

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. Vice Chair Evertsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. When Secretary Walsh called the roll, the following were present:

Ms. Elliott
Mr. Allen
Mr. Domek
Mr. Smith
Ms. Tirio
Ms. Walsh
Ms. Evertsen

Ms. Siddons was absent at roll call and arrived at 6:13 p.m. Dr. Gabbard was present. Attorney Samuel Cavnar was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting were accepted with minor changes.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

No one addressed the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gabbard reported that two sessions will be held tomorrow to inform community members about the Entrepreneurial Agriculture program at McHenry County College. He noted that scholarship applications are now open, and added that more money than ever was awarded last year. The Foundation hopes to exceed that amount this year. Dr. Gabbard reported on meeting with a consultant about the interior signage master plan, and noted construction has begun on the welcome kiosk in the atrium. A meeting was held with a library consultant, found through DKA, to make better use of library space, to reapportion existing space rather than building new. Fundraising is likely to be involved in this space change. Dr. Gabbard noted also that construction barriers are up and work is beginning on the Building A renovation. Dr. Gabbard provided several upcoming event dates – the current production in the Black Box Theatre, Gardenfest to be held on April 6, and a student art show in the satellite gallery in Woodstock, premiering on March 21.

PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta noted there was nothing of note on the first four pages; he pointed out that the statement of activities, 58% through the year, is tracking quite well to last year. He noted that investment revenue is performing extremely well this year. Mr. Tenuta is in the process of creating a revised forecast and is working on the budget for next year. Items are being loaded into the budget and discussions are being held with the college population. Dr. Gabbard believes that there are savings to be found in some areas, and also opportunities to spend strategically in the right places to move the College's mission forward. Ms. Walsh asked Mr. Tenuta how the change in minimum wage will affect the College; he replied that only four employees fell below the minimum wage and most impact will be from student workers.

PRESENTATION: SUSTAINABILITY UPDATES

Ms. Haggerty stated that this presentation is being given in response to a request from a Trustee and introduced Ms. Kim Hankins, Director of Sustainability. Ms. Hankins' presentation covered Sustainability staffing, committee and volunteer support, focused on three areas (campus – classes – community), and noted what is new with the Sustainability Center, highlighting the Re-Use It Corner, where numerous supplies are available to those who can use them. The presentation can be seen at www.mchenry.edu/board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Evertsen asked that Trustees be informed of campus events in advance so they can plan to attend. Ms. Walsh spoke about her recent meeting with student senate members. Mr. Allen would also like to receive advance notice about campus events.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 19, 2019

Acceptance of the closed session minutes of the closed session, Committee of the Whole meeting, February 19, 2019, was tabled until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Pat Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Molly H. Walsh, Board Secretary