

Minutes of the January 26, 2015, First Quarterly Meeting of the Quality of Life Committee by Teleconference

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lt. Col. Robert Anderson, USA Ret., Chairman  
Cindi Basenspiller, NCMAC  
John Matthews, NCMAC  
George Breece, NCMAC  
BG Mabry Martin, ARNGUS Ret, NCMAC Chairman

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Doug Taggart, DPI  
Paul Friday, MCI-East  
Ken Beard, NCNG  
Kimrey Rhinehardt, UNC  
Sebastian Montagne, NCDOT  
George Millsaps, NC Community Colleges System

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

James Norment, ACT

Committee Chairman Robert C. Anderson called the meeting to order and called the roll.

**NC Community Colleges :**

Dr. George Millsaps briefed the Committee on the recently released NC Community Colleges Report and Plan (See NC Community Colleges Report: Presentations/Handouts on [ncommerce.com/mac](http://ncommerce.com/mac).)

- Discussed uniform system for branding course credit in the NC Community Colleges System and job development training programs, occupational licenses and certifications (Sec. 3 of Report).
- UNC Board and NCCC convened a statewide conference with the American Council on Education and Center for Education Attainment and Innovation to identify best practices in NC and nationwide.
- Challenges include limited experience of faculty and staff; military transcript hours don't easily translate; courses that are elective; and, the number of gap hours.
- To overcome the challenges, a Military Credit Advisory Council comprised of UNC and NCCC military veteran staff has been created. Responsible for policy review and reviewing existing credits.
- Timeline for implementation is 2015, with some overlap into 2016.

**Old Business:**

Chairman Anderson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2014, Quality of Life Committee meeting, John Matthews so moved, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**New Business:**

**Education Ad Hoc Working Group**

Chairman Anderson recommended the formation of an education committee or working group as part of the Quality of Life Committee after dialogue with Doug Taggart of DPI and with Dr. George Millsaps.

Recommends studying federal impact aid here in comparison with other states. Mr. Taggart offered to put together a comparison study. Chairman Anderson will discuss in further detail with Mr. Taggart. Chairman Anderson called for a motion to assemble a group to study reduction in federal impact aid and its effect on education of military-connected students. Mr. Matthews requested that Reserve, National Guard and Active Duty be included in the study. Chairman Anderson recommended Doug Taggart, John Matthews, Cindi Basenspiller, George Breece and George Millsaps participate in the *ad hoc* working group. Gen. Ken Beard offered to participate as well. Ms. Rhinehardt of the UNC Systems is supportive.

Mr. Taggart will:

- Get national numbers for federal impact aid piece.
- Determine K-12 issues through DPI for which they would like to see state or federal legislation for the CoDel.

#### Child Care – Fort Bragg/Camp Lejeune

There was discussion about bringing state recognition of federal child care certification to the Legislative Affairs Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to move this issue to Legislative Affairs Committee. Later in the meeting, General Martin discussed the letter that was drafted to Secretary Wos.

#### 911 Centers (Lejeune/Bragg)

General Martin discussed the letter to Richard Taylor, director of 911 Board needing to be fully researched and confirmation that it is correct as written. Chairman Anderson recommends referring the matter to the Legislative Affairs Committee for development of legislation.

Chairman Anderson requested a motion to approve the letters to be forwarded to the Commission with the Quality of Life Committee's approval. So moved by George Breece, motion seconded and unanimously passed.

#### Federal Funding Public School Students/New High School

Doug Taggart offered to obtain additional information about this.

#### New Items for next full Commission meeting Agenda:

- Budget items for the Guard are included in the first draft of the Governor's and the DPS budget, including stolen valor, change in veteran status.
- General Beard offered the Guard's written support as needed.

Following a request for additional questions, Chairman Anderson requested a motion to adjourn, which was so moved by Mr. Breece, seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM