Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Montgomery Community College (Capel Hall)

1011 Page St.

Troy, NC 27371

1. Call to Order - Gordon Knowles, Chair

The regular meeting of the Montgomery Community College Board of Trustees took place on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, in the Claudia Blair Bulthuis Boardroom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mr. Gordon Knowles, Chair.

Board Members Present:

Gordon Knowles, Board Chair; Robert Harris, Vice-Chair; Tim McAuley, Secretary; Claudia Bulthuis, Brooke Cranford, Kerry Hensley, Craig Jones, Dr. Robert Nelson, Ricky Merida Nieves, SGA President; and Mr. Mike Mills (via TEAMS)

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Katie Dunlap, Dr. Philip Jones, and Dr. Tawanda Matthews

Guests Present:

Dr. Chad Bledsoe, President; Jeanette McBride, Sr. Vice-President of Administration/CFO; Dr. Natalie Winfree, Vice-President of Instruction and Student Services; Hunter Smith, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Advancement; Josh Thaxton, Systems Technician; Edwin Nunez Hernandez, former MCC student; Daniel Rios, Mathematics Instructor; Janelle Christopher, Dental Assisting Instructor; Kris Hamilton, Network Administrator; and Rene Perryman, Executive Assistant to the President/Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees

2. Welcome and Announcements - Mr. Knowles

Mr. Knowles welcomed all in attendance, and called upon Dr. Bledsoe to introduce guests.

Dr. Bledsoe introduced new employees Janelle Christopher, Dental Assisting Instructor; Kris Hamilton, Network Administrator; Daniel Rios, Mathematics Instructor, as well as former early college student and MCC alumnus, Erwin Nunez Hernandez.

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

Mr. Knowles called for a motion to approve the October 8, 2025 meeting agenda.

Moved by: Claudia Bulthuis
Seconded by: Kerry Hensley

Motion carried.

4. Board of Ethics Reminder- Mr. Knowles

Mr. Knowles read the ethics statement, reminding Board Members of Chapter 138A of the State Government Ethics Act and the Montgomery Community College Board Policy 1.4 Conflict of Interest, and asked if there were any potential or actual conflicts.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Board Presentation - MCEC Student - Edwin Nunez Hernandez

Edwin Nunez Hernandez, an MCC alumnus, was the guest speaker. Mr. Hernandez spoke to the Board about his experience at the Early College, which began in 2019. He earned degrees in both Electrical System Technology and Industrial Systems Technology during his time at MCC. Mr. Hernandez explained that the support he received at every step of his journey in his early college and college career was consistent. Mr. Hernandez spoke very highly of MCC instructor Art Furr, stating that Mr. Furr was inspirational in the success of Mr. Hernandez. Lilly Pharmaceutical has recently employed Mr. Hernandez as a Logistics Engineer.

6. Approval of Board and Committee Minutes (Action) - Mr. Knowles

6.1 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - August 13, 2025 (Action) - Mr. Knowles

Board of Trustees Meeting - Aug 13 2025 - Minutes - Html

6.2 Curriculum and Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes August 13, 2025 (Action) - Mr. Knowles

Curriculum and Student Services Committee Meeting - Aug 13 2025 - Minutes - Html

6.3 Legislative and Institutional Status Committee Meeting Minutes August 13, 2025 (Action) - Mr. Knowles

Legislative and Institutional Status Committee Meeting - Aug 13 2025 - Minutes - Html

Mr. Knowles called for a motion to approve the August 13, 2025 Board and Committee Meeting minutes.

Moved by: Kerry Hensley

Seconded by: Dr. Robert Nelson

Motion carried.

7. Finance and Facilities Committee - Robert Harris

No report.

8. Personnel Committee - Kerry Hensley

No report.

9. Curriculum and Student Services Committee - Dr. Katie Dunlap

No report.

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

Mr. Timothy McAuley, Vice-Chair of the Legislative and Institutional Status Committee, informed board members of the changes to Policy 2.3.11 College Committees. This was a first reading and required no action.

10.1 Policy 2.3.11 College Committees - 1st Reading - Dr. Bledsoe

Policy 02.03.11-College Committees

11. Executive Leadership Reports - Dr. Chad Bledsoe

11.1 Monthly Financial Report August 2025 - Jeanette McBride

Jeanette McBride presented the college financial reports for the month ending August 31, 2025.

Due to the budget being received at the end of September, it will be posted and shared at the upcoming November meeting.

State expenditures totaled $1,593,995, which was in line with expenditures this time last year. County funds spending as of August 31, 2025 was $168,122 or 15.6% of budget. The amount available in Local Funds for Capital Expenditures from the County Quarter-cent Sales Tax and Property Tax allocations is $419,996.

The August balance in Institutional Funds was $2,378,585. All negative balances are due to timing of reimbursements.

The balance in the STIF (State Treasurers Investment Fund) was $224,399.

11.2 Campus Security Report 2025 - Jeanette McBride

Mrs. McBride presented the Annual Campus Safety and Security Report for the reporting period 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024.

A question was raised about the number of incidents that do not fall under the definition of the Clery Act that occur on campus and what happens when one occurs. Dr. Bledsoe answered questions about the different types of incidents and how they are reported.

There was a discussion about updating the Crisis Center list.

Dr. Bledsoe updated Board members on an incident that took place in the women's restroom on campus.

11.3 Foundation Director's Report - Hunter Smith

Hunter Smith presented the Foundation Directors Report for the month ending August 31, 2025. The fund balance for all three accounts was $5,915,144,63. This reflects a market

change increase of $96,088.78.

The 2025 donations as of August 31, 2025 were $379,673.19.

Mr. Smith thanked those who attended the Fall Fundraiser last week. $28,672 is the estimated amount of money raised at the event.

Mr. Smith reminded Board Members of the upcoming Clays for Education Sporting Clay Fundraiser on November 7, 2025 at Hyatt Farms Sporting Complex. The event will begin at 12:30 PM.

11.4 **Grants Update - Hunter Smith**

Mr. Smith informed Board members of the grants that were recently awarded, as well as the applications that are still in process.

Mr. Smith added that NC DHHS/Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) had been awarded since the publishing of the agenda. This is a 9-month, $50,000 grant.

11.5 **Marketing and Public Relations Report - Hunter Smith**

Mr. Smith presented the Marketing and Public Relations Report.

Mr. Smith shared the most current press releases and social media statistics.

11.6 **Annual Report - Hunter Smith**

Mr. Smith shared a copy of the 2024-2025 Annual Report with board members. The report can also be accessed digitally by clicking the link above.

Mr. Smith highlighted the board activity section of the report, as well as the curriculum section, community events, and spending ventures.

11.7 **Facilities and Construction Update - Dr. Bledsoe**

Dr. Bledsoe updated Board members on the Dental Hygiene Project, as well as the renovation of the Hole-in-Wall Cafe.

Dr. Bledsoe informed Board members that the construction class will be assisting with the construction of the Hole-in-

Wall Cafe, as a live project.

11.8 **Personnel Updates August and September 2025 - Dr. Bledsoe**

Dr. Bledsoe informed Board members of recent personnel updates.

11.9 **Instruction and Student Services Report - Dr. Natalie Winfree**

Dr. Natalie Winfree shared the Instruction and Student Services Report, which included recent events on campus as well as upcoming events.

Topics discussed included:

- Medical Assistant and Phlebotomy Blood Drive.
- Clays for Education - November 7th
- CODA's on-site visit for Dental Hygiene, will be next Wednesday and Thursday, October 15, 16, 2025.
- Carpentry students will be installing sheet rock walls in the hole in the wall area for a security office.
- CCP has been selected to attend the leadership academy.
- Forestry students competed in Woodsman Events.
- Wolfpack Connect details were discussed and this program is still being researched. Dr. Winfree is meeting with the Dean on October 10, 2025, to further discuss how the transfer works.

12. SGA Report - Ricky Merida Nieves, SGA President

12.1 **Student Government Association Report - Ricky Merida Nieves**

Ricky Merida Nieves shared the SGA (Student Government Association) report. The SGA has participated in a variety of fun activities and will be participating in several upcoming community events throughout the fall. Some of the events include a Spooky Carnival on October 29, 2025, and Thankful Thursday on November 20, 2025, and Winterfest, December 8-11, 2025.

13. President's Report - Dr. Bledsoe

13.1 **President's Report 2025-10-08.pdf**

Dr. Bledsoe shared the events that he has participated in since the last board meeting and events he plans to attend in the near future.

Dr. Bledsoe gave an update on the scholarship issues that were in the newspaper. Dr. Bledsoe assured Board members that the Executive Committee of the Foundation met and properly reviewed the appeals prior to making their final decisions. All proper protocols were followed and with the level of sensitivity not much can be shared.

Dr. Bledsoe discussed a possible Nursing Regional Partnership with Sandhills Community College. Dr. Bledsoe explained the benefits of this collaboration, including reduced costs.

Dr. Bledsoe discussed IDPs and KPIs as they relate to employee evaluations.

Dr. Bledsoe announced that the annual evaluation of employees will be changing at the college. Rather than evaluate at the end of the year, employees will meet with their supervisors more often in order for the information to remain current.

14. Chairman's Report - Mr. Knowles

14.1 Review of NCACCT Leadership Seminar

Mr. Knowles asked members of the Board who attended the NCACCT Leadership Seminar in Greensboro in September to share their experiences at the seminar.

Craig Jones, Dr. Nelson, Tim McAuley, and Brooke Cranford each spoke about their experience and the benefits of the sessions they attended.

Mike Mills joined via Teams and shared his experience and take-aways from the seminar.

14.2 **Board of Trustee Calendar 2025-26.pdf**

Mr. Knowles reminded Trustees to refer to the 2025-26 Board of Trustee Calendar for upcoming events.

15. Adjourn - (Action) - Mr. Knowles

Mr. Knowles called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Moved by: Kerry Hensley
Seconded by: Claudia Bulthuis

Motion carried.

Chairman