



**NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**  
**NERSBA Technology Center**  
**4:00 PM**

**1. OPEN SESSION**

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- 1.1 Call to Order: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Vice-Chair
- 1.2 Roll Call: Melanie Stanley  
Present: Julius Walker, Benjie Forrest, Christie Bell, Dwight Respass, Ephraigm Smith, Kenneth Harrell, Sandy Maddox, Simon Griffin, Paul Hutchins  
Absent: Jean Woolard, Ethan Lenker, Jerry Phelps, Karen Clough, Mach Hodges, Melva Lilley, Greg Coltrain
- 1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Ephraigm Smith  
Mr. Ephraigm Smith led the BOD in the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**2.0 CLOSED SESSION**

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Mr. Ephraigm Smith made the motion to go into closed session based on the statutes listed below. Mr. Walker seconded the motion with the motion passing unanimously.

- 2.1 NC G.S.143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege
- 2.2 NC G.S.143.-318.11(a)(5) Real Property

**BACK IN OPEN SESSION**

In open session, Mr. Dwight Respass made a motion for the board to move forward with negotiations with Martin County Schools to purchase the property currently leased by NERSBA. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion passed with a majority vote by our board.

**3.0 AGENDA**

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- 3.1 Approval of the board meeting agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest  
Dr. Paul Hudgins moved to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Mr. Ephraigm Smith seconded the motion. The board agenda was approved by a majority vote.
- 3.2 Public Comments: None

**4.0 DISCUSSION (ACTION)**

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- 4.1 Mr. Julius Walker moved to approve the January 16, 2019 board meeting minutes. Mr. Ephraigm Smith second the motion. After a brief discussion on the procedures for board meeting minutes by Mr. Hal Davis, the minutes were approved by a majority vote of the board.

4.2 NERSBA Fiscal Budget Update: Mr. Hal Davis

**A. 2018-2019 NERSBA Financial Report**

Mr. Hal Davis reported to the BOD a brief fiscal update, noting the finance committee would need to meet to begin work on the 2019-20 NERSBA Operational Budget. He informed the board that a meeting date for this proposal would be discussed and finalized at the March 20, 2019 board meeting.

**B. NERSBA IDEA Fiscal Monitoring Site Review Report: Mr. Hal Davis**

Mr. Davis indicated that NERSBA met the requirements outlined by this report.

**C. NERSBA Cooperative and Innovative Grant Application (CIHS): Mr. Hal Davis**

Mr. Davis presented the CIHS application for board approval. Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve. After a second from Mr. Dwight Respass, the motion was approved by majority vote of the board membership.

**D. NERSBA REAP Grant Application: Mr. Hal Davis**

Mr. Davis presented the REAP Grant Application for board approval. Mr. Simon Griffin moved to approve the application for this grant followed by a second from Dr. Paul Hutchins. The motion passed with a majority vote of the board.

**5.0 DISCUSSION (NO ACTION)**

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5.1 NERSBA 2019-2020 Budget Planning

Mr. Davis reported that NERSBA is looking ahead at the 2019/2020 school year in terms of resources, state, local, and federal funds. A projected enrollment numbers for NERSBA was submitted to NCDPI. At the March board meeting, the finance committee will establish a meeting date to begin planning for the 2019-20 NERSBA fiscal budget.

5.2 NERSBA Instructional Programs: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis reported that the spring semester is underway and going well. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in 4 weeks. Mr. Davis thanked UMO for working with MCC and providing agriscience courses for NERSBA's students on the MCC campus.

5.3 NERSBA Strategic Plan Update: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis reported that Dr. Price has met with subgroups consisting of parents, students, board members, and staff to develop the strategic plan. Dr. Price will present this plan at the April 17, 2019 board meeting.

5.4 Rachel's Challenge Review: Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that NERSBA students have embraced this program. Mrs. Riggs has developed several activities for the students.

5.5 RTI Professional Development Update: Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that the RTI staff has provided valuable staff development to the NERSBA faculty. NERSBA faculty will travel to the RTI campus in Research Triangle Park for continued staff development opportunities on Friday March 29th. RTI staff is also planning for the NERSBA staff to attend a 3-day professional development session on their campus this summer.

5.6 2019-2020 NERSBA Academic Calendar Proposal (March 20, 2019 Board Meeting)

A copy of the proposed 2019-2020 calendar will be emailed to all BOD to be approved at the March 20, 2019 board meeting.

**6.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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6.1 NERSBA ACT Administration, Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

6.2 NERSBA Planning for College Workshop: Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @7:00 PM

6.3 NC State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences visit to NERSBA: Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

6.4 NERSBA National Honor Society Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

6.5 NERSBA FFA Alumni Campus Workday, Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

6.6 NERSBA March Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM

6.7 NERSBA Internship Presentations, Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Dwight Respass raised a question with respect to the date of the April board meeting which is noted as April 20<sup>th</sup> on the board meeting agenda. Mr. Davis informed the board this was an error on his behalf. The Board would meet on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> which would include the presentation of the NERSBA Strategic Plan by Dr. Larry Price.

7.0 **ADJOURN**

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7.1 Motion to Adjourn

Dr. Paul Hudgins moved to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Mr. Simon Griffin. The motion to adjourn passed by a majority vote of the board. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.