

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**Sledge Board Room  
August 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Trustees Larry Caddell, Chairman; Tim Carpenter, Vice Chairman; Joe Clendenin, Secretary; George Little; Gary Evans; BethAnn Pratte; Stephen Woodward; Helen Probst Mills; Dell Cook; Billy Carter; John May

**ABSENT:** Irish Pickett

**STAFF:** Dr. Sandy Stewart; Teresa Sheets; Dr. Rebecca Roush; Ron Layne; Dr. Julie Voigt; Dr. D.J. Farmer; Michelle Bauer

Mr. Caddell called the meeting to order at 5:15 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. Caddell proceeded to the next item of business.

Mr. Hurst offered a moment of prayer.

Mr. Little made a motion to modify the agenda. Ms. Probst Mills seconded the motion. Mr. Caddell called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sheets administered the Oath of Office to incoming Trustees Dell Cook and Billy Carter for appointment to the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Caddell called on Mr. Carpenter as chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The Buildings and Grounds Committee met and approved the plans presented in the June 2024 Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Carpenter briefly discussed the new campus plan which includes space for the new Early College High School with other improvements to campus to include improved flow. Included is a potential event space near one of the lakes. The intent is to make the plans public for the County meeting which will take place on Thursday, August 22, 2024.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion that the Board adopt the presented plan, to include the location of the Early College High School, in concept. Mr. Little seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell called for a motion to move into closed session. Mr. Woodward made the motion to move into closed session. Ms. Probst Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 5:15 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Larry Caddell; Chairman, Tim Carpenter, Vice Chairman; Joe Clendenin, Secretary; George Little; Gene Horne; Gary Evans; BethAnn Pratte; Stephen Woodward; Helen Probst Mills; Dell Cook; Billy Carter. Also present was John May, Board Attorney who served as Secretary for the Closed Session.

On August 21, 2024, at a duly called Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sandhills Community College at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, at 5.15 pm on a motion by Joe Clendenin and second by George Little, the Board voted to go into Closed Session to consider personal matters.

In the Closed Session, Mr. Caddell advised the Board of personnel matters alleged to involve one or more members of the Sandhills Community College administration.

Following a discussion of the allegations related to the personal issues, on motion by Tim Carpenter, seconded by George Little, the Board voted to adjourn the Closed Session at 5:45 pm.

When the regular Board meeting reconvened, Mr. Caddell recommended that the Board retain the services of Dean Shatley of the law firm of Campbell and Shatley in Asheville to undertake an investigation of the allegation disclosed in the Closed Session. Mr. Caddell's recommendation was based the opinion of John May, Board attorney, that Mr. Shatley was well qualified to undertake the engagement. On motion by Tim Carpenter, seconded by Helen Mills, the Board voted unanimously to retain Dean Shatley to undertake the investigation and to report his findings to the Board Chair and the Board.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Little seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

John May, Acting Secretary of the Board's Closed Session

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Caddell, Chairman of the Board

Joseph Clendenin, Secretary to the Board