



MEETING: Board of Trustees, Georgia Military College, President's Conference Room, Friday, March 6, 2020, 2:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Randall A. New, Chairman of the Board; Members: Mr. George Hogan Sr., Mr. Mike Cobb, Mr. Ken Vance, Ms. Doris Renfroe, Rev. Tony Fraley, The Honorable Mary Parham-Copelan, LTG William B. Caldwell, IV, President of Georgia Military College and other interested parties.

BUSINESS:

1. Chairman of the Board, Randall A. New, having already declared a quorum to be present, called the meeting to order.
2. Mr. Jeff Gray, Vice President of Engineering, gave a facilities update on the Track and Field Facility, the Fine Arts Center for Education (FACE) and the Student Services Building.

Track and Field Facility

- Plan is for a competition track.
- Could be completed by August 2022 or earlier (Master Plan).
- Could be done in two phases.
- Evaluating two potential sites as of right now: lower practice field and in the Greenway area in between the rail trail and Warren St.
- The proposal is in the Engineering budget for Presidential approval, and then will move forward for Board approval.

Fine Arts Center for Education (FACE)

- Current seat count for the FACE is 820.
- GSFIC is assisting us on this project and has recommended their Select-Bid process:
 - GSFIC would advertise the project for interested bidders;
 - Then a GSFIC team, design professionals, and GMC representatives would screen the proposals and eliminate any potential bidders that do not meet our qualification requirements;
 - The list of approved bidders will receive the plans and specifications and have an opportunity to submit questions, and then 3-4 weeks to submit their bid;
 - And GMC and GSFIC will review the apparent lowest bidder proposal thoroughly.
- GMC does not spend any additional money in using the Select-Bid process and the process will take at least 8 weeks to complete.

Student Services Building

- The Student Services Building will be relocated to the current location of the Academic Affairs and Academic Records buildings.
- We have identified several temporary (9-11 months) spaces for the employees located in these offices to work out of until the completion of the Student Services Building.
- Our architect is revising the current floor plan to provide more open and flexible space should we need it in the future.

3. Ms. Jeannie Zipperer, Institutional Dean of Students and Director of Staff, gave the Board an update on GMC's Coronavirus Task Force. We have been monitoring the situation closely and working diligently with our Director

of Health Services, Ms. Wendy Smith, to put out guidance to our faculty, staff, and students. We have instituted a 14-day quarantine for travelers returning from CDC Warning Level 3 countries.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman New asked for a motion to open an Executive Session. Mr. Hogan made the motion, with Ms. Renfroe seconding the motion and an Executive Session was called to order by unanimous vote.

- Discussion of Pending Litigation.

Chairman New asked for a motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene regular session. Mr. Vance made the motion, with Mr. Hogan seconding the motion and regular session reconvened by unanimous vote.

5. Chairman New asked for a motion for approval of the proposed settlement agreement in the Harrington case. Mr. Cobb made a motion to “approve the settlement agreement which recognizes the plaintiff is not a student at GMC, nor will be, but will be awarded a GMC diploma after successful completion of all graduation requirements through a third-party distance learning program. Additionally, we recognize the payment by the Department of Administrative Services of \$16,001 in attorney’s fees and costs.” He also stated that “Chairman New will have the authority to sign the agreement with non-substantive changes.” Further, Mr. Cobb also moved for “the approval of the written statement that has been provided, which does not acknowledge any improper actions by GMC, nor acknowledge the plaintiff as a student at GMC.” Mr. Cobb made the motion, with Mr. Hogan seconding the motion and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.
6. The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 20, 2020.
7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Randall A. New
Chairman



Doris Renfroe
Secretary-Treasurer

Reviewed by: _____

LtGen. William B. Caldwell, IV
President, Georgia Military College

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

[A copy of the affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting]

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN
AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Mr. Randy New, Presiding Officer of the Georgia Military College Board of Trustees, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Georgia Military College Board of Trustees met in a duly advertised meeting on March 6, 2020.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 3:00 a.m./p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

Consultation with the board attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential) _____;

Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1);

Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);

Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): _____ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic) _____.

This 6th day of March, 2020.

Mr. Randy New, Presiding Officer, Georgia Military College Board of Trustees

Randy New

Sworn to and subscribed Before me this 6th day of March, 2020.

Notary Public

Joelle Trumbo

My commission expires: February 2, 2024

