



**MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting**

*This conference Call Meeting was conducted via ZOOM*

**Meeting Highlights – August 12, 2020**

**Special Guest: Ms. Robin Taffler, the Executive Director of the Work College Consortium,** introduced this concept to the Board. Work College Consortium is a group of student-centered institutions in which students thrive in a unique environment of work-learning-service.

- *Liberal arts colleges that are student-centered and innovative leaders in experiential learning through work*
- *Work college students flourish in the intentional culture of work-learning-service*
- *Work college students are engaged om serving their communities*
- *Work college students graduate with reduced, little, or no debt*

Paul Quinn College is a member of this consortium. This is a federally authorized and funded program akin to the traditional College Work Study program.

**The Chairman's Remarks.** The Chairman of the Board, Bishop Reginald Jackson, charged the Board around the theme that '*Good Leadership produces other Leaders*' and to embrace the following:

- Stay focus on the mission of the College; provide a nurturing environment for our students
- Provide transparency in all that the Board does
- Produce prepared students

**One Team / One Goal**

Each board member is required to execute the **Morris Brown College Code of Conduct** on an annual basis; emphasis was placed on adherence to the *Confidentiality and Privacy Section* of the Code.

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

**ACCREDITATION**

- **Final TRACS Accreditation application/ Self-study submitted June 1, 2020**
- **Four years of Audits completed- 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 - received unqualified opinions (no material deficiencies)**
- **\$200,000 line of credit approved by 1st Choice Credit Union Bank**
- Multi-Purpose Building renovations completed and dedicated to Dr. Gloria Long Anderson
- Hired new Executive Director of Online Learning and Registrar
- Preparation for 100% online programs for Fall 2020/ Trained faculty/ Created robust online programs

- Finalized all academic programs/ updated all academic systems and classrooms: *New Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management Programs/Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management and Leadership/ Bachelor of Science degree in Global Management and Applied Leadership (Concentration in ESports Performance available)/ Certificate in Business Entrepreneurship/ Nonprofit Management/ ESports Performance*

## **FINANCIAL STABILITY**

CFO Shermanetta Carter articulated the following priorities:

- Completion of the FY June 30, 2020 Audit
- Endowment Investment Account Setup
- Health Insurance Setup for Eligible Employees
- National Park Service and US Department of Health & Human Services Grant Management
  - *Fountain Hall (National Park Service)*
  - *C.H.O.I.C.E. Community Health Optimizing Improved Care Empowerment (HHS)*

CFO Carter provided the following financial updates:

- Subsequent Major Cash Received as of 7/30/2020: **\$278,043.19**
  - Fountain Hall Grants \$ 229,701.04
  - Gifts & Private Grants 21,349.86
  - AME Connectional Monthly 25,572.00
  - Other Income 1,420.52
- Budget vs Actual – *July 2020 through July 2020*
  - Total Income \$ 278,043.19
  - Total Expenses 324,614.33
  - **Net Income (46,571.14)**
- **Payroll and Payroll-related Expenses are CURRENT**

The HVAC system in the Multi-Purpose Building was replaced at a cost of \$25,750.00.

## **GOVERNANCE**

Board Officers for the new term: Chair – Bishop Reginald T. Jackson; Vice-Chair – Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons; Secretary – George B. Hopkins

Mr. Cassius F. Butts, CEO, First Choice Credit Union was seated as a new trustee along with the new Student Government Association President, Mr. Jacqueline Flournoy.

A 60 Day **new trustee nomination process was approved with** emphasis on diversity and corporate representation.

## **COLLEGE UPDATE**

- Board Room named posthumously *in honor of Alumna Mildred Yearby '53; whose estate left a significant donation to Morris Brown College*
- Finalized new Roof for Fountain Hall/ Ribbon cutting on August 21, 2020
- Received 1-million-dollar HIV grant; grant to be launched October 2020
- [Solidified partnership with Apple](#); Apple partnering with MBC as tech hub for Coding and Creativity: Apple's Community Education Initiative, which is designed to teach coding and bring workforce development opportunities to learners of all ages
- Dual Enrollment with Greenforest McCalep Christian Academy- high school students to start [Esports program](#)- Joined several HBCUs as Charter Member, [Black Collegiate Gaming Association](#)
- [Billboard on I75/I85 promoting Morris Brown College Esports Program](#)

Dr. James also articulated his **'Big Hairy Audacious Goals'** (2021 – 2023) inclusive of Academic Excellence; accreditation by TRACS; the business program accredited by ACBSP Global Business Accreditation; membership in the Golden Key International Honor Society; Becoming Georgia's first Urban Work College; Reintroducing Sports; Restore the Marching Wolverine Band and Greek-lettered organizations.

**A virtual Day of Homecoming Events is being professionally planned for Saturday, October 24, 2020.**

**\*\*\*\*\* END OF AUGUST 12, 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS \*\*\*\*\***