

**NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SPECIAL CALL MEETING**  
**MARCH 27, 2014**

The NCCU Board of Trustees held a special call meeting on March 27, 2014. A public forum was provided in the Chancellor's Conference Room in the Hoey Administration Building. Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He recognized Ms. Dottie Fuller to call the roll. A quorum was established.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Dr. Dwight Perry, Mr. John Barbee, Mr. Harold Epps, Dr. Kenneth Tindall, Mr. Stefan Weathers, and Mrs. Karyn Wilkerson. Via telephone conference call were the following: Mr. George Hamilton, Mr. Mrs. Avon Ruffin, Ms. Allyson Siegel and Mrs. Joan Higginbotham

Members Absent: Mr. Wendell McCain, Mrs. Kim Saunders and Mr. Paul Pope

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** It was moved by Trustee Barbee and properly seconded by Trustee Ruffin that the agenda be adopted. The motion carried.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Chairman Perry informed the Board, as Chair of the Board of Trustees, that it is his responsibility to remind all members of the Board of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict of interest as required by this Act. Each member has received the agenda and related information for this Board of Trustees meeting. If any board member knows of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the board of trustees at this meeting, the conflict or appearance of conflict should be identified at this time.

**OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Perry recognized Chancellor Debra Saunders-White who announced the appointment of Mr. Walter Davenport as Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. The appointment was effective on March 24, 2014. The Trustees congratulated and welcomed Mr. Davenport.

Chairman Perry next recognized Trustee George Hamilton, Chair of the NCCU By-Laws Committee. A red line draft of the suggested revisions to the NCCU By-Laws was distributed prior to this meeting. Chairman Hamilton outlined the suggested revisions namely:

Article V - Officers - to read: Section 3 -Terms of Office. The Officers shall be elected to serve for one (1) year or until his/her successor is elected and their term of office shall begin on July 1 of that year.

Article VI – Meetings- Section 1 last sentence insert: Regular meetings shall be defined to include meetings of the full Board as well as regularly scheduled board committee meetings.

Article VI – Meetings – Section 2 – Annual Meetings to read: The first regular meeting held after April 30 of each year shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and transacting any other business that may arise.

It was moved by Trustee Epps and properly seconded by Trustee Weathers that the NCCU Board of Trustees approve the revisions to the NCCU Board of Trustees By-Laws. The motion carried.

It was moved by Trustee Ruffin and properly seconded by Trustee Epps to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(2), (5) and (6). The motion carried.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Perry recognized Chancellor Debra Saunders-White who presented two (2) candidates for Honorary Degrees at the 2014 Spring Commencement. Background information was provided.

Next Chancellor Saunders-White provided the Board of Trustees with personnel updates.

There being no further matters to be considered in Closed Session, it was moved by Trustee Weathers and properly seconded by Trustee Barbee that the Board reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried.

## **OPEN SESSION**

It was moved by Trustee Ruffin and properly seconded by Trustee Weathers to approve the matters discussed in Closed Session. The motion carried.

### **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Installation of Chancellor Saunders-White to be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in McDougld-McLendon Gym. Reception to follow on Brant Street Plaza.

The next NCCU Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for April 22-23, 2014.

Reminder to the Trustees it is mandatory that you complete your Statement of Economic Interest and forward original to Attorney Melissa Holloway on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. To those trustees who have not completed the NC Ethics Commission Education requirement this too is mandatory.

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Ruffin and properly seconded by Trustee Weathers to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Dottie Fuller  
Recorder