

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Sledge Board Room
December 12, 2022, 4:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Trustees George Little, Chairman; Larry Caddell, Vice Chairman; Joe Clendenin, Secretary; Connie Lovell; Gary Evans; Irish Pickett; Catherine Graham; Helen Probst Mills; Gene Horne; Vincent Gordon; Art Blue; Tim Carpenter; Mishell Marshall, SGA Vice President

STAFF: Ron Layne, Heather Lyons, Dr. Julie Voigt, Germaine Elkins, Dr. Twana McKnight, Steven Garner, Chief Dwight Threet, Karen Manning, Stephanie Lang

REMOTE: Matt Dial, Danaka Bunch, Kellie Shoemake, Dr. D.J. Farmer, Dr. Fallon Brewington, Chreatha Alston, Michelle Bauer

Mr. Little called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He read the statute regarding conflicts of interest to the Trustees and asked the Board 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 prayer and reflection.

In lieu of administering the Oath of Office to Ms. Graham, it was confirmed that she has already taken the Oath of Office to serve as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees at Sandhills Community College. This information has been recorded.

Mr. Little made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dempsey asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Sandhills Community College Trustees. Mr. Caddell made a motion to elect Mr. Little as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Clendenin made a motion that the nominations be closed. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Little opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chairman. Mr. Horne made a motion to elect Mr. Caddell as Vice Chairman. Ms. Probst Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne made a motion to nominate Mr. Clendenin as Secretary to the Board. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell made a motion to elect John May as Board attorney. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall presented the Student Government Association (SGA) report. The SGA provided “Grab and Go” bags to students during the recent power outage. Events for spring 2023 are being finalized. Ms. Marshall thanked Dr. Dempsey for his support and kindness during her term as SGA President.

Mr. Caddell reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The new Public Service building on the Carthage Campus requires approval. Moore County gave the College a match of \$400,000. The potential problem is that the estimated cost of the building will be \$1.2m to \$1.5m. Mr. Caddell presented challenges regarding the construction of the new building. Due to a slope in the property where the new building will be constructed, new zoning may be required to locate the building sufficiently. Mr. Caddell made a motion to be granted permission for he and Mr. Carpenter to meet with the Moore County Town Manager to discuss rezoning of the Carthage location. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell called on Dr. McKnight to report on the Hoke County land information related to taxes. Dr. McKnight reported that John May’s office has been in touch with the Hoke County tax office. The College was advised to submit a new application to include all four parcels of property in Hoke County. Dr. McKnight received a verbal message from the tax office informing her that the College will receive tax exempt status in January.

Chief Threet presented a security update related to gun placement on campus. Five rifles and gun safes have been purchased and are in place on the Pinehurst Campus. An additional rifle and safe will be placed on the Hoke Campus. There will not be a gun safe in every area due to a lack of secure spaces. Chief Threet is currently speaking with vendors regarding methods of installing locking systems on building doors. Both Pinehurst and Hoke campuses had very few incidents to add to the Annual Security Report. The security team is in the middle of a study of the alarm systems. Central Security will submit a quote to install alarms in each building on the Pinehurst Campus. There are currently only two buildings on the Pinehurst Campus equipped with alarms. Hoke Campus has alarms in each building.

Mr. Garner reported on the Meyer Hall project. The State Construction Office has sent information to Moseley Architects which addresses concerns with fume hoods and backup power. The architect is now preparing answers for some of the questions which will be sent back to the State Construction Office this week. With approval, this could possibly go out for bid in late January or early February.

Mr. Garner also reported on the progress of Kennedy Hall. Foundation area C has much work to be completed such as keys, locks, and doors. Areas B and A are in the process of having flooring installed. Area B is waiting for the sprinkler system to be installed. February 10, 2023 is the goal date for completion of all work in these areas.

The concession stand for the baseball field is completed but will not be delivered until mid-January 2023, at which time a pad will be installed for the concession stand to be placed on.

Mr. Horne presented the Finance Committee Report. Ms. Thomas reviewed the status of the Financial Report and the State and County Bond Funds through October 31, 2022, with no Board action required.

Mr. Evans reported for the Personnel Committee. Mr. Evans reviewed Personnel Information with no Board action required.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at Forest Creek on February 6, 2023.

Dr. Roush said there is no Educational Committee report.

Mr. Clendenin reported that the Planning Committee had no report.

Ms. Pickett said there is no Student Affairs report.

Ms. Elkins presented the Foundation Report. The annual mailing has been sent to approximately 600 donors. At present, \$550,000 has been received from about 200 donors. A Farm-to-Table harvest dinner event was held in the Culinary Department. The Foundation Board meeting was held on October 22, 2022. J.J. Jackson is the new Board Chairman. The Foundation had a clean audit Thomas, Judy & Tucker. The dedication of Foundation Hall was held on November 30, 2022. The last room in Foundation Hall will be dedicated to John and Maryann Barrett. On April 6, 2023 the Guarantors event will be held in Foundation Hall. Sandhills Gardens hosted Santa in the Gardens on November 27, 2022.

Mr. Caddell inquired if a fee structure has been determined for use of BPAC. Ms. Probst Mills asked if any of the classrooms in Foundation Hall would be included in the fee structure. Ms. Elkins said that the fee structure will be discussed at the February Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Dempsey and Dr. Roush met with representatives from Phifer University. Dr. Roush reported that it is Phifer University's intent to increase their relationship with colleges that touch the borders of their universities. An articulation agreement has been signed for a few transfer degrees. Once an SCC student completes degrees in, for example, Applied Science in Criminal Justice, the universities will accept these degrees as their first two years of undergraduate education and bring them in as juniors in the appropriate programs at the university. The agreement also includes a \$20,000 per year scholarship for students transferring under this agreement.

As a result of the recent Moore County power outage, the Foundation has generously provided a \$300 Christmas bonus for faculty and staff members who suffered losses during the power outage.

Mr. Horne thanked Dr. Dempsey for his help and contributions to Sandhills Community College.

Mr. Caddell reported during the Foundation Hall dedication that Micky Foster, FirstHealth Chief Executive Officer, indicated there will be multiple scholarships available for nursing students from SCC. The goal is to provide funding from FirstHealth to potential students who will join the FirstHealth staff.

Mr. Caddell made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 5:06 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 5:11 p.m. and reported on the closed session.

Mr. Little asked Mr. Caddell to discuss the President Emeritus resolution to give Dr. Dempsey at his retirement party after the board meeting. Ms. Probst Mills read the resolution out loud to everyone. Mr. Clendenin made a motion to approve President Emeritus status for Dr. Dempsey. Mr. Blue seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Little, Chairman of the Board

Joseph Clendenin, Secretary of the Board