

**NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

The NCCU Board of Trustees convened in person in Pearson Dining Hall, First Floor, Banquet Hall, on the campus of North Carolina Central University on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Chairman Holloway called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

INVOCATION: Trustee William Bell gave the invocation.

Chairman Holloway recognized Trustee Oita Coleman to call the roll.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairman Holloway	Present
Trustee Abebe	Present
Trustee Allison	Present
Trustee Bell	Present
Trustee Chadwell	Present
Trustee Coleman	Present
Trustee Dickens	Present
Trustee Johnson	Present
Trustee Mitchell	Present
Trustee Slade	Present
Trustee Tidwell	Present
Trustee Valladares	Present
Trustee Walker	Present

There were thirteen (13) members present. A quorum was established.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: It was moved by Trustee Allison and properly seconded by Trustee Tidwell to approve the minutes dated September 28, 2022. The motion carried.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Chairman Holloway informed the Board, as Chair, 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. No conflict was presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman Oita Coleman presented the Academic Affairs Committee Report. There were several informational items, highlights are as follows:

- Spring 2023 Undergraduate Admissions Update
- Spring 2023 Registration Update
- Spring 2023 Graduate Admissions
- Project Kitty Hawk Update
- Schools and Colleges Updates
- Academic Affairs Highlights
- December 2022 Commencement Update

Next, Chairman Coleman presented the Student Affairs Committee Report. There were several informational items, highlights are as follows:

- The Ultimate Homecoming Experience
- Office of the Dean of Students' Highlights
- Rock the Lyceum
- Eagle Health and Well-Being
 - Self-esteem/confidence
 - Stress

- Anxiety
- Family Issues

Vice Chancellor Coleman and Dr. Joy Hartfield, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students, further updated the Trustees regarding Eagle Health and Well-Being. The NCCU Counseling Center is staffed by licensed mental health professionals who provide individuals and group counseling, crisis intervention, substance abuse prevention and intervention, anger management and other services.

Further, Vice Chancellor Matherson provided an update regarding campus safety and security. Stay Safe at NCCU is a resource to report a crime or concern, access safety policies and access to other important information and resources.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Allison presented the Governance Committee Report. There was ONE (1) action item.

Chairman Allison recognized General Counsel Fenita Morris-Shepard who presented revisions to the NCCU Board of Trustees By-Laws, namely:
Article VI:

- Page 5, Section 6.4.1 Quorum: **Inserting:** A quorum for the conduct of business on the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of the voting membership of the board then in office. A voting member who is present at a meeting of the board or of a committee, or who attends a special or emergency meeting of the board or of any meeting of a committee by telephone, video conference, or other electronic means that allows for two-way voice interaction, will be counted as present for purposes of determining quorum.
- ~~Page 5, Section 6.4.5 Voting Powers: **Deleting:** All members of the Board of Trustees shall have the power to vote on all questions coming before the Board of Trustees for consideration. No member, however, shall have the privilege of voting by in absentia by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or proxy.~~

Page 5, Section 6.4.5 Voting Powers: **Inserting:** All members of the Board of Trustees except special members shall have the power to vote on all matters coming before the Board for consideration. Any voting member of the Board or of a Board committee who attends a special or emergency meeting of the Board or of any meeting of a committee by telephone, video conference, or other electronic means that allows for two-way voice interaction may cast the member's vote by that electronic means. No vote concerning any matter under

consideration by the Board or by a committee of the Board may be cast in absentia by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail.

It was moved by Trustee Walker and properly seconded by Trustee Chadwell to approve the revisions to the NCCU Board of Trustees By-laws. The motion carried.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairman Johnson presented the Administration and Finance Committee Report. There were several informational items. Highlights of the Facilities Report included the following:

- Alston Avenue Apts Retail Project
- Baynes Residence Hall Demolition
- New Student Center Retail Project
- New School of Business Current Status
- New Capital Projects
- WNCU Renovation Project
- Facilities Operations Projects
- Preventive Maintenance Planning
- Master Contract Agreements
- Increase Operational Efficiencies
- Upgraded Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS)
- Informational Updates
 - Hurricane Ian Response
 - Winter Weather Planning
 - Preparation for 2022 Homecoming Activities
- P3 Contract Administration

An update regarding the 24/7 Collaborative Learning and Research Center was provided by Vice Chancellor Matherson. This project has not been “cancelled” as indicated in the presentation but has been “tabled” due to cost escalation (30% above budget just for construction).

ENDOWMENT BOARD

Chairman Holloway presented the Endowment Fund Report. There were several informational items. Highlights of this report included the following:

- The UNC Management Company Fund had a performance return of -3.94% for the period ending September 30, 2022.
- Xponance Investment Advisors had a performance return of -5.23% for the same period.
- The market value of the University's Endowment Fund as of September 30, 2022, was \$54,579,493 as compared to \$56,953,738 as of July 1, 2021. This change reflects a market value decrease of \$2,374,245 or -4.17%.
- Periodic Performance vs. Benchmark as of September 30, 2022.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman Tidwell presented the Advancement Committee Report. Highlights of this report included the following:

- Fundraising Report
A total of \$2,312,484 (cash, pledges, and property) has been raised for FY23 as of October 31, 2022. This amount reflects all non-research-related private fundraising activity. The fundraising chart below reflects this amount as contributed by each constituent group as a year-to-date comparison.
- Capital Campaign Consultant
BWF has been selected as the firm to provide fundraising campaign management for the institution. Given the challenges facing universities related to fundraising, we found BWF skilled in working closely with our institutional leaders and development team to help define our vision and develop the fundraising priorities required to achieve it. BWF is knowledgeable in establishing best-practice principles and major gift fundraising initiatives. We are now in the external interview phase with several interviews underway contributing to the overall data analysis and findings. These interviews will help determine our next steps in proceeding with a comprehensive campaign. It was determined that due to time constraints, we would extend the external invitation window to allow BWF more time to collect data relevant to the report. BWF will join the February Board of Trustees Meeting with a comprehensive report.

The BWF Comprehensive Campaign update included the following:

- External Interviews – in progress

- Launch Survey – completed
- Insight Analysis – in progress
- Continue to Plan for the Campaign – in progress
- Building Infrastructure (staffing and invest in the program) – in progress
 - Advancement Services
 - Alumni Relations
 - Development
 - Administrative
- The Ultimate Homecoming 2022
 - NCCU experienced an Ultimate Homecoming “*Extraordinaire*” last weekend. The campus was abuzz with alumni, students, dignitaries, faculty, friends, and more. The week-long activities leading up to the game on Saturday were nothing short of amazing. From reunions to reconnections, a festive-filled atmosphere engulfed our beautiful campus. Total Giving as of October 31, 2022, \$663,067. Total SOGE Giving as of October 31, 2022, \$1,069,448. Vice Chancellor Hester shared more regarding Homecoming during her presentation.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Chairman Slade recognized Athletic Director Skip Perkins to present the Athletics Committee Report.

NCCU Clinched the MEAC Championship by beating Norfolk State University, 48-14, on Saturday, November 12th and secured a bid to the MEAC-SWAC Cricket Celebration Bowl. The game will be held in Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta on December 17, 2022, at noon. NCCU will play Jackson State University

Dr. Perkins indicated ticket information, hotel accommodations, scheduled Bowl events, etc. will be made available by Thursday, November 17th on the website. The team will have new uniforms and Delta Airlines will charter the team to Atlanta.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairman Chadwell presented the Audit Committee Report. There were several informational items. Highlights of this report included the following:

- First Quarter Attestation of Audit Reports
- “Dashboard” of the Self-Assessment Tool

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Akinleye's report "The Eagle Promise Realized – 2017-2022 Five Years in Review". Chancellor's Strategic Objectives are as follows:

1. Improve NCCU's brand reputation to embrace student success and offer multiple access points for students entering higher education.
2. Expand NCCU's portfolio of academic offerings and research initiatives and provide new opportunities for global immersion.
3. Expand partnerships with higher education institutions, community colleges, K-12, private industry and nonprofits to recruit, support and employ students.
4. Facilitate the development of innovative strategies with Durham County, the City of Durham and the Research Triangle to create economic opportunity and revitalization in areas surrounding NCCU.
5. Reinforce and invest to Improved Security Measures to Enhance Campus Safety and Well-Being.
6. Improve and build new infrastructure to better accommodate the NCCU community as it grows and thrives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November 23-27, 2022

December 8

December 10

December 21

January 8, 2023

January 15, 2023

February 21, 2023 **(Tuesday)**

Thanksgiving Recess

Chancellor's Reception for Graduating Students and their families – Noon – 3:00 p.m. New Student Center

Undergraduate Commencement – 9:00 a.m. McDougald-McLendon Area

Graduates, Professional,

Doctoral Commencement – 2:00 p.m. McDougald-McLendon Arena

Last Day of Classes (Christmas Break)

Classes Resume

MLK Observance

NCCU Board of Trustees Meeting

Chairman Holloway recognized Trustee Oita Coleman for a motion 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 of prospective public officer or employee. The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Holloway recognized Trustee Johnson who shared an announcement with the Trustees regarding a personal matter.

Next, Chairman Holloway recognized Chancellor Akinleye who presented to the Trustees a recommendation on a personnel matter.

There being no further business for Closed Session, it was moved by Trustee Allison and properly seconded by Trustee Abebe to reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

When the meeting reconvened in Open Session it was moved by Trustee Slade and properly seconded by Trustee Valladares that the personnel matter presented and discussed in Closed Session be approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees. The motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dottie Irving Fuller
Recorder