

**Bladen Community College**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALLED MEETING**  
**Minutes of May 9, 2018**

**Members Present:** Dennis Troy, chair; Frank Gemma, vice chair; Mary Andrews; Pam Benton; Bruce Dickerson; Larry Hammond; and Charlotte Smith.

**Members Absent:** Ricky Leinwand; Hayes Petteway; James McVicker and Ashley Trivette.

**Others Present:** William Findt; Jeff Kornegay; Sondra Guyton; Barry Priest; Jay Stanley; Junior Rideout; Sanford Cain; Gary Grady, board attorney, and Missi Hester, recorder.

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Dennis Troy called the meeting to order, and asked if any trustee had a conflict or an appearance of conflict of interest. There was none.

Mr. Troy gave a prayer.

Ms. Hester called the roll.

**Building/Facilities/Grounds Committee Report:**

Jay Stanley presented information regarding the construction contract for the continuing education building for board approval. Mr. Stanley reported that the State Construction Office (SCO) approved the project for bid. He stated that twelve individuals attended pre-bid meeting that was held on Monday, April 9. Mr. Stanley informed the board that the bid opening was held on Thursday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m. in the college board room. Nine construction companies attended the meeting and submitted bids for the project. Mr. Stanley stated that bids ranged from \$5.3 million to \$5.8 million. Graka Builders, Inc. submitted the lowest bid that consisted of a base bid of \$5,150,000. In addition to the base bid, other alternate items included: \$55,300 for additional parking; \$32,000 for a fume hood for biology/chemistry lab 122; and \$26,000 for a brick wall to screen from view the heating and ventilation system. A porch roof was included in the original design of the facility that has since been removed from the design. The total amount of the bid including the base bid and alternates totaled \$5,263,300. Mr. Stanley reported that the budget for the project is \$5,400,941.

Mr. Stanley stated that Mr. Charles Boney of LS3P Associates, LTD. had submitted a letter recommending that the college award the construction contract for the continuing education building to Graka Builders of Whiteville, NC. The letter stated that the business is owned by A.G. "Buster" Carter, III and the company has built schools and other projects for Boney Architects (now LS3P). Mr. Boney stated in the letter that he

is confident in Graka Builders and would look forward to working with Mr. Carter on this project.

Mr. Stanley stated that Graka Builders handled the college's recent restroom renovation in the cosmetology building.

Bruce Dickerson asked if Graka Builders has bond insurance. Mr. Stanley stated that the general power of attorney is listed as FCCI Insurance Group not to exceed \$7.5 million dollars.

Mr. Troy asked Mr. Grady if he had any comments and he stated that he did not.

Mr. Dickerson made the motion to approve to award the construction contract for the continuing education building to Graka Builders, Inc. Larry Hammond seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Stanley stated that during a previous board meeting it had been discussed that the college had been contacted regarding the purchase of a tract of land adjacent to the campus. He stated that the individuals who own the 2.75 acres of property are willing to sell the land to the college for \$20,000. This item was included in the county budget request for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Mr. Grady recommended that the board authorize his firm to do a title search on the property prior to the purchase of the property to be sure that it is free of any encumbrances.

Mr. Dickerson made the motion to approve the purchase of the property in the amount of \$20,000 and cost of the title search contingent upon funding by Bladen County. Ms. Andrews seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Personnel Committee Report:**

Ms. Andrews asked those individuals who had not submitted the president's evaluation to her to do so soon. She stated that she would like to meet in the college board room on Thursday, May 17, at 12 noon to review and compile the results. The board will review the results with Dr. Findt at the next trustee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018. A letter detailing the results of the evaluation must be submitted by June 30, 2018, to Mr. Scott Shook, chair of the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges.

#### **President's Report:**

Dr. Findt reported that he was contacted by Julie Woodson, President/CEO of the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees, regarding the Legislative Liaison Program. Ms. Woodson asked that a member of the board who is the best

associated with one or more legislators be identified as the liaison to be an additional voice to legislators during key points during the session. Dr. Findt and Mr. Troy will continue to receive information from NCACCT. No one volunteered to be the legislative liaison.

**Old Business:**

No old business was brought before the Board.

**New Business:**

No new business was brought before the Board.

**Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business was brought before the Board.

At 6:25 p.m., Chairman Troy thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned with a motion by Ms. Smith and a second by Ms. Andrews.

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Dennis Troy, Chairman

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William Findt, Secretary