



**MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

This regularly scheduled meeting was conducted via ZOOM

Meeting Highlights – March 17, 2022

HBCU BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

The board applauded and acknowledged the accomplishments of the Morris Brown College students for their strong showing in the HBCU Battle of the Brains in Austin, Texas. MBC was one of the Final Top 7 out of 32 HBCUs (public and private) competing.

SOCCER AT MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE

The prospect of introducing soccer as a club sport at Morris Brown College was presented by members of the Black Soccer Membership Association. In addition to improving student life at Morris Brown, the club soccer program will also attract more students, particularly Latino students.

HOTEL UPDATE

The Griffin-Hightower building clean-out project has been completed.

The next Steps include the final submission of architectural drawings to Morris Brown College as well as the Hilton Hotel Group. The official groundbreaking is still anticipated to occur in 2022 with hotel completion in the Summer of 2024 (*the original timeline*).

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

NEW TRUSTEES

Four new trustees were seated during the March 17, 2022 Board Meeting: **Mr. Cassius Butts, Mr. Terry Comer, Dr. James Ewers, Jr., and Mrs. Jessica Jackson. Mr. Lazaro Nightingale**, the new Student Government Association President was also seated.

TRACS ACCREDITATION AND COLLEGE UPDATE

- A site visit by the TRACS Self-Study Evaluation team was conducted on February 8 – 11, 2022 resulted in **four findings**. Morris Brown College has responded to all Findings, Recommendations, and Suggestions as noted by TRACS; *only the Findings required a response.*

Morris Brown College is scheduled to appear before the TRACS Accreditation Commission on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, between 11 am – 2 pm.

- Morris Brown College is now eligible to participate in the *Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) programs under US DOE Title III* Funding
- **Sixty-Eight (68)** students are currently enrolled; Summer School will be offered.
- Morris Brown College Georgia Tag is now available!
- **Georgia U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff is the Convocation Speaker**, 141st Virtual Founders' Day Observation, Friday, March 18, 2022.
- New College Partnerships
 - Western Governors University
 - Atlanta Hawks TALON GC (e-Sports)
 - The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia

FINANCIAL STABILITY

CFO Shermanetta Carter, CPA, provided the following updates:

- Cash Balance *as of 01/31/2022*: **\$1,203,903.07**
- Budget vs Actual – *July 1, 2020 through January 31, 2022*
 - Total Revenue \$2,187,571.36
 - Total Expenses (1,907,316.08)
 - **Net Income \$280,255.28**

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Five perspective graduates for the Spring Commencement 2022 were approved by the Board provided that all academic and financial requirements are met.

The Spring 2022 Commencement Speaker, **Mrs. Pinky Cole**, *Philanthropist, Entrepreneur, and Founder of Slutty Vegan Restaurants*, was approved to be bestowed an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Morris Brown College.

******* END OF MARCH 17, 2022 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *******