



**MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*This regularly scheduled meeting was conducted via ZOOM*

**Meeting Highlights – May 14, 2021**

**Proposal for Lobbying and Government Relations Consulting**

Mr. Andrew Long of the A. R. Long Company, along with his colleague, Lobbyist Anna Edmondson, provided an update on a joint Georgia Assembly lobbying and governmental relations consulting proposal with Paine College.

The 90-Day Strategic Plan timeline includes the drafting of detailed legislative language to be introduced in the 2022 Georgia Legislative Session to specifically include institutions of higher education as eligible for the Hope Scholarship as well as other state benefits currently only available to SACCS accredited institutions. Both Morris Brown College and Paine College are listed under the TRACS umbrella.

Morris Brown will split the consulting costs equally with Paine College. **The board approved moving forward with this joint consulting arrangement with Paine College.**

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

**TRACS ACCREDITATION AND COLLEGE UPDATE**

Dr. James provided the following highlights:

- The official TRACS Candidacy for Accreditation Certificate was received 04/14/21 and is effective April 2021 through April 2026
  - *A surge in enrollment applications was experienced as a result of the candidacy announcement*
- Dr. James has been named to the inaugural UNCF Executive Leadership Institute Cohort
- The unrestricted grant of \$500,000 from Chick-Fil-A Foundation to support a new generation of leaders will be paid over three years in equal installments.
- Chick-Fil-A is also providing an opportunity for MBC grads to apply to participate in its Leadership Development Program. This competitive cohort is limited to ten participants.
- The partnership MOU with Edible Arrangements is being finalized.
- AGB Search is spearheading MBC's search for a Provost and Senior Vice-President of Academic Affairs. The search will begin on May 14 and conclude by August 1, 2021.
  - *Other employment opportunities are posted on the college's website*
- In-Person Fall Classes will begin August 16, 2021
  - *Weekly COVID-19 Tests will be conducted by an independent diagnostic company.*
- In partnership with the Atlanta Police Foundation, two street cameras will be placed on MLK and Walnut Streets to increase campus coverage along with the cameras already installed on the campus.

- A new partnership is in development with the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

### **FINANCIAL STABILITY**

CFO Shermanetta Carter, CPA, provided the following updates:

- Cash Balance *as of 4/30/2021*: **\$1,384,668.97**
- Budget vs Actual – *July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021*
  - Total Income \$2,425,247.54
  - Total Expenses (1,853,568.70)
  - **Net Income \$571,678.84**

### **GOVERNANCE**

#### **VACCINE REQUIREMENT**

Morris Brown College, in agreement with the other AUCC institutions, is proposing to require all students, faculty, and staff to be fully vaccinated except those with the requisite medical and religious exemptions. The requisite policies for students and faculty/staff will be developed. **The board approved the college's position.**

**\*\*\*\*\* END OF MAY 14, 2021 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS \*\*\*\*\***