

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 as a Virtual Meeting as authorized by Executive Order 2020-7, and as permitted by Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e) to be held without the physical presence of a quorum of trustees at the regular meeting location. Members of the public were able to provide public comment and access all open portions of the meeting via the link and accompanying information located on the Board of Trustees page of MCC's website, located at: <https://www.mchenry.edu/board>

Vice Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. When Secretary Allen called the roll, the following were present:

Ms. Walsh  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. Allen  
Ms. Siddons  
Ms. Speros  
Ms. Hoban  
Ms. German

Dr. Gabbard was present. Attorney Sam Cavnar was present as legal counsel.  
Trustee Evertsen joined at 6:03 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 16, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting were accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting, held via videoconference.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gabbard shared a COVID-19 vaccination update, noting employees are being urged to schedule a vaccine as the College hopes and prepares for a physical return to campus for the fall semester. Administration's goal is to provide students the opportunity for full face-to-face learning, should they desire. He then reported that the virtual *Listening for a Cause* Concert event raised over \$9,000 from generous donors. This musical event was a nice way to raise money for a vital cause – MCC's Student Success Fund - and was enjoyed by many.

Dr. Gabbard recapped the Dual Credit and Dual Degree programs at MCC. Dual Credit courses provide high school students the opportunity to experience college-level rigor and earn college credit while in high school, being taught by certified high school instructors. The MCC Dual Degree program is when a student earns a high school diploma and a college associate's degree simultaneously, with classes taken both at the high school and at MCC. Both programs afford students cost-friendly options to help them achieve their educational goals. Dual Credit courses are very popular and by next year, all fifteen of MCC's district high schools will have the Dual Credit opportunity.

He went on to report that weekly meetings related to the Foglia CATI project are ongoing, with emerging priorities being identified, discussed and planned for, to keep the process moving along.

Noting that April is Community College Month, Dr. Gabbard reported there is a statewide marketing campaign to promote community colleges and their activities and programs. He is thankful to Ms. Christina Haggerty for chairing the statewide committee on this marketing effort. He went on to mention upcoming events, among them the April 15 Experts and Insights Faculty Speaker Series event *Let's Talk about Death*, and the Noncredit Premiere Day on April 17, a virtual event highlighting the wide array of non-credit course offerings for our community.

#### STUDENT SUCCESS SERIES: PATHWAYS

Ms. Christina Swanson, Director of Pathways to Success, presented an overview of the third topic in the Student Success Series, Pathways. She recapped the Title III Grant process and a journey that focused on developing a way to concisely guide students through their educational pathways. With this project's clear goals and an expected outcome in mind, guided pathways were built to show any student their educational path in the quickest, most economical manner. Sequencing steps were established, which clearly light the way for a student to get the program information needed, then to guide them on the path to their desired degree or a transfer.

#### PRELIMINARY MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta provided updated information to the preliminary March financial statements. He noted expenditures are happening as expected, though activity generally tends to pick up toward the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Tenuta reports the College is on target with the forecast of being under budget. Throughout this year, savings have occurred and CARES Act funding was received. Reserves will allow the College opportunities to strategically move forward with planned projects. Excess reserves will also aid in building the IT department and necessary systems to be better equipped for cybersecurity protection.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Speros commented on the recent *Voices* publication, asking whether Matt Irie could attend a board meeting and talk about this award-winning publication that is created internally at MCC.

Ms. Siddons appreciated the *Listening for a Cause* concert, then mentioned she is looking forward to another great Foundation golf outing this summer. She reported that E2E has a couple things coming up, noting these events are great ways to connect with others.

Mr. Smith congratulated MCC alumnus, Paul Polep, who was recently sworn in as the Chief of the Evanston Fire Department. He also voiced congratulations to Edith Sanchez, MCC's newly elected student trustee.

Ms. Hoban enjoyed the *Listening for a Cause* concert, then congratulated Trustee Speros on her re-election to the MCC Board of Trustees.

Ms. Walsh thanked Dr. Gabbard and Dr. Koronkiewicz for planning and bringing forth the Student Success Series, noting the series presenters have provided excellent information to the Board.

#### CLOSED SESSION

No closed session meeting was held.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Walsh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Mary Cornett, Recording Secretary

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Thomas E. Allen, Board Secretary