

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Special Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. Vice Chair Evertsen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. When Ms. Walsh called the roll, the following were present:

Ms. Vazquez
Ms. Evertsen
Ms. Liddell
Mr. Parrish
Mr. Smith
Ms. Tirio
Ms. Walsh

Dr. Gabbard was also present. Attorney Samuel Cavnar was present at legal counsel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Evertsen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:03 p.m., Ms. Walsh moved to go into Closed Session to discuss matters covered under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 120/2(c) Exception #3, Selection of a Person to Fill Public Office, and 120/2(c) Exception #11, Litigation. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Discussion. The roll was called, and all were in favor. The motion carried. Closed Session began at 5:07 p.m.

At 8:34 p.m., Ms. Walsh moved to come out of Closed Session, and Ms. Liddell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken, and all were in favor. The motion carried. Closed Session ended at 8:36 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

Mr. Smith moved to appoint Mr. Tom Allen as the new Trustee; Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Trustees agreed to move to agenda item #9, Approval of Settlement Agreement with Greve Construction, Inc., while waiting for Mr. Allen to return.

Mr. Allen joined the meeting at 8:47 p.m. and was sworn in by Vice Chair Evertsen. He was greeted with applause, and took his place at the Board table.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR TO SERVE REMAINDER OF 2017-2018 TERM OF OFFICE

Ms. Evertsen announced that the floor was open for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

Ms. Tirio nominated Ms. Evertsen for Board Chair and Ms. Walsh nominated Ms. Liddell. Ms. Evertsen announced that Ms. Evertsen and Ms. Liddell were nominated for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees for the period of January 2018 through April 2018. There was no discussion. The roll was called.

Ms. Tirio voted for Ms. Evertsen; all others present voted for Ms. Liddell. It was announced that Ms. Linda Liddell will serve as Board Chair for the period of January 2018 through April 2018.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GREVE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Ms. Liddell moved to approve the settlement agreement, and Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Liddell spoke about attending the December 16 graduation. She spoke with numerous families afterward and heard very complimentary comments about McHenry County College, its faculty, and its programs.

Mr. Smith thanked all the candidates who stepped up and went through the interview process.

Mr. Parrish expressed his appreciation for visits, calls, and cards during his recent illness.

Ms. Walsh echoed Ms. Liddell's comments about graduation, and Mr. Smith's comments about the candidates who applied for the Trustee vacancy. She felt the Board was fortunate to have had such good candidates.

Ms. Vazquez stated that graduation was amazing, adding that she will be graduating at the next ceremony.

Ms. Tirio congratulated all MCC graduates, and noted that a phenomenal group of people applied for the Trustee vacancy. She regretted that only one person could be chosen.

Ms. Evertsen stated that Trustees are afforded many opportunities to attend College events, see student success, and meet candidates who volunteered to be considered for the vacancy. She thanked all who applied.

Mr. Allen thanked the Board for their faith in him, and stated he would not let them down. All thanked him for joining the Board.

Dr. Gabbard noted that Ms. Haggerty's father passed away; information will be provided on the visitation. He asked Trustees whether they would like to tour the Liebman Science Center construction site before the January 25 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Molly H. Walsh, Board Secretary