

MINUTES  
BOARD RETREAT  
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Retreat of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Thursday, November 11, 2010, in Room SCC 105 at the Shah Center for Corporate Training, 4100 W. Shamrock Drive, McHenry, IL. Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. When Ms. Larson called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Lowe  
Mr. Sheriff  
Ms. Larson  
Mr. Parrish  
Dr. DeWitt  
Ms. Miller

Ms. Walters was absent at roll call and arrived at 5:18 p.m. Ms. Marcy Piekos was in attendance as facilitator.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

BOARD VACANCY

Chair Miller stated that several community members have expressed an interest in the vacant Trustee position. Mr. Monaghan from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association suggested that a replacement be appointed before December 5, 2010, and Attorney Perkoski concurred with his suggestion. Dr. Smith added that if candidates want to run for the April 5, 2011 election, they must obtain signatures and file their petitions between December 13, 2010 and December 20, 2010, according to the election timeline. Discussion ensued on the process for filling the vacancy. Chair Miller proposed that all four interested individuals could come to the Special Board meeting on November 15 for interview. A discussion followed about whether the Board should appoint a person who is interested only in the interim position, or whether the Board should appoint someone who is interested in running for the Board. Ms. Walters added that McHenry County College Trustees receive no compensation; they serve

as elected volunteer positions. Those interested in the vacant Trustee position will be contacted to attend the Special Board Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2010, for further discussion with the Board.

#### ELECT BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Miller stated that Ms. Walters will volunteer for the position of Board Secretary. The roll was called and the following were in favor:

Mr. Lowe  
Mr. Sheriff  
Ms. Larson  
Mr. Parrish  
Dr. DeWitt  
Ms. Miller

Ms. Walters abstained from the vote. Ms. Walters was elected as Board Secretary.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLES OF TRUSTEES

During discussion, Trustees unanimously agreed on a list of Board culture descriptors and the following statement on a desired ideal culture: “We have a visionary culture balancing fiscal prudence with academic excellence, while maintaining an informal and approachable environment. (We are) prudent decision makers who plan for the future through collaborative effort with an eye on student and community success.”

#### PROCEDURAL RULES

General discussion ensued, and the Trustees agreed on a list of vital behaviors to sustain the identified desired culture.

#### ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE IN STRATEGIC PLANNING

There was no discussion.

#### CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

#### SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There was no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

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Barbara Walters, Board Secretary