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Quick Facts

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Don Long

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **S.C. Governor Nikki Haley** recently appointed a retired IBM executive and a Camden educator to the **Winthrop University Board of Trustees**.

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The third new member is retired bank executive **Glenn McCall** who joined the board as the designee of South Carolina's new education superintendent.



Tim Hopkins

Long retired from IBM Corporation in 1991 after 29 years working primarily in product development, marketing and consulting with the financial services industry.

The community activist has a background in community and organizational planning and development, financial and statistical analysis, and organizational management. He has served on Winthrop's President's Community Leaders Advisory Board, in addition to working with the River Hills Community Association, the River Hills Country Club, River Hills Community Church, Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce and other groups.

He holds a B.S. in industrial engineering from the University of Illinois and an M.B.A. in management science and finance from Stanford University. Long also served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1959-62.

A Winthrop alumnus, Hopkins holds three degrees from the university: a B.A. in sociology in 1983, M.Ed. in counseling in 1985 and an education specialist degree in educational administration in 2000. His wife, Jewel Lee Hopkins, graduated from Winthrop in 1984.

He has worked in public education as a teacher, counselor, basketball coach, assistant principal, principal and district administrator. In Kershaw County, he has served as principal of Pine Tree Hill Elementary, director of student assessment and director of federal programs. As executive director of elementary education, he has direct supervisory responsibility for 11 elementary schools and more than 4,500 students.

Hopkins is president-elect of the Winthrop University Alumni Association and a member of the **Winthrop University Foundation Board** but has not decided whether he will continue in those roles.

He recently retired from a 24-year career in the U.S. Air Force Reserve where he was a major.

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