

MEETING:

Board of Trustees, Georgia Military College, Usery Community Conference Room, Monday, October 18,

2021, 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. George Hogan, Sr., Chairman of the Board; Members: Mr. Mike Cobb, Rev. Tony Fraley, Ms. Doris

Renfroe, The Honorable Mary Parham-Copelan, LTG William B. Caldwell, IV, President of Georgia

Military College, Senior GMC Team members and other interested parties

ABSENT:

Mr. Ken Vance

#### BUSINESS:

- 1. Chairman of the Board, George Hogan, Sr., having already declared a quorum to be present, called the meeting to order.
- 2. Chairman Hogan asked for a motion for the minutes of the meeting on June 1, 2021 to be approved. Mr. Cobb made the motion, with Mayor Parham Copelan seconding the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- 3. Mr. Chip Kirby, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that the Finance Committee met on October 8<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the finance committee report. Mr. Kirby then presented a finance committee update. The update included the following:
  - FY23 Budget Assumptions
  - FY23 GMC Strategic Planning & Budget Guidance
  - Board Decision Request
  - FYI: FY21 Annual Financial Audit Underway (Entrance Conference held October 5th)
- 4. Chairman Hogan asked for a motion for the approval of the Junior College tuition increase request as presented by Mr. Kirby with the understanding that tuition would not be increased by more than \$6.50 per credit hour. If the tuition needs to be increased more than \$6.50 per credit hour, that proposal will require Board review and approval. Rev. Fraley made the motion, with Ms. Renfroe seconding the motion. The approval for the Junior College tuition increase was approved by unanimous vote.
- 5. Chairman Hogan asked for a motion for the approval of the Preparatory School tuition increase request as presented by Mr. Kirby. Mr. Cobb made the motion, with Rev. Fraley seconding the motion. The approval for the Preparatory School tuition increase was approved by unanimous vote.
- 6. Dr. Susan Isaac, Senior VP/Chief Academic Officer/Dean of Faculty, informed the Board that the College Committee met on October 11<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the college committee report. Dr. Isaac then provided a College Committee update. Her updates included:
  - Renewal of SACSCOC Accreditation 5<sup>th</sup> Year
  - Initiatives to Grow In-Seat Enrollments

- Initiatives to Remove Barriers for Students
- 7. Mr. David Grant, Chairman of the GMC Foundation, gave an update on the GMC Foundation. The update included the following:
  - Three key drivers to reach \$80M goal:

- o Program Revenue (Fundraising)
- o Investment Income (Return on the Endowment)
- o Other Income (Real Property Investment)
- The Foundation's total net assets = \$42.9M
- The Foundation's FY21 disbursements to GMC = \$1.2M
- In the process of monetizing Fayetteville land. Projected gain = \$468K
- 8. Mr. Jeff Gray, Vice President of Engineering, gave an Engineering Update. The update included the following:
  - Recent property purchases and contracts
  - Property use plans
  - GMC competition track and field complex update
  - GMC Center for Leadership update
  - Academic Center of Excellence update
  - Parham Hall Human Resources Expansion update
  - Other projects

A copy of this complete report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

#### 9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

General Caldwell briefed the Board members on the following:

- We have already engaged with Georgia College's new President, Cathy Cox. We are excited to strengthen our relationship with GCSU.
- We recently had a meeting with the Acting Chancellor of the USG, Ms. Teresa MacCartney, to dialogue about partnerships and opportunities.
- State Representative Houston Gaines had a campus visit on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We briefed him on the GMC Lines of Education and our State-wide reach; and we discussed aviation education and state funding.
- We are adding a third Kindergarten class to meet the growing demand and increase our diversity initiatives.
- We will serve as the host for the Junior Olympics shooting competitions between now and March 2022. We are one of the two facilities in Georgia approved for this event.
- For the first time in GMC history the Prep School Varsity Football team is 8-0 for the season.
- Alumni Weekend is this week and all Board members are invited and encouraged to attend all
  events/activities.
- The Center for Leadership groundbreaking ceremony is on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. More details to follow, but all Board members are invited.
- Our Engineering department is still in need of additional employees (21 openings). Please pass this information along.
- The compensation study is ongoing and expected to be complete by the end of the year.
- This is the last meeting with Rev. Fraley as an official member of our Board. We will invite him back to our January meeting to be recognized.

#### 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

• The Board conducted the President's annual evaluation.

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

- 11. The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 4:00 PM.
- 12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

George Hogan, Sr

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. George Hogan, 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: The Georgia Military College Board of Trustees met in a duly advertised meeting on October 18, 2021. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session. The executive session was called to order at 1500 a.m.yp.m. 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); X 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): Signature: Mr. George Hogan, Presiding Officer, Georgia Military College Board of Trustees Sworn to and subscribed Before me this 18th day of October, 2021. Notary Public My commission expires: February 2, 2024



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## **GMC QUARTERLY ENGINEERING UPDATE**

## **Current projects:**

- COVID-19 mitigation measures and the GMC Five (5) Step Program continue to be in place and are providing very positive results. We have now moved to the maintaining phase of our mitigation measures.
- Construction of the Center for Leadership (CFL) began on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> with the erection of the perimeter fence. RW Allen's superintendent, Mr. Alan Rabren is on site supervising all activities and coordinating with site neighbors and the City. He expects Sellers Construction to begin their work this week (Oct 18<sup>th</sup>). Sellers must install erosion control measures, drainage, site grading and underground retention before other contractors can begin their work.
- The Academic Center of Excellence (ACE) continues to advance. Construction drawings and specifications have been reviewed by the state, modified to address comments and resubmitted for approval. We expect to receive any comments and approval prior to the end of October. GSFIC advertised this project and received eleven "Statements of Qualification" from bidders. All eleven were found to meet the required qualifications and will be invited to submit bids as soon as the drawings are approved. We currently estimate construction will begin in December or January and be complete in October 2022. This will align well with expected FY23 state bond funds for FF&E.
- The GMC Track and Field Complex project is back on course and making excellent progress. Sellers Construction had significant problems due to all of the rain we experienced. The track bed did not pass proof rolling due to the moisture and could not be paved. Sellers removed 4" gravel bed plus 8" of soil, placing a geotextile fabric and covering it with 8" of gravel to give a firm bed. This work is per the recommendation of our engineering consultant. They completed this and passed the proof rolling test this weekend. They plan to pave this week (Oct 18<sup>th</sup>).

- The Human Resources Department expansion to Parham Hall is moving forward. Our architect has provided a good floorplan which was approved by the department. The design team is moving forward with construction drawings. These will be submitted to the GSFIC Design Review Group and the State Fire Marshal for review and approval before we seek bids. We expect to use the select bid process for this project and will seek GSFIC assistance in advertising and evaluating submittals.
- We have received input on a restroom and concession stand building for placement in the Track and Field Complex and lower practice field area. A proposed floor plan was developed and circulated for comments and those comments are being incorporated into the floor plan. We will circulate the final floor plan as soon as it is complete before preparing construction drawings.
- The Junior Bulldog athletic programs are very popular with our elementary students and have created more pressure on our practice facilities. Engineering identified available land at our South Campus that can be acquired reasonably and developed into an additional practice facility. There is already a baseball/softball field in place and some parking. We are working with the state and the CSHLRA to acquire this area by the end of the year. We have already bush hogged the area and surveyed it so that we can develop plans while the land transfer is completed. We would expect to build a football/soccer field, restore the baseball/softball field and add a restroom as we develop this facility for our Junior Bulldogs.
- Numerous other projects are underway as we explore possible new campus locations in Albany, Columbus, Rockdale and Stone Mountain. We are also continuing to expand the Milledgeville campus and foot print, both on main campus and South Campus locations.

## Other projects:

- The state provided GMC \$910,000 to accomplish four MR&R projects on campus. Three of our projects funded by this initiative are reasonably complete. The new chiller for the library is installed and functioning properly. The new cooling tower for Miller Hall is also in place and functioning properly. Both of these new units will serve GMC well for fifteen or more years. The College Cafeteria remodel and Canteen redesign are almost complete with only a few items remaining on

- backorder. The stucco work on the Old Capital Building continues as problem areas continue to be removed and replaced around the building.
- The extension to the bus barn with a pit for servicing the buses is on order. We expect construction to begin in December. This will allow all of the coach buses to be parked undercover and will allow our technicians to complete more maintenance in house. All three of our Motorpool technicians are knowledgeable on our buses and proving great service to our fleet.

## **Property:**

- RW Allen is using 150 S. Jefferson Street as their construction office and they are renovating it for our future use. This will save space on the very tight construction site and get the building ready for use by GMC.
- 121 S Elbert Street is under contract and will be incorporated into the CFL construction site as soon as possible. The design team is already modifying our plans to include this property. Campus Police continue to have issues with vagrants living in this house.
- We recently purchased 640 and 650 S Jefferson Street as well as 100 Pumping Station Road. Both of these are on the south end of main campus. We also bought 507 S Warren Street. It provides much better access to the property we own between Elbert and Warren Streets.
- GMC is in the process of leasing 100 Southside Drive from the Greenway Authority for use as a Local Training Area (LTA). LTC Brown and his active army ROTC staff are excited about the expanded training opportunities that will be available to them with the lease of this area, almost 100 acres. We will establish land navigation courses and a rifle range for ROTC/Cadet training; along with field training exercises. We do see this area also possibly being used by our JROTC program.