

**NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALL MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
July 31, 2012**

The NCCU Board of Trustees held a special call meeting and met via telephone conference call and a public forum was provided in the Emma Marable Conference Room in the William Jones Building. Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He recognized Trustee Avon Ruffin to call the roll.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Dr. Dwight Perry, Mr. Charles Baron, Mr. Robert Dolan – via phone, Mr. Harold Epps – via phone, Mr. Reginald McCrimmon – via phone, Mr. Paul Pope – via phone, Mrs. Avon Ruffin, Ms. Kim Saunders, Mr. Carlton Thornton, and Nancy Wysenski. Absent: Mr. John Barbee, Mr. George Hamilton, and Mr. Wendell McCain.

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Chairman Perry informed the Board, as Chair of the Board of Trustees, 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.

It was moved by Trustee Ruffin and properly seconded by Trustee Dolan to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee and N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege. The motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

President Ross provided information to the NCCU Board of Trustees that related to a personnel matter.

It was moved by Trustee Baron and properly seconded by Trustee Ruffin to reconvene in open session. The motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

President Thomas Ross introduced Judge Charles Becton, who will be serving as Interim

Chancellor, to the NCCU Board of Trustees.

Judge Becton began his comments by thanking President Tom Ross for having the confidence in him to appoint him as Interim Chancellor. He further expressed his gratefulness to Chancellor Charlie Nelms for his willingness to help ensure a smooth transition into the position, and to help him learn the ropes. He commented further that the transition process has already begun, given the three hours he spent with Chancellor Nelms on Monday, July 30, 2012. He said that, leadership is about listening, and that he is willing to listen to anyone who has this University at heart. He further stated that Leadership and this Chancellorship, is a trust and not a title, and also, leadership is what you do and not what you are. He commented further that, "this Chancellorship is what we can do together to make this great University even better". Judge Becton pointed out that leadership is a collaborative effort, and as Interim Chancellor, with the help of leaders on campus, we will continue the work and initiatives started by Chancellor Nelms. We will also continue to identify and develop all available resources so that all of the school's goals can be met. He quoted Chancellor, "Vision without focus is a mere Illusion", to which he spoke in agreement. Judge Becton said that we need focused dreamers who are not afraid of action - if we don't dream, how will we ever have a dream come true? He ended his comments by stating that it takes teamwork to make dreams work and lastly, he has worn many hats, but will not ever wear a hat with more pride than this NCCU hat.

President Ross provided steps of working with Ann Lennon, UNC General Administration, regarding the Chancellor's Search and timelines.

**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next NCCU Board of Trustees is scheduled for September 25 - 26, 2012.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Anita K. Parker  
Recorder