

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Special Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. When Ms. Walsh called the roll in Secretary Jenner's absence, the following were present:

Ms. Kisser
Mr. Parrish
Ms. Walsh
Mr. Smith

Ms. Liddell was absent at roll call and arrived at 6:39 p.m. Trustee Jenner, Trustee Tirio, and Student Trustee Worden were absent. Dr. Gabbard was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Chair Smith read the Mission Statement.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mark Shuman, adjunct Instructor of English, read a statement from Ms. Angela Kahl, adjunct Instructor of Mathematics, regarding the prevailing wage. In her statement, Ms. Kahl she did not want her students to leave McHenry County College learning that it is okay to break a law because you don't like it. She noted also that Dr. Gabbard had stated at the Board meeting that without a resolution in place, the College would not be considered for certain grants. She asked the Board to research the implications for their votes, and noted that as a taxpayer, she did not wish to be made responsible for the Board's wish to break the law. She also noted that no resolution would hurt the local community

construction workers, many of whom are just beginning to claw their way out of an economic crash. She asked that the Board protect our construction workers along with taxpayers, and vote yes for the Prevailing Wage Act.

Dr. Bev Dow, Instructor of Biology, stated that everyone but Dr. Gabbard knows how long she has advocated for health professions. She is excited to be moving forward and truly grateful for the Board's support.

RENEWAL OF RESOLUTION FOR PREVAILING WAGE, Board Report #16-75

Chair Smith asked for a motion and second to approve Renewal of Resolution for Prevailing Wage, Board Report #16-75. Ms. Kisser moved to approve, and Ms. Walsh seconded the motion. During discussion, Ms. Kisser asked Dr. Gabbard to cite the figure for how much money the College stands to lose if the resolution is not adopted. Dr. Gabbard replied that the College has received an estimated \$737,896.00 to date in state awards for fiscal year 2016, and estimated \$819,000.00 in fiscal year 2015, and an estimated \$1,049,000.00 in fiscal year 2014. He noted these figures do not include any penalties or fees. Ms. Walsh stated that Trustees have been entrusted by the citizens of the College district to use resources wisely, and in support of the mission, which is student success. She stated she is not willing to risk losing grant money and not willing to put funding at risk for a political statement. She stated she would be voting yes on this Board Report.

Mr. Parrish stated he had done considerable research, and is offended by a law that tells him how to vote. He finds it disturbing and unsettling to be told as an American how he has to vote by the government.

Mr. Smith stated he echoed many of the sentiments conveyed by Mr. Shuman. He stated he is not a fan of the Prevailing Wage Act, but does not think this is the appropriate format to fight that battle, which needs to take place in the legislature in Springfield. He characterized voting against this now as a breach of fiduciary duty. He intends to vote in favor of the Board Report. He asked Ms. Walsh to call the roll.

When the roll was called Ms. Kisser, Ms. Liddell, Ms. Walsh, and Mr. Smith voted in favor; Mr. Parrish voted firmly against. The motion carried.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Liddell stated that Mr. Andrew Bollman lost his life this weekend. Ms. Kisser added that Mr. Bollman was past president of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. Mr. Smith was very sorry to hear that.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Chris Jenner, Board Secretary