



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Freeland Building Community Room**  
**September 26, 2023**  
**7 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Gatling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was done by Tarsha Bush-Dudley.

**Trustee Attendance:**

<u>Trustee Name</u>	<u>Absent/Present</u>
<b>Ronald Gatling (Chair)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Jeri Pierce (Vice-Chair)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mary Harrell</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Albert Vann</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Andre Lassiter</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Jean Matthews</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Betty Pugh</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Otis Smallwood</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Renee Tyler</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Geneva Riddick-Faulkner</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Catherine Wilson</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Staff Present:** Dr. Murray Williams (President), Ms. Miriam Caslin (Vice President, Administrative & Fiscal Services), Dr. Tanya Oliver (Associate Vice President of Student Services), Ms. Stephanie Benson (R-CCC Executive Vice President), Gerrie Deloatche (Executive Administrative Assistant to the President), Tarsha Bush-Dudley (Board Liaison)

**Others Present:** None.

**Invocation:** Given by Trustee Vann.

**Conflict of Interest Statement:** Read by Chair Gatling. None were noted.

**Mission Statement Review:** Vice-Chair Pierce reviewed the R-CCC Mission Statement with the Trustees.



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**Introduction of New Employees:** The following people were introduced as new employees of R-CCC:

1. Miriam Caslin, Vice President, Administrative & Fiscal Services
2. Melanie Temple, Human Resources Specialist
3. Miranda Lassiter, College & Career Readiness Director
4. Jacquetta Gatling, Executive Director of Workforce Development
5. Carrington Dudley, Recruitment & Testing Specialist

**Approval of the Agenda:** On a motion by Trustee Lassiter and seconded by Trustee Pugh the September 26, 2023, the agenda was approved by the Board.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Trustee Matthews and seconded by Trustee Smallwood, the Board approved the August 22, 2023, Board minutes.

**Acceptance of Artwork:** On a motion by Trustee Lassiter and seconded by Trustee Harrell the Board approved the acceptance of the artwork donated by Dr. Michael and Brenda Hewitt. Dr. Hewitt was the head psychiatrist for Roanoke-Chowan Social Services Center for 30 years.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:**

- Ms. Caslin gave an overview of the Financial Reports for August 2023.
- On a motion by Trustee Lassiter and seconded by Trustee Tyler, the Board approved the Financial Reports for August 2023.

**Policy & Quality Assurance**

- On a motion by Trustee Vann and seconded by Trustee Pugh, the Board approved BOT Policies 3.10 and 3.12.
- On a motion by Trustee Harrell and seconded by Trustee Tyler the Board approved the myFutureNC Attainment Goal resolutions for Hertford, Bertie, and Northampton Counties.



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**Board Chair's Report**

- Chair Gatling congratulated Dr. Smallwood and the BCPS for no longer being labeled as a low performing district.
- Chair Gatling acknowledged Trustee Lassiter and Trustee Harrell for having birthdays in the month of September.
- Chair Gatling stated the Senate has approved the 2023 budget and R-CCC has been given \$15 million to build the Mitchell-Hall Health Sciences and Administration Building.
- Chair Gatling discussed Senate Bill 692 which changes the appointing authority of the Board of Trustees. The appointing authority has been given to the General Assembly to appoint up to eight members to the Board. The Governor and the Board of Education no longer have appointing authority.

**President's Report:**

- Dr. Williams stated a Foundation Meeting has been scheduled for September 28, 2023, in the Freeland Building Community Room.
- The Power of 15 Kickoff will be held on Friday, September 29, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Bosses' Day will be held in the Community Room on October 4, 2023, from 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
- Dr. Williams stated 82% of the enrollment goal for the fall semester has been met.
- The SEID (State Economic and Infrastructure Development) grant focusing on Welding was submitted for \$470,000 to renovate the Young Building and provide equipment and funding for an additional full-time welding instructor. The college should know if it is selected for this grant on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- SACSCOC- Senate Bill 680 passed. Every 10 years North Carolina colleges must change institutional accrediting agencies. Three years prior to the change, colleges must begin the process of being accepted by a new accrediting agency.

**Closed Session:**

- There was no closed session for this meeting.

**Adjournment:**

- On a motion by Trustee Lassiter and seconded by Trustee Harrell the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Board Chairman

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Board Liaison