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Farmer introduced new Student Government Association (SGA) President, Andrew Jimenez. Mr. Jimenez then presented the SGA report. Various events have been planned daily for students during a new 42-day initiative to help kick off the fall semester as a means to foster student engagement and retention. Mr. Jimenez introduced the Board to the student newsletter as an active tool for student engagement as well as a new Student Life Instagram account. Students have indicated they would like to have a winter formal, as it was a great success last year. Students will meet in the Clement Dining Room for 22, 2023.

Mr. Caddell reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The Hoke County parking lot is now ready for student use. To facilitate the new parking lot, among other tasks, a fence was moved, a dumpster was relocated, and gravel was spread. The \$42,000 project was funded by the Hoke County School Board.

Mr. Caddell provided an update on the project status of Foundation Hall and Kennedy Hall. Sterile processing equipment required some modifications of the facility, paid for out of contingency funds of \$14,000 to support the project. A minor HVAC leak has been repaired. The countertops in the Fletcher Auditorium are not up to standard. The College will hold the contractor accountable for replacement. There is a small leak in a roof panel in the radiography wing which has been repaired.

The Meyer Hall bid was approved by the Sds Comm

Mr. Layne said that in 2015, the Constellation (formerly Pepco) approached the College about an energy savings facility upgrade plan, which was approved by the Board of Trustees and was put into place to ensure cost savings in energy consumption. Once the analysis came in there was a total revamp of lighting campus wide, key HVAC elements, window shielding, and other measures which were then tracked in an annual report provided by Constellation Energy.

Mr. Woodward asked about the balance of the state and county bond funds as regarding the

off-campus student pay a CAPS fee. Dr. Stewart said that students will pay a CAPS fee unless they are a dual enrolled student and that security measures extend to web-based efforts to

asked if the programs that are listed in the catalog are new programs added to the curriculum. Dr. Roush explained that there are new certificate programs. Ms. Pratte asked a question regarding certifications. Certification programs require at least 20 students and must be identified at the State level. These include programs such as Nurse Aid, Cosmetology, and Basic Law Enforcement. These areas have a formal certification exam that students must take to become state certified. Regarding dual enrollment students, the liaison for the student would be located at the high school. The College has a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release nLaw

as well as a Family Series. The Mainstage series will present the Gatlin Brothers on September  
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December will involve several agencies across Moore County. Dr. Stewart will be away from October 17, 2023.

Mr. Clendenin asked Dr. Stewart to give an update of cafeteria services. Dr. Stewart reported that the new vendor, Hollie & Son, will provide food service moving forward. They are serving breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, and breakfast only on Friday. Response to the new cafeteria service has been very favorable.

Mr. Little reported that he, Mr. Caddell, and Dr. Stewart attended the State Board meeting in Raleigh on August 18, 2023. Mr. Little said that the State of North Carolina will be impacted with future incoming industry and that community colleges will play a huge role in the future of employment within the new industries.

Mr. Clendenin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.