



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Freeland Building Community Room**  
**August 22, 2023**  
**7 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Gatling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Acknowledgement of Mrs. Wendy Ruffin-Barnes:** Chair Gatling presented Mrs. Wendy Ruffin-Barnes with a plaque in recognition of her dedicated service to R-CCC for 23 years.

**Oath of Office Ceremony:** Magistrate Alfonzia Williams presented the Oath of Office to the following Trustees:

- Mr. Albert Vann
- Dr. Renee Tyler

**Roll Call:** Roll call was done by Tarsha Bush-Dudley.

**Trustee Attendance:**

<b><u>Trustee Name</u></b>	<b><u>Absent/Present</u></b>
<b>Ronald Gatling (Chair)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Jeri Pierce (Vice-Chair)</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mary Harrell</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Albert Vann</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Andre Lassiter</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Jean Matthews</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Betty Pugh</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Otis Smallwood</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Renee Tyler</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Geneva Riddick-Faulkner</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Catherine Wilson</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**Staff Present:** Dr. Murray Williams (President), Mr. Matt Williams (Interim CFO), Dr. Tanya Oliver (Associate Vice President of Student Services), Ms. Stephanie Benson (R-CCC Executive Vice President), Tarsha Bush-Dudley (Board Liaison)

**Others Present:** Mrs. Linda Vann, Miss Brittany Tann

**Invocation:** Given by Trustee Vann.



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**Election of Officers:** Mrs. Dudley opened the floor to nominations for Chair. Trustee Lassiter nominated Trustee Gatling as Chair of the R-CCC Board of Commissioners for FY 2023-24.

- **On a motion by Trustee Lassiter and seconded by Trustee Pugh the Board approved Trustee Gatling as Chair of the R-CCC Board of Trustees for FY 2023-24.**

Chairman Gatling opened the floor for nominations of Vice-Chair for fiscal year 2023-24.

- Trustee Pugh nominated Trustee Jeri Pierce.
- **On a motion by Trustee Harrell and seconded by Trustee Pugh the Board closed the vote on the said name.**
- **On a motion by Trustee Lassiter and seconded by Trustee Harrell the Board approved Trustee Pierce as Vice-Chair for the R-CCC Board of Trustees for FY 2023-24.**

Chairman Gatling opened the floor for nominations for R-CCC Board Secretary for fiscal year 2023-24.

- **On a motion by Trustee Pugh and seconded by Trustee Harrell the Board approved Dr. Williams as the R-CCC Board Secretary for FY 2023-24.**

**Conflict of Interest Statement:** Read by Chair Gatling. None were noted.

**Mission Statement Review:** Vice-Chair Pierce reviewed the R-CCC Mission Statement with the Trustees.

**Approval of the Agenda:** On a motion by Trustee Harrell and seconded by Trustee Pugh the August 22, 2023, agenda was approved by the Board.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:**

- On a motion by Trustee Pierce and seconded by Trustee Smallwood, the Board approved the June 24, 2023, Board minutes.

**R-CCC Foundation:** Trustee Lassiter discussed the \$300,000 donated to R-CCC by Nucor for the Weld to Work Program. He stated the company has pledged another \$300,000 for



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next year and is willing to buy equipment to train students in order to get individuals ready for work.

Trustee Lassiter stated that companies are pledging money to the College; therefore, Trustees need to donate a minimum of \$300 per year to show their commitment to the College.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:**

- Mr. Willilams gave an overview of the Financial Reports for June 2023.
- On a motion by Trustee Lassiter and seconded by Trustee Vann, the Board approved the Financial Reports for June 2023.

**Policy & Quality Assurance**

- Trustee Smallwood discussed with the Trustees information regarding BOT Policy 3.2.19. (Paternal Leave)
- On a motion by Trustee Lassiter and seconded by Trustee Harrell, the Board approved BOT Policy 3.2.19.

**Buildings & Grounds**

- Trustee Vann discussed with the Trustees information regarding the naming of buildings on the campus of R-CCC.
- On a motion by Trustee Smallwood and seconded by Trustee Harrell the Board approved the naming of the buildings.

**Board Chair's Report**

- Chair Gatling stated he will be in next month's edition of R-CCC Trustee Spotlight.
- Chair Gatling acknowledged Trustee Smallwood, Trustee Vann, and Trustee Riddick-Faulkner for having birthdays in the month of August.
- Chair Gatling stated Rev. Ray Faircloth has been named as the Board of Commissioners appointment for the R-CCC Board of Trustees.



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**President's Report:**

- Dr. Williams discussed the Power of 15 Kickoff that is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 29, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. An explanation of how high school students are eligible to earn 15 hours of credit per semester will be discussed at this meeting.
- Dr. Williams stated the Bosses' Day Luncheon will take place on October 4, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Freeland Building Community Room.
- Dr. Williams stated that both Vice-President positions have been filled. Dr. Tanya Oliver is the VP of Instruction & Student Services. Dr. Miriam Caslin is the VP of Administrative & Fiscal Services.
- Dr. Williams stated summer enrollment is up by 16% and fall enrollment is up by 20%.
- The College was visited by the Board of Nursing, they were very pleased with the pass rate of 91%. The College is in compliance with the exception of the NCLEX passage rate.
- Mrs. Benson and Mr. Hall received a Cyber Security Grant in the amount of \$94,180 to secure software for the firewall and College data.
- There are new Board policies that have to be reviewed by the R-CCC Board of Trustees. Dr. Williams states this will be a lengthy process; however, she plans to present them to the Policy & Quality Assurance Committee very soon.

**Closed Session:**

- There was no closed session for this meeting.

**Adjournment:**

- On a motion by Trustee Harrell and seconded by Trustee Smallwood the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

  
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**Board Chair**

  
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**Prepared by Board Clerk**