



**MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting**

**Meeting Highlights – May 15, 2020**

*This conference Call Meeting was conducted via ZOOM*

**Press release announcing Dr. Kevin James as the 19<sup>th</sup> President of Morris Brown College issued on May 15, 2020.**

**Special Guest: The Wesley Peachtree Group *(Certified Public Accountants and Business Strategists)***

Wesley Peachtree Group's Senior Partner and the Lead Auditor provided tentative drafts of the audit reports for fiscal years **2016, 2017 and 2018** to the board's Audit Committee for review on April 6, 2020 with a plan to provide the 2019 financial statement draft shortly thereafter.

**Special Guest: Mr. Marcus Arnold, ICI Financial Services Brokerage Group**

Proposed Health and Benefits offerings from Kaiser Permanente and Anthem Blue Cross were presented for consideration. Kaiser Permanente is recommended for Medical Health Coverage with Anthem Blue Cross providing Dental, Vision, Disability and Life coverage.

Next Steps include further discussions of the provider options, policy changes, and salary plans and the financial impact of same.

**THE BOARD'S TOP PRIORITIES  
(Accreditation, Financial Stability & Governance)**

**ACCREDITATION**

Upon completion of the 2019 Audit, Morris Brown College will submit both its application and Self-Study documents to TRACS simultaneously.

**FINANCIAL STABILITY**

CFO Shermanetta Carter, CPA, provided the following updates, as of 4/30/2020:

- **ALL Payroll and Payroll-related Expenses are CURRENT**
- Cash Balances
- Summary of Budget vs Actual – *July 2019 through April 2020*
  - Total Income \$1,446,843.00
  - Total Expenses 1,057,891.00
  - **Net Income 388,952.00**
- **Georgia Power's Outstanding Debt has been paid in FULL** *(as of 5/21/2020)*
- **2/22/2019 – 4/30/2020 Fundraising & Grants Total of \$3,606,535.66** *inclusive of Cash donations, Facility Rentals, In-Kind donations, Grants, and Bequests*

## **OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST**

### **Academic Excellence**

- The following seven MBC students have fulfilled all academic and financial requirements to graduate:
  - 1. Jamila McQueen (*Valedictorian*) - BS, Psychology
  - 2. Jeremiah Hackley - BA, Music/Music Production and OML
  - 3. Jelani Jones - BA, Music/Music Performance
  - 4. Jarvis Wilson - BA, Music/Church Music
  - 5. Carol Harris - BS, OML
  - 6. Deshawna Morrow - BS, OML
  - 7. Arnita Weaver - BS, OML
- Morris Brown College will participate in the National HBCU virtual graduation ceremony to be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. EDT
- Morris Brown's In-Person Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Fri. October 23, 2020, 12 Noon, Big Bethel AME Church

### **E-SPORTS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**

Upon the recommendation of the MBC Curriculum Committee and subsequently by Academic Excellence Committee of the Board, the e-Sports Performance Program was approved by the board:

- BS in Global Management and Applied Leadership with a concentration in E-Sports Performance
- Certificate in E-Sports Performance

***UPDATE: Morris Brown's Esports Performance was approved by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Commission on Education on May 19, 2020! Major kudos to our Business Chair, Dr. Danette O'Neal for creating the program from scratch and for getting it through! Morris Brown College is the FIRST college in Georgia to offer a degree in E-sports Performance!***

**The board approved the hiring of a Director of On-Line Learning.**

### **COVID-19 and College Update**

- June 15, 2020 is the planned date for employees to return to the campus; the return will be alternated as to enhance social distancing
  - Seven employees will work Monday & Wednesday
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  - The college will provide masks
  - Security will take employee temperatures before being allowed in the building
- The college will be sensitive to any individual's concern (s) regarding the return In terms of the Fall 2020 Semester, students will not return to the campus but continue to operate remotely and on-line
  - The planned return to campus is for the Spring 2021 Semester
- The Multi-Purpose Building is now being fire/smoke monitored 24x7 by Cintas.
- Board Meeting Highlights are posted on the college's website
  - This is unique among private institutions
- Fall 2020 Enrollment Projects (62 students)

**\*\*\*\*\* END OF MAY 15, 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS \*\*\*\*\***