

MINUTES
BOARD RETREAT
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Retreat of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Thursday, June 27, 2019, in Room A242 on the Campus in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Chair Smith called the retreat to order at 5:00 p.m. When Secretary Allen called the roll, the following were present:

Ms. Evertsen
Ms. Hoban
Ms. Speros
Ms. Walsh
Mr. Smith
Mr. Allen

Mr. Rendon was absent at roll call and arrived at 5:02 p.m. Ms. Siddons was absent at roll call and arrived at 5:06 p.m. Dr. Gabbard, Ms. Haggerty, Mr. Tenuta, Dr. Gray, Dr. Koronkiewicz, and Dr. Butler were also present.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one addressed the Board.

DISCUSSION OF COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLANNING/STRATEGIES AND TACTICS

Dr. Gabbard stated that when the Higher Learning Commission site visit was in progress, the College's strengths were recognized as well as things that need progress. This revealed the need to have a physical electronic space to aggregate the work being done, with those items tied to the budgeting process. As a result of this thought process, the Action Planning System, or APS, was created.

The APS is a working, internal document that lists major initiatives which tie to the College's mission and budget. Dr. Gabbard noted that at this same time, strategic planning was being done (the strategic plan is available at <https://www.mchenry.edu/strategicplan/2019-2024StrategicPlan.pdf>). When the Board approved the eight goals, those goals became the perfect overarching structure to drop into the APS system.

Dr. Gabbard stated that the APS system does allow opportunities to be input, can run reports, and will move the College significantly forward in being a data-informed institution. He noted that the APS does not account for all initiatives, activities, and work of the College. Discussion followed on strategic enrollment efforts, and a demonstration of the APS system was requested for the Board.

Extensive discussion, comments, and questions followed on the eight goals:

GOAL 1: Create accessible, high-impact student-focused services, interventions, and facilities that increase student engagement, completion, and career readiness.

GOAL 2: Develop and execute transparent strategies for generating and sustaining financial resources necessary to drive College innovations and operations.

GOAL 3: Deliver agile, secure, cost-effective, and sustainable infrastructure and technology solutions to drive institutional innovation and empower a positive learning and work environment.

GOAL 4: Attract, retain, engage, and value diverse and dynamic faculty, staff, and administrators who are committed to excellence in our ever-changing context.

GOAL 5: Strengthen collaborations with the community and local industry to ensure that all College efforts are focused on improving the quality of life and economic development for those individuals who learn with us.

GOAL 6: Inspire and challenge students in every learning experience through the careful professional expertise of faculty who engage and support students, and expect high levels of learning.

GOAL 7: Articulate the College's key value propositions in order to strategically increase community engagement and support, improve enrollment, and prepare the next generation of learners.

GOAL 8: Develop effective strategies in all our interactions with students and each other that welcome and value diversity.

Should an individual trustee wish to look deeper into a particular area, Dr. Gabbard will be happy to arrange a meeting with the primary holder of the Trustee's area of interest.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

No summary comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the retreat was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Tom Allen, Board Secretary