



DATE: October 25, 2022
TO: Halifax Community College Service Area
FROM: Dr. Michael Williams, Chairman, Board of Trustees
RE: Announcement of Presidential Finalists

The Halifax Community College (HCC) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we have selected 3 finalists for the presidency of HCC. 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, work, and effort.

The HCC presidential finalists are (in alphabetical order):

Patrena Benton Elliott, Ph.D., is Vice President for Instruction and Student Support Services/Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, NC. She previously served as Dean of Academic Affairs and Operations at South University in High Point, NC. Dr. Elliott earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership Studies and a Master of Science in Adult Education from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, NC; and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill, NC.

Pamela Monaco, Ph.D., is Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Wilbur Wright College in Chicago, IL. She previously served as Dean of Instruction at Wilbur Wright College in Chicago, IL. Dr. Monaco earned a Doctor of Philosophy in English and a Master of Arts in English from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C; and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Carmen Nunalee, Ed.D. J.D., is Vice President of Strategy and Performance and Dean of the Crutchfield Campus at Stanly Community College in Albemarle, NC. She previously served as Vice President of Strategic Planning and Compliance at Stanly Community College in Albemarle, NC. Dr. Nunalee earned a Doctor of Education in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC; a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA; a Master of Science in Microbiology-Immunology from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL; and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Meredith College in Raleigh, NC.

Public forums will take place the week of October 31 and each candidate will participate in



a 1-hour forum. We invite and encourage everyone to participate in the open forums. Forums will be open 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 room: 108 of the Dr. Phillip W. Taylor Complex on the campus of Halifax Community College. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. and the forum will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m.

Open Forum Schedule:

Monday, October 31, 2022 - Dr. Patrena Benton Elliott

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 - Dr. Carmen Nunalee

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 - Dr. Pamela Monaco

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, kennondb@gmail.com, (919) 621-7988 (mobile) or HCC Board Chairman, Dr. Michael Williams, michael_williams@halifaxcc.edu, (252) 532-7222.