Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Montgomery Community College (Capel Hall)
1011 Page St.
Troy, NC 27371

1. Call to Order - Gordon Knowles, Chair

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College was called to order on May 13, 2026, at 3:33 PM by Mr. Gordon Knowles, Chair. The Board met as a Committee of the Whole.

Board Members Present:

Gordon Knowles, Chair; Brooke Cranford, Dr. Katie Dunlap, Kerry Hensley, Craig Jones, Mike Mills, Dr. Robert Nelson, Ricky Merida Nieves, SGA President (3:34 p.m.), Dr. Philip Jones (3:36 p.m.), and Dr. Tawanda Matthews (3:50 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Robert Harris, Vice Chair; Tim McAuley, Secretary; and Claudia Bulthuis

Others Present:

Dr. Chad Bledsoe, President; Jeanette McBride, Sr. Vice-President of Administrative Services/CFO; Dr. Natalie Winfree, Vice-President of Instruction and Student Services; Hunter Smith, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Advancement; Kelly Morning, Director of Marketing, Communications, and Public Relations; and Rene Perryman, Executive Assistant to the President/Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees

2. Welcome and Announcements - Gordon Knowles

Mr. Knowles welcomed all in attandance.

3. Approval of Agenda- (Action) - Gordon Knowles

Mr. Knowles called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Dr. Katie Dunlap; seconded by: Michael Mills

The motion carried.

4. Board of Ethics Reminder - Gordon Knowles

Mr. Knowles reminded Trustees of MCC Board Policy 1.4 Conflict of Interest and Chapter 138A of the North Carolina Board of Ethics and asked if there were any potential or actual conflicts of interest.

No conflicts were declared.

5. Approval of Board and Committee Minutes - (Action) - Gordon Knowles

Mr. Knowles called for a motion to approve the April 8, 2026 Board and Committee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Dr. Katie Dunlap; seconded by: Kerry Hensley

The motion carried.

5.1 Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting - Apr 08 2026 - Minutes - Html

5.2 Personnel Committee Meeting - Apr 08 2026 - Minutes - Html

5.3 Curriculum and Student Services Committee Meeting - Apr 08 2026 - Minutes - Html

5.4 Board of Trustees Meeting - Apr 08 2026 - Minutes - Html

6. Finance and Facilities Committee - Robert Harris

No report.

7. Personnel Committee - Kerry Hensley

No report.

8. Curriculum and Student Services Committee - Gordon Knowles

8.1 2026-2027 Fee Chart - (Action) - Dr. Natalie Winfree

Dr. Winfree presented the 2026-2027 Fee Chart. The fees for Dental Hygiene students have been added to the chart.

There was a brief discussion about the exam software and its similarity to the exam software nursing students use.

Mr. Knowles called for a motion to approve the updated 2026-2027 Fee Chart as presented.

Moved by: Michael Mills; seconded by: Kerry Hensley

The motion carried.

9. Legislative and Institutional Status Committee - Dr. Tawanda Matthews

No report.

10. Executive Leadership Reports - Dr. Chad Bledsoe

Mr. Knowles noted that items 10.1 through 13.1 were the standard monthly reports, which had been emailed to the Trustees the previous week for review. The following items were briefly discussed:

- The college has hired Sara Holden as the Small Business Center Director.
- The Dental Assisting Instructor position has not been filled, but is advertised.

- The separations from the college including the two employees who will be retiring in the coming weeks.
- Rules for the upcoming Southern Correctional Institute Graduation, as well as the certificates that will be presented.
- Upcoming events on the Trustee Calendar

Ricky Merida Nieves, SGA President shared his plans after graduation. Ricky plans to attend NC State in the fall.

10.1 Monthly Financial Report March 2026 - Jeanette McBride

10.2 Foundation Director's Report - Hunter Smith

10.3 Marketing and Public Relations Report - Hunter Smith

10.4 Grants Update - Korrie Ervin

10.5 Personnel Updates - Dr. Chad Bledsoe

10.6 Facilities and Construction Update - Dr. Chad Bledsoe

10.7 Instruction and Student Services Report - Dr. Natalie Winfree

11. SGA Report - Ricky Merida Nieves, SGA President

11.1 Student Government Association Report - Ricky Merida Nieves

12. President's Report - Dr. Bledsoe

12.1 President's Report

13. Chairman's Report - Mr. Knowles

13.1 Board of Trustees Calendar 2025-26

14. Adjourn - (Action) - Mr. Knowles

Mr. Knowles called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 PM.

Moved by: Michael Mills; seconded by: Kerry Hensley

The motion carried.

Chairman