



DATE: January 3, 2024
TO: Wilkes Community College
FROM: Mr. Jay Vannoy, Chair, Board of Trustees
RE: Announcement of Presidential Finalists

The Wilkes Community College (WCC) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we have selected two (2) finalists for the presidency of WCC. We would like to thank the entire College community for your continued interest and support in the process to identify our next President. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the Presidential Search Committee for their exceptional insight, dedication, and effort.

The WCC presidential finalists are (in alphabetical order):

Micheal Rodgers, Ed.D., is the Chief Institutional Officer and Director of the Foundation of Owensboro Community and Technical College in Owensboro, KY. He previously served as the Vice President of Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation also at Owensboro Community and Technical College in Owensboro, KY. Dr. Rodgers earned a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership from Maryville University; A Masters of arts in Organizational Leadership from Western Kentucky University; A Bachelors in Chemistry from the University of South Carolina-Aiken; and an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Automotive Technology from Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood South Carolina.

Carolyn Strickland, Ph.D., was Vice President of Enrollment Management and Associate Provost at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. She previously served as Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA. Dr. Strickland earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology from The Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania; a Master of Education in Student Personnel Services from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina; and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Urban Studies from the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Public forums will take place the week of January 8 and each candidate will participate in a 1-hour forum. We invite and encourage everyone to participate in the open forums. Forums will be made accessible to all faculty, administrators, staff, students, and the general public. There will be a brief introduction of each candidate, followed by a question-and-answer session. Forums will be conducted in-person in the Walker Center. All who attend will be asked to complete a feedback form and the completed forms will be given to the Board of Trustees for their review.



Open Forum Schedule:

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Dr. Carolyn Strickland: 3:30 p.m. in the Walker Center

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7B5TKXH>

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Dr. Mike Rodgers: 3:30 p.m. in the Walker Center

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPTB8XF>

***Please note: All Surveys will close at 8:30 a.m. the day following each open forum**

We are looking forward to a successful completion of the presidential search 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, (919) 621-7988 (mobile).