



**DATE:** October 25, 2023  
**TO:** Wilkes Community College  
**FROM:** Mr. Jay Vannoy, Chair, Board of Trustees  
**RE:** Presidential Search Announcement (Progress Report #2)

The Board of Trustees is pleased to report on the status of the search for the next President of Wilkes Community College (WCC). The work done by the Presidential Search Committee and ACCT, coupled with the College's excellent reputation, has attracted a strong and diverse pool of candidates from throughout North Carolina, the region and the nation. It is the purpose of this Report to update the employees and members of the Wilkes, Ashe and Alleghany County communities about current assignments and future activities related to the search process.

### **Current Assignments of the Presidential Search Committee**

Consistent with the "Timeline" adopted by the Search Committee and Board and Board of Trustees, the target date for the receipt of application materials of October 13<sup>th</sup> resulted in closing the ACCT portal at the end of business that day. Search Committee members received access to a secure, confidential portal and their review of the applications is now underway. This confidential application review will conclude in early November.

### **Future Activities Related to the Search Process**

The Presidential Search Committee will identify and select confidential semi-final candidates in mid-November. This will be followed by virtual interviews of each of the semi-finalists over a two-day period. Semi-finalist candidates will respond to questions about institutional challenges and opportunities, and their experiences and skill sets in leading and collaborating in academic, student success, workforce development, resource, planning and management programs and services. This process will ultimately enable the Search Committee to recommend finalists to the Board of Trustees for their consideration of the next president of Wilkes Community College.

### **Final Candidates**

The Board will interview each of the final candidates during a period of approximately one week. All finalists will participate in open forums at Wilkes Community College. We anticipate the open forums taking place during the second week of January 2024. We will provide the dates, times, and location once they are confirmed. All employees, students, and community members will be invited to attend the open forums. It is the Board's intention to submit their selection to the State Board of Community Colleges for consideration in mid-January, as required by State Board Code.

## **Presidential Search Webpage**

The WCC website includes information on all aspects of the search, both for the college community and candidates. The Presidential Search webpage can be located at: [www.wilkescc.edu/presidential-search/](http://www.wilkescc.edu/presidential-search/) . The search “Timeline” has been updated to reflect the work of the Search Committee and Board.

We will continue to keep you updated on this important process. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to our ACCT Search Consultant: Mr. Kennon Briggs, ACCT Search Consultant, [kennondb@gmail.com](mailto:kennondb@gmail.com), (919) 621-7988 (mobile).