

**New College Institute
Boards of Directors Meeting
June 21, 2023**

The Board of Directors of New College Institute (NCI) met on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Benjamin R. Gardner Board Room of the Baldwin Building in Martinsville, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT/NOT PRESENT:

Eric Jones (Virtually attending) ☒	Treney Tweedy
Senator William Stanley	
Senator Emmett Hanger	Cameron Patterson
Delegate Les Adams	Maria Pia Tamburri
Delegate Wren Williams	Rebecca Horner (not present)
Delegate Kathleen Murphy (not present)	Michael Edwards (not present)
Richard Hall	Hubert Harris

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Sumner, Executive Director, Christina Reed, Deputy Director; Cynthia Marquez, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Warrick Scott, Wendell Scott Foundation.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:

Senator Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:27 am.

ROLL CALL:

Christina Reed called the roll, noting the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Patterson, the minutes of the April 28, 2023 Board Meeting were approved unanimously.

NCI CHAIRMAN UPDATE — SENATOR WILLIAM STANLEY:

Senator Stanley noted the people that have left the Board and/or are leaving the board, Mrs. Trigiani and Mrs. Brown have resigned. Mr. Hall advised that the Human Resource Director from Eastman Chemical has been recommended as a new Board member. NCI is working with Eastman to bring back the Center for Advanced Film Manufacturing – for window film processing and thin film processing techniques. NCI has a one-of-a-kind machine that will allow training, maintenance, and real-time situations where program faults in the machine are programmed to arise in the process and trainees must solve those situations/problems.

Senator Stanley recognized that Ms. Tweedy will be leaving the Board as her term is expiring June 30th. NCI was gifted to have her serve on the Board. She will be retiring and moving to the Eastern Shores of Virginia. Mike Edwards is up for renewal on the Board. Please let the members know if you have any recommendations from Advanced Manufacturer representatives to be appointed to NCI's Board. The board will send those recommendations to the Secretary of the

Commonwealth and the Governor's office (Citizen's appointments).

Senator Stanley also recognized that Senator Emmett Hanger will also be leaving the board in January 2024. Senator Hanger has represented Virginia and NCI well in the General Assembly and the hope is to have his continued support moving forward.

Cynthia Marquez, Senior Assistant Attorney General introduced herself as the current council for NCI. She has been with the Attorney General's office for over 19 years.

Chairman Stanley discussed the outgoing population of the area versus incoming, with the loss of population 10 to 15 years ago. NCI's region is in a static position now and are seeing new growth population, especially in Franklin County and the Roanoke Valley area. It is important that NCI gives the young people a reason to stay in the area and creates a workforce pipeline to present new job opportunities, new jobs and encourage new companies to come to this area. NCI owes it to our young people, children living below poverty level, to incentivize and excite them about the future.

INTRODUCTION OF WENDELL SCOTT FOUNDATION:

With that, Chairman Stanley presented the Wendell Scott Foundation and an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to offer its STEM programming for the K-12 students in the area. Wendell Scott and family have developed a lot of programs for youth. Chairman Stanley introduced Warrick Scott (Wendell Scott's grandson).

Wendell Scott was the first African American, Nascar Driver and Team owner to compete in Nascar fulltime. He won 128 races in the Sportsman and Modified Division in Virginia and North Carolina. Wendell Scott was the only African American inducted into the Hall of Fame and the International Motorsports Hall of Fame. He was from Danville, Virginia. One of the reasons that the Wendell Scott Foundation was created was to create better opportunities for young people, including Camp Cultivation. NCI will partner with Wendell Scott Foundation to promote new educational opportunities for young people in the community. Requesting a Certification process with different institutions and schools.

Mr. Scott requested to review the MOU presented and sign and return to NCI by the end of the week. A motion of support for the partnership between NCI and the Wendell Scott Foundation by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Tweedy. The roll was called for support, with the following voting in the affirmative: Senator Stanley, Senator Hanger, Richard Hall, Delegate Adams, Delegate Williams, Dr. Harris, Treney Tweedy, Eric Jones, Cameron Patterson, and Maria Tamburri. The motion passed a unanimously. Mr. Sumner signed the MOU and presented the document to Mr. Scott.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – JOE SUMNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Joe Sumner thanked the Board members for the opportunity to fulfill this new position and advised that he and his family have relocated to Virginia and are currently living on a small farm located minutes away from the facility. He began a recap over the past couple of weeks of events.

NCI recently completed the following for the K12 sector with the:

- NCI is home for the local NSBE Chapter, National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) . Students meet at NCI weekly and in the summertime. NCI hosted the NSBE Honors Banquet for the local Chapter.

- NCI has also completed the WE ARE MARTINSVILLE App in partnership with NCI's Girls Who Game and William & Mary.
- Virginia Tech where Tech has provided NCI a "Stembot." Virginia Tech provided curriculum for K-12; NCI partnered with Tech to produce a 40-hour training program.
- NCI provided Summer Camps for K-12 students including computer science camps and robotics camps for the entire month of June.
- NCI Received books for Read for Life program where NCI obtains books for every kindergarten student in the area.

Success Stories for NCI:

- Longwood completion ceremony where we recognize seventeen graduates from the K-12 and the early childhood education program. These students start their college careers either through Danville Community College or Patrick Henry Community College and finish their last two years of their education at NCI and receive their teacher's certification. Most students have already lined up for employment in this community.
- NCI partnered with AFCEA (Air Force Cyber Education Association) and attended an event in Natural Bridge, Virginia. AFCEA has a strong focus on Cyber and Computer Science. NCI spoke on how we can obtain more appealing STEM educational opportunities.
- NCI has formed a great relationship with the Martinsville and Henry County Chamber of Commerce which includes a recent event on Post Legislative update and have partnered with the Chamber to host Movies on the Plaza. NCI will host a Chamber of Commerce "After Hours" in July.

NCI Upcoming Programs:

- Fiber Broadband Certification Program to service Virginia. The first training for the fiber program is scheduled for the fall 2023.
- GWO addition of Sea Survival to offered for the fall of 2023.
- NCI met with Patrick Henry Community College and Eastman and will be bringing back the Center for Advanced Film Manufacturing (CAFM).
- NCI will be partnering with Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy. NCI will host their training with a situation simulator.
- NCI will bring back the Internship and Apprenticeship Program.

NCI 2023 BUDGET—CHRISTINA REED, DEPUTY DIRECTOR:

Ms. Reed presented the projected 2023 budget conclusion and the 2024 budget for General Fund appropriated funding. Non-general Fund budget for 2024 will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. Upon motion by Senator Hanger, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to adopt the 2024 budget as presented was approved.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mr. Hall led the meeting into closed session with the following motion:

“At this time, 12:22 pm, I would like to make a motion that we go into Closed Session to discuss consultation with legal counsel employed to retain by NCI regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal services of such counsel pursuant to Virginia code Section § 2.2- 3711 and (A)(8).”

Motion was seconded by Delegate Williams, with a roll call vote the following voted to enter into Closed Session: Senator William Stanley, Senator Emmett Hanger, Richard Hall, Delegate Les Adams, Delegate Wren Williams, Hubert Harris, Treney Tweedy, Eric Jones, Cameron Patterson, and Maria Tamburri.

Richard Hall made a motion to come out of closed session certifying the Board discussed only public business lawfully exempted from open medium requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only those public business matters identified in the motion convened during the closed session. The certification motion was seconded by Delegate Williams. Roll call vote in the affirmative by the following: Senator William Stanley, Senator Emmett Hanger, Richard Hall, Delegate Les Adams, Delegate Wren Williams, Hubert Harris, Treney Tweedy, Eric Jones, Cameron Patterson, and Maria Tamburri.

Senator Hanger made a motion for the NCI Board of Directors to authorize the transfer of \$250,000.00 from existing funding of the fiscal year of 2023 to support litigation to recover taxpayer funds from the foundation and its current board. Delegate Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote in the affirmative by the following: Senator William Stanley, Senator Emmett Hanger, Richard Hall, Delegate Les Adams, Delegate Wren Williams, Hubert Harris, Treney Tweedy, Eric Jones, Cameron Patterson, and Maria Tamburri.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES:

September will be the next meeting for the board and in January, when the new General Assembly meets in Richmond, the NCI Board of Directors will look to visit Richmond.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Delegate Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Delegate Williams. The NCI Board adjourned at 1:30 pm.