

MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 18, 2006, 4:30 p.m.
Home of Dr. Terrance E. Suarez

Board Attendance

Harry Meador – Yes	Connie Nunley – Yes	
Fred Dotson – No	Lisa McCarty – Yes	Margaret Rasnic – Yes
Thomas Haynes – No	Patti McMurray- Yes	Daniel Roop – No
Robert Isaac – Yes	Doug Mullins – Yes	Everett Sadler – Yes
Sue Mays – No	Freddie Mullins – No	

President and Staff

Terrance E. Suarez, President
Patti Cantrell – Vice President Financial & Administrative Services
Donna Stanley, Vice President, Institutional Advancement & MECC Foundation
Sharon Fisher – Director, Community Relations
Deborah Kindle, Administrative Staff Assistant
Jamie Buckles, Administrative Staff Assistant

Guests

Charlotte Brooks, Past Board Member

Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Doug Mullins, Jr, Chair of the MECC Local Board, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Lisa McCarty to accept the May 12, 2006 minutes as presented. Ms. Margaret Rasnic seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

Reports

• Chair

Mr. Mullins welcomed board members and announced Ms. Connie Nunley has been reappointed from Lee County and three new appointments are forthcoming.

Mr. Mullins asked the members to complete the committee preference form for this year's committee assignments and turn in at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Mullins announced the annual College picnic on Wednesday, August 16th and the VCCA Convention will be held October 5-7, 2006 in Williamsburg, VA.

•Foundation Update

Ms. Donna Stanley reported that the Foundation's goal of \$1 million has already been exceeded. The Dream Keepers Endowment and the Title III Matching Endowments have both met their goals. Funds from Lumina and Wellmont have also been received.

•President

Dr. Suarez reported the state budget did not pass until the week before July 1, causing us to be late in finalizing the college budget. The budget allocation is very good and includes extra funds for faculty raises and other needs.

Dr. Suarez reported Phase One of the patio project outside the Red Fox Grill is almost finished. We plan to have an ice cream social to celebrate its 'opening'. We have received new monies to cover the shortfall on the maintenance building and hope to start on that this fall. Other projects include replacement of the H/VAC in Godwin and Robb Halls and renovation of Dalton-Cantrell Hall.

• *Academic & Student Services* – No Report

• *Financial & Administrative Services* –

Ms. Cantrell presented the personnel changes since the May meeting and the Local Funds status report as of June 30, 2006 (copies filed with original minutes).

• *Community Relations* – No Report

• *Institutional Advancement* – No Report

•President's Report

Dr. Suarez reviewed a summary of events and activities he has participated in since the meeting in May. (copy of report filed with original minutes).

New Business

Mr. Mullins presented the President's 2006-07 goals for the board's approval. Dr. Suarez reviewed the outcomes of his 2005-06 goals and summarized his 2006-07 goals and explained they were approved by the Chancellor at his recent evaluation. A motion was made by Ms. Patti McMurray to approve the President's goals for 2006-07 as presented. A second was made by Mr. Everett Sadler and was passed unanimously.

Mr. Mullins presented and read the resolution into the minutes honoring Ms. Ada Vandeventer for approval (copies filed with original minutes). A motion was made by Mr. Everett Sadler to approve the resolutions as read. Mr. Robert Isaac seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

Whereas, the Honorable Ada Vandeventer has served diligently and faithfully on the Mountain Empire Community College Board from 1998 to 2006 as a representative of Lee County, Virginia; and

Whereas, she has served as a member of the Curriculum & Student Affairs and Executive Committees, and Board Chair during 2005-06, and her knowledge and expertise provided valuable guidance to the Board; and,

Whereas, she has shown an abiding interest and concern in placing higher educational opportunities within reach of all citizens in her Community College region; and,

Whereas, she has given freely of her time and talents to the development and expansion of Mountain Empire Community College and its varied offerings in this region;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mountain Empire Community College Board does hereby express its grateful appreciation to this distinguished citizen of the Mountain Empire Community College region; and,

Be it further resolved that the Mountain Empire Community College Board does hereby direct that this resolution be inscribed in the permanent records of the Board, and a copy be presented to Ms. Ada Vandeventer as a token of this Board's profound respect and appreciation for her exemplary service and many contributions to the success of this institution.

Mr. Mullins presented and read the resolution into the minutes honoring Ms. Charlotte Brooks for approval (copies filed with original minutes). A motion was made by Ms. Connie Nunley to approve the resolutions as read. Mr. Harry Meador seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

Whereas, the Honorable Charlotte Brooks has served diligently and faithfully on the Mountain Empire Community College Board from 1998 to 2006 as a representative of Lee County, Virginia; and

Whereas, she has served as a member of the Finance & Facilities and Executive Committees, and her knowledge and expertise provided valuable guidance to the Board; and,

Whereas, she has shown an abiding interest and concern in placing higher educational opportunities within reach of all citizens in her Community College region; and,

Whereas, she has given freely of her time and talents to the development and expansion of Mountain Empire Community College and its varied offerings in this region;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mountain Empire Community College Board does hereby express its grateful appreciation to this distinguished citizen of the Mountain Empire Community College region; and,

Be it further resolved that the Mountain Empire Community College Board does hereby direct that this resolution be inscribed in the permanent records of the Board, and a copy be presented to Ms. Charlotte Brooks as a token of this Board's profound respect and appreciation for her exemplary service and many contributions to the success of this institution.

Public Comments – None

Other – None

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Board will be Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

Adjournment

At 5:50 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Margaret Rasnic and seconded by Mr. Robert Isaac that the board meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Terrance E. Suarez, President
& Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:

Chair of the Board

Date