"I am grateful to [the board] for their faith in my ability to work with faculty, staff and students to move the college forward," Anderson said in a statement announcing her appointment.

Williams led the school for six years, but the last two had been marked by declining enrollment and a series of missteps in the school's management. She received a vote of no confidence from faculty and staff in 2010. The next year, the school was placed on probation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education because it failed to implement clear standards to measure student performance. The probationary status was removed in June.

According to a statement released by the college, Anderson most recently served as an associate professor at Morgan State University, though she began her career as a full-time professor at BCCC. During her tenure at BCCC, she also served as assistant to the associate dean of arts and science; chair of English, speech, foreign languages, art and music; and director of the academic development program.

"The board is pleased to appoint as interim president someone who knows the college so well and has already demonstrated remarkable dedication through years of service to BCCC students," said Rosemary Gillett-Karam, chair of the school's board of trustees.

Anderson has a bachelor's degree from Morgan; a master's from the Johns Hopkins University; and a doctorate in adult and community college education from North Carolina State University at Raleigh, according to the statement from the college.

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