



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools

January 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream
Center for School Leadership, Board Room
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

AGENDA

- A-1. Approval of the Minutes of October 26, 2021..... C. Phillip Byers
- A-2. Request to Establish a Laboratory School: Appalachian State University.....Laura Bilbro-Berry
- A-3. Progress Update: North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State UniversityLaura Bilbro-Berry
- A-4. Progress Update: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.....Laura Bilbro-Berry
- A-5. Adjourn

DRAFT MINUTES

October 26, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
Via Video Conference and PBS Live Stream
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

This meeting of the Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools was presided over by Vice Chair Jimmy Clark. The following committee members were present, constituting a quorum: Reggie Holley and Wendy Murphy.

Chair Phillip C. Byers was absent. For purposes of this meeting, Board of Governors Chair Randy Ramsey assigned Vice Chair Wendy Murphy to serve on the committee.

Campus representatives present were Melba Spooner, Hannah Reeder, and Heather Norris from Appalachian State University. Paula Grove Price and Jan King were present from North Carolina Agricultural Technical State University.

Staff members present included Dr. Andrew Kelly, Dr. Laura Bilbro-Berry, and others from the UNC System Office.

1. Approval of the Minutes of September 16, 2021 (Item A-1)

MOTION: Resolved, that the Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools approved the open session minutes of September 16, 2021, as distributed.

Motion: Reggie Holley

Motion carried

2. Lab Schools Evaluation Report (Item A-2)

Dr. Bilbro-Berry presented on the findings of the Lab Schools Evaluation Report. Vice Chair Clark asked if any members of the subcommittee had any questions. Discussion followed about offering the summer programs and the year-round calendar.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools approve the Lab Schools Evaluation Report.

Motion: Reggie Holley

Motion carried

3. Request to Establish a Laboratory School: Appalachian State (Item A-3)

Dr. Bilbro-Berry introduced Heather Norris, Melba Spooner, and Hannah Reeder and allowed them to present on the Appalachian State Lab School Proposal. Vice Chair Clark asked if anyone has any questions for Appalachian State. Discussion by the subcommittee followed.

Vice Chair Clark explained that since Appalachian State has not finished the proposal with Hickory City Schools, a vote will be taken on this lab school at the next subcommittee meeting.

4. Request to Establish a Laboratory School: North Carolina A&T State University (Item A-4)

Dr. Bilbro-Berry introduced Dean Price from North Carolina A&T State University to present on their request to establish a new laboratory school. Dean Price presented on North Carolina A&T's new lab school proposal.

Dr. Kelly explained that North Carolina A&T's proposal could not be approved now since negotiations between the school district and institution are still taking place. The vote on the proposal will take place at the next subcommittee meeting.

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Reginald Holley, Secretary

AGENDA ITEM

A-2. Request to Establish a Laboratory School: Appalachian State University..... Laura Bilbro-Berry

- Situation:** Pursuant to G.S. 116-239.5, the Board of Governors, upon recommendation by the president, shall designate constituent institutions to submit proposals to establish at least nine laboratory schools in total to serve public school students in accordance with the provisions of this statute. The Board of Governors shall select constituent institutions with high-quality educator preparation programs as demonstrated by the annual performance measures reported by the constituent institutions in accordance with G.S. 115C-296.35. The Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools, established under G.S. 116-239.7, shall review the proposals and approve at least nine of the proposals to establish laboratory schools.
- Background:** Appalachian State University seeks to open an additional K-5 laboratory school in partnership with Elkin City Schools in fall 2022.
- Assessment:** An updated proposal for the new school is presented for subcommittee review. Appalachian will provide a brief update on its plans and seeks approval to establish the new school by resolution of the subcommittee.
- Action:** This item requires a vote by the subcommittee.



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM
SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABORATORY SCHOOLS
APPROVING APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH A LABORATORY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Chapter 116, Article 29A of the General Statutes of North Carolina requires the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina System to designate nine constituent institutions to establish and operate laboratory schools to serve public school students in grades kindergarten through eight in accordance with the provisions of the Article; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors has designated Appalachian State University as one of the nine constituent institutions to establish and operate a laboratory school; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the requirements of Chapter 116, Article 29A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, Appalachian State University submitted to the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools a proposal to operate a laboratory school; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian State University proposes to operate a laboratory school by the name of Appalachian State Academy at Elkin to be located in the Elkin City School district with a term of operation of five years beginning in August 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 116, Article 29A requires the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools to approve or disapprove proposals from constituent institutions to establish and operate laboratory schools; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 116, Article 29A of the General Statutes of North Carolina also requires the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools to adopt a resolution upon the approval of each laboratory school which includes the name of the laboratory school, the local school administrative unit in which the laboratory school shall be located, and a term of operation for the laboratory school of five years from the date of initial operation, to be filed with the Department of Public Instruction for subsequent approval by the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, consistent with applicable statutes, Appalachian State University's chancellor also submitted a proposal to the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools to locate its laboratory school in a local school administrative unit that does not meet the minimum threshold for the number of low-performing schools located in the unit under G.S. 116-239.6(4); and

WHEREAS, the proposal was submitted jointly by the chancellor and Elkin City Schools, and the Subcommittee has determined that the proposed location would satisfy the purposes set forth in G.S. 116-239.5;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools approves the establishment of Appalachian State Academy at Elkin by Appalachian State University for a term of operation of five years beginning in August 2022 to be located in the Elkin City School district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools would like to acknowledge and thank the Elkin City Board of Education and its superintendent, the local school administrative unit in which the laboratory school will be located, for its cooperation with Appalachian State University in the development of the Appalachian State Academy at Elkin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, consistent with applicable statutes and based on the information included in Appalachian State University's proposal, the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools waives the threshold requirement for the number of low-performing schools that must be present in a local school administrative unit in which a laboratory school is located for Appalachian State University's laboratory school described above.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools at a meeting of the Subcommittee on the 18th day of January 2022.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABORATORY SCHOOLS
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

By: _____

AGENDA ITEM

A-3. Progress Update: North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Laura Bilbro-Berry

- Situation:** Pursuant to G.S. 116-239.5, the Board of Governors, upon recommendation by the president, shall designate constituent institutions to submit proposals to establish at least nine laboratory schools in total to serve public school students in accordance with the provisions of this statute. The Board of Governors shall select constituent institutions with high-quality educator preparation programs as demonstrated by the annual performance measures reported by the constituent institutions in accordance with G.S. 115C-296.35. The Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools, established under G.S. 116-239.7, shall review the proposals and approve at least nine of the proposals to establish laboratory schools.
- Background:** In October 2021, North Carolina A&T provided an initial proposal to open a lab school in fall 2022 in collaboration with Guilford County Schools.
- Assessment:** The institution will provide a brief update on its plans and intent to seek approval to establish the new school.
- Action:** This item is for information only.

AGENDA ITEM

A-4. Progress Update: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill..... Laura Bilbro-Berry

Situation:	Pursuant to G.S. 116-239.5, the Board of Governors, upon recommendation by the president, shall designate constituent institutions to submit proposals to establish at least nine laboratory schools in total to serve public school students in accordance with the provisions of this statute. The Board of Governors shall select constituent institutions with high-quality educator preparation programs as demonstrated by the annual performance measures reported by the constituent institutions in accordance with G.S. 115C-296.35. The Board of Governors Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools, established under G.S. 116-239.7, shall review the proposals and approve at least nine of the proposals to establish laboratory schools.
Background:	UNC-Chapel Hill intends to open a lab school in fall 2022 in collaboration with a school district partner.
Assessment:	The institution will provide a brief update on its plans and intent to seek approval to establish the new school by resolution.
Action:	This item is for information only.