

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

**JUNE 22, 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 Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Chairman Holloway called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**INVOCATION:** Trustee Cornell Slade gave the invocation

Chairman Holloway recognized Trustee Oita Coleman to call the roll.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

There were ten (10) members present. A quorum was established.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** It was moved by Trustee Coleman and properly seconded by Trustee Allison that the agenda be adopted.

Trustee Allison	Yes
Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes

Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Mitchell	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with nine (9) votes in the affirmative.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** It was moved by Trustee Johnson and properly seconded by Trustee Bell to approve the minutes dated April 27, 2022 and May 27, 2022.

Trustee Allison	Yes
Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Mitchell	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with nine (9) votes in the affirmative.

**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.

### **SWEARING IN OF TRUSTEE-ELECT**

Chairman Holloway introduced Trustee-elect Manuhe Abebe. He is the newly elected SGA President for the 2022-2023 term. He was elected in April, will be a junior in the fall and a Mass Communications major with a Concentration in Public Service. He is from Apex, North Carolina

Chairman Holloway recognized Ms. Dottie Irving Fuller to swear in Trustee-elect Manuhe Abebe.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Allison announced that Trustee John Herrera has tendered his resignation from the NCCU Board of Trustees to Chairman Kevin Holloway effective June 9, 2022, citing new duties and new work schedule will prohibit him from fully exercising his role as a Trustee.

Trustee Herrera was originally appointed to the NCCU Board of Trustees by the UNC Board of Governors on July 1, 2017 and reappointed on July 1, 2021. The reappointment term to end June 30, 2025. As a result of his resignation this creates a vacancy on this Board for a partial term.

In accordance with UNC Policy, The Code and Section 3.4.1 of the NCCU Board of Trustees Bylaws “Whenever any vacancy shall occur among those elected by the Board of Governors, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, in this case, Trustee Oita Coleman, to inform the Board of Governors of the existence of the vacancy and the Board of Governors shall elect a person to fill the unexpired term.”

Notice of this resignation will be forwarded to the UNC Board of Governors, specifically Mr. David Powers, Chairman, University Governance Committee. The University Governance Committee shall review all nominees and make a recommendation to the full Board of Governors. The full Board of Governors shall elect a person to fill the unexpired term and notify the campus of the candidate elected to fill the unexpired partial term at a regularly scheduled meeting.

### **FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Johnson presented the Finance and Facilities Committee Reports. There were several informational items.

Highlights of the Administration and Finance Report update included the following:

- Budget Update
  - State Fund Budget Update – Carry Forward
- Third Quarter Update

- General Funds
- Auxiliary Funds
- Athletics
- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Cares Act (HEERF) Update
  - Strategic Initiatives Update

Highlights of the Facilities Management Capital Projects update included the following:

- Major Capital Projects Update
- New Capital Projects
- Minor Capital Projects
- Carry Forward Projects
- Repair and Renovation Projects
- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Cares Act (HEERF) Projects
- University Property Acquisitions

The Trustees requested of Vice Chancellor Akua Matherson that she include in her Facilities Report Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) data.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

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 6.78% for the period ending April 30, 2022.
- Xponance Investment Advisors had a performance return of 6.10% for the same period.
- The market value of the University's Endowment Fund as of April 30, 2022 was \$59,564,613 as compared to \$55,851,080 as of July 1, 2021. This change reflects a market value increase of \$6,638,339 or 6.65%.

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Chairman Coleman presented the Academic Affairs Committee Report. There were two (2) action items, one (1) for Open Session and one (1) for Closed Session, in addition there were informational items. Highlights included the following:

The Academic Affairs Report included a recommendation in accordance with UNC Policy regarding required Semester Credit Hours for Baccalaureate Degree Programs.

It was moved by Trustee Coleman and properly seconded by Trustee Tidwell to approve, in accordance with UNC Policy, the recommendation regarding required Semester Credit Hours for Baccalaureate Degree Programs and forward to the UNC System Office as an informational item.

Trustee Abebe	Yes
Trustee Allison	Yes
Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Mitchell	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with ten (10) votes in the affirmative.

Informational items in the Academic Affairs report included the following:

- Spring Commencement Update
- Summer Session 2022 Update
- Academic Affairs Highlights

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Chairman Coleman presented the Student Affairs Committee Report. There was one (1) action item for Closed Session. Informational items included the following:

- COVID Testing Summary
- 2021-2022 Quarantine and Isolation Date
- COVID-19 Vaccine Data and education Campaign
- Counseling Services AY22 Data
- Health and Well-Being Initiatives
- Residential Life Data
- Fall 2022 Move In

- S.O.A.R. Summer 2022 Orientation

## **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

The Athletics Committee did not report at the June 22, 2022, Board of Trustees Meeting.

## **ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tidwell presented the Advancement Committee Report. There were informational items. Highlights of the Institutional Advancement Report included the following:

### **Fundraising Report**

A total of \$11,767,905 (cash, pledges, and property) has been raised for FY22 as of May 31, 2022. This amount reflects all non-research related private fundraising activity. The fundraising chart reflects this amount, as contributed by each constituent group (Alumni, Faculty/Staff, Parents, Corporations, Foundations and Other Organizations), with a year-to-date comparison for FY21 and FY20. This amount reflects all non-research related private fundraising activity.

	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY20</b>
<b>Alumni</b>	\$2,227,490	\$2,045,408	\$1,838,728
<b>Faculty/Staff</b>	\$82,241	\$78,583	\$111,250
<b>Friends</b>	\$2,078,472	\$948,044	\$394,960
<b>Parents</b>	\$7,409	\$10,731	\$2,140
<b>Corporations</b>	\$5,369,910	\$9,124,003	\$1,046,861
<b>Foundations</b>	\$762,777	\$1,587,929	\$2,572,474
<b>Other Organizations</b>	\$1,238,155	\$555,829	\$453,102

<b>Students</b>	\$1,451	\$155	\$2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,767,905</b>	<b>\$14,350,682</b>	<b>\$4,327,995</b>

Chairman Tidwell provided a real-time report. As of June 21<sup>st</sup>, a total of \$14,021,015 has been raised. This total is just \$400,000 shy of the total raised this time last year. With gifts still being processed and more gifts expected before the end of next week, Advancement will surpass last year’s fundraising total.

Additionally, this fiscal year, Vice Chancellor Soublet has been focused on increasing the alumni participation rate. Chairman Tidwell also reported that the current alumni participation rate for FY22 is 13.2%, which represents an 81% increase over last year’s rate of 7.3%, bringing the alumni giving participation rate to double digits for the first time in 4 years.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Chairman Walker presented the Audit Committee Report. There were three (3) action items and informational items.

Chairman Walker presented the Internal Audit Charter.

- The Audit Charter provides independent, objective, assurance and consulting services designed to add value and improve the university’s operation.

It was moved by Trustee Walker and properly seconded by Trustee Allison to approve the Internal Audit Charter.

Trustee Abebe	Yes
Trustee Allison	Yes
Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Mitchell	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with ten (10) votes in the affirmative.

Next Chairman Walker presented the Audit Committee Charter.

- The purpose is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for the financial report process, the system of internal control, the audit process and the university’s process for monitoring compliance with federal and state laws and regulations and the code of conduct.

After much discussion regarding the effective date of the Audit Committee Charter, it was moved by Trustee Walker and properly seconded by Trustee Chadwell to amend the heading on page 1 to read “Effective: FY 2023”.

Trustee Abebe	Yes
Trustee Allison	Yes
Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Mitchell	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with ten (10) votes in the affirmative.

Chairman Walker recognized Mr. Robert Gaines, Internal Auditor, to present the Risk Assessment and Fiscal Year 2023 Internal Audit Work Plan.

- The document defines key areas of University operations where institutional risk mitigation is being focused through the completion of internal audit activities for the fiscal year. In addition to defined engagements, IAO project hours are provided within the Work Plan to perform advisory services, consulting, and the completion of special projects and investigations. This plan identifies the engagement projects to be completed during the the upcoming fiscal year; however, it can be amended to include requested reviews, special projects, or changes in priority.

It was moved by Trustee Walker and properly seconded by Trustee Chadwell to approve the Risk Assessment and Fiscal Year 2023 Internal Audit Workplan.

Trustee Abebe	Yes
Trustee Allison	Yes



Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Mitchell	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with ten (10) votes in the affirmative.

In addition, informational items included the following:

- Planned Internal Audit Activities (as of June 22, 2022)
- Unplanned Internal Audit Activities (as of June 22, 2022)

## **EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Executive/Personnel Committee did not report at the June 22, 2022, Board of Trustees Meeting.

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

### **FALLEN EAGLE: ATTY. BROWNE LEWIS**

Chancellor Akinleye took a moment to thank you the Trustees and members of the university family for attending the celebration of life of our Fallen Eagle, Attorney Browne Lewis, who was serving as dean of the School of Law. Dean Lewis' sudden passing was felt not only on our campus, but throughout the legal community. Her accomplishments and accolades were numerous, her impact was great and her legacy is immeasurable. While at NCCU just shy of two years, she arrived and quickly made it her mission to ensure the standards were high and the school's enrollment would grow at a time when most law schools were seeing declines. She spearheaded a number of innovative partnerships and was a passionate advocate for the rights of individuals from underserved communities. Chancellor asked that we observe a moment of silence in tribute to Dean Lewis.

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

NCCU continues to be vigilant and maintain safe health practices as we know that COVID-19 will be part of our lives for the foreseeable future. Throughout the past two months, it has been refreshing to see our students, in particular, experience the joy of a traditional Commencement ceremony.

Chancellor was pleased to share that since the pandemic began in March 2020, we have effectively managed the global health crisis on our campus. Since 2020, our positivity rate never went over 5.5%. The majority of our faculty and staff are vaccinated and we have administered more than 5,600 COVID-19 vaccines through our vaccination clinic. Lastly, we have conducted more than 40,000 rapid antigens and PCR tests. Chancellor commended our COVID-19 Management Team, the Division of Student Affairs and Office of Environmental Health and Safety for their collective efforts in Protecting the Nest.

### **139<sup>th</sup> COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

The University celebrated more than 990 students who earned their bachelor's, master's or Juris Doctor degrees on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Chairman Holloway, Trustee Allison, Trustee Chadwell and Trustee Bell for attending. Our speakers were NCCU Alumna Agnes Moss, founder and president of the National Black Movie Association, who addressed our undergraduates, and former City of Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, who was the featured speaker for our graduate and professional students. During the undergraduate ceremony, we honored the seven individuals who were involved in the historic 'Royal Ice Cream Sit-In' at the then Royal Ice Cream Parlor. They received the Doctor of Humane Letters for their courage in participating in one of the earliest acts of peaceful protest that led to a court case challenging separate accommodations in the South. Two of the seven honorees are living and participated in the ceremony, and families of three other Royal Seven members accepted their posthumously degrees.

The University formally recognized four faculty teaching awardees during the May 6<sup>th</sup> Commencement ceremony who the Chancellor highlighted in his April Board report.

### **ENROLLMENT**

NCCU's spring enrollment continues to be healthy as we have less than two months until new Eagles arrive on our campus. As of June 20, NCCU has 1,753 students intending to enroll. We are tracking similarly to last year in online admits. In Graduate Studies, you will see an increase in us admits as we are focused on confirming these students for the fall term. The School of Law is also trending well for the upcoming semester.

## **RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

One of many areas of strength at NCCU is our research enterprise and we have made significant gains in dollars generated to date. As of June 17, we have generated \$25,713,618 in research and sponsored programs from 73 awards. We are up by \$883,000 over this same time last year. The university's Division of Student Affairs was recently awarded a \$1.4 million TRIP Upward Bound Program grant from the Department of Education. The division has partnered with Graham High School in Alamance County to develop a program that will provide proactive academic and support services to 60 students for each year of the five-year grant.

### **NCCU-RTI INTERNATIONAL RIBBON-CUTTING CELEBRATION**

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, NCCU and RTI International celebrated the new Center for Applied Research in Environmental Sciences (CARES) laboratory at RTI's RTP campus. CARES brings together experts from NCCU and RTI to address critical issues in environmental health and develop the next generation of leaders in health equity. The goal of this partnership, that began in 2019, is to expand and deepen the existing NCCU-RTI partnership by establishing a framework that will guide future collaborations and strategically co-invest in projects and activities that advance both institutions. This relationship has led to increased collaboration in sponsored research, workforce development engagement, and growth opportunities for faculty, staff and students.

### **WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON HBCUS**

The Hunt Institute is hosting The White House Initiative on HBCUs and its director Dr. Dietra Trent for the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity North Carolina tour on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Trent and her team are traveling the state and will meet with HBCU leaders, students and administrators. The visit will include a roundtable discussion focused on Building a Diverse Workforce.

### **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MARLA MCGHEE**

Chancellor introduced Ms. Marla McGhee, one of NCCU's two 2022 White House HBCU Scholars. Marla is a rising senior and a business administration major and apparel design minor. A Cheatham-White Merit Scholar, she is also a member of the University's Honors Program. Currently, she is in New York City completing an internship with Lancome E-Commerce and joins us virtually.

Chancellor expressed the very best during her internship and know that she will soar during her senior year and thanked her for joining us.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

August 16, 2022  
September 28 2022

First Day of Classes  
NCCU Board of Trustees Meeting

Chairman Holloway recognized Trustee Coleman for a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(2) to prevent the premature disclosure of a prize or similar award and pursuant to 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance or condition of appointment of a public officer or employees of prospective public officer or employee.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Holloway recognized Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. David Jackson to present a candidate for Dean, College of Health and Sciences. Background materials were provided.

Next Chairman Holloway recognized Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Angela Coleman to present a Request to Unname the Angus McLean Residence Hall. Background materials were provided.

There being no further business for Closed Session, it was moved by Trustee Tidwell and properly seconded by Trustee Coleman to reconvene into Open Session.

Trustee Abebe	Yes
Trustee Allison	Yes
Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Mitchell	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with ten (10) votes in the affirmative.

When the meeting reconvened in Open Session it was moved by Trustee Coleman and properly seconded by Trustee Tidwell that the NCCU Board of Trustees recommend approval of the candidate for Dean, College of Health and Sciences and forward to the UNC Board of Governors for final action.

Trustee Abebe	Yes
Trustee Allison	Yes
Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Mitchell	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with ten (10) votes in the affirmative.

Next it was moved by Trustee Coleman and properly seconded by Trustee Walker that the NCCU Board of Trustees approve the Request to Unname the Angus McLean Residence Hall.

Trustee Abebe	Yes
Trustee Allison	Yes
Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Mitchell	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with ten (10) votes in the affirmative.

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Bell and properly seconded by Trustee Slade to adjourn.

Trustee Abebe	Yes
Trustee Allison	Yes
Trustee Bell	Yes
Trustee Chadwell	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes
Trustee Dickens	Yes
Trustee Johnson	Yes
Trustee Slade	Yes
Trustee Tidwell	Yes
Trustee Walker	Yes

**Motion carried** with ten (10) votes in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted:

Dottie Irving Fuller  
Recorder