As a trustee and keeper of the trust, I will:

1. Become knowledgeable so that I can execute my duties and carry out my responsibilities in a credible manner.

2. Place high priority on attendance at all board meetings.

3. Cooperate with my fellow board members and respect their differences of opinion.

4. Vote my honest conviction on all issues based on facts and concern for all persons affected rather than on personal bias, political, or other outside pressures.

5. Respect and support all policy votes of the board regardless of how I voted and maintain the confidentiality of closed proceedings of the board outside the meetings.

6. Remember that the president or board chair is the only official spokesperson for the institution.

7. Support the president as chief administrative officer of the institution and direct to the president all complaints or criticisms about either the institution or the president.

8. Never use my position either directly or indirectly for personal gain nor give the perception/ impression of conflict of interest.

9. Place as high a priority on academics at the institution as I do the business of college operations.

10. Remember that the primary function of the board is to establish the policies by which Gaston College is to be administered and that the administration of the educational program and the conduct of college business shall be left to the president and his/her faculty and staff.

11. Support the state and national community college trustees’ associations.

12. Consider myself a “trustee” of Gaston College and do my best to ensure that Gaston College is well maintained, financially secure, growing and operating in the best interests of its constituents.