

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT #528

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Committee of the Whole



MCC Conference Room A215
8900 U.S. Highway 14
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board of Trustees observed a moment of silence to honor MCC student Amelia (Amy) Weir, who passed away earlier in the week.

3. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Allen announced that Trustee Evertsen would be attending via telephone. He asked Secretary Hoban to call the roll for all Trustees physically present. Five Board Trustees were physically present, with the exception of Trustee Evertsen.

Vice Chair Allen asked Trustees Evertsen whether any closed session conversation will be kept confidential. Trustee Evertsen confirmed.

Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approve Trustee Evertsen to attend via Zoom. Trustee Siddons motioned, seconded by Trustee Morton. Motion Approved.

Vice Chair Allen asked Secretary Hoban to take a final roll call to include all Trustees attending.

Trustees Present

Mary Beth Siddons
Elizabeth Speros
Molly Walsh
Edith Sanchez
Dale Morton
Tom Allen
Suzanne Hoban
Diane Evertsen-attended via phone

Also Present

Dr. Clinton Gabbard- College President
Ken Florey – Legal Counsel

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as submitted.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from January 18, 2022 are approved as submitted. Trustee Siddons motioned; seconded by Trustee Walsh. Motion approved.

6. OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DR. CLINTON GABBARD

COVID-19 Update

President Gabbard informed the Board that the Governor will be lifting the mask mandate on February 28th. The college has the freedom to choose to lift the mask mandate or keep in place. Several

discussions have happened to consider all consequences and are leaning toward lifting the mask mandate on February 28th. With that being said, we would add a strong encouragement to keep the masks if they felt more comfortable doing that. We want to have a safe environment for everyone.

Vaccination/Booster Clinics at MCC

The College regularly hosts onsite clinics based on the availability of its partners. On Saturday, February 12, MCC held a vaccination/booster clinic in partnership with MCDH, IDPH, and IEMA. Over 75 individuals—including youth—participated in the event. An additional clinic will take place on Saturday, March 12.

MCC Hosts Open House Events to Showcase New CO/LAB Spaces

MCC's CO/LAB spaces are comprehensive areas of student support—all in one location. These spaces allow students to collaborate, connect, and convene. Our goal for each CO/LAB is to improve student connections to the College, accessibility of services, and student-faculty engagement. During the week of February 14, the College is celebrating all three of our CO/LAB spaces in an effort to help students and employees learn more via information sessions and events. A complete list of activities was shared with the Board.

Center for Agrarian Learning Continues Educational Offerings

MCC's Center for Agrarian Learning (CAL) recently offered two exciting programs to the community.

- **Hemp Today! Growing and Marketing Industrial Hemp:** A total of 39 attendees participated in the half-day event featuring seven speakers, mostly farmers, who provided details information on the production and marketing of CBD, fiber and grain varieties, as well as experts providing both state and federal regulatory updates.
- **Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference:** This annual event was organized by U of I Extension in Lake/McHenry and Jo Daviess/Stephenson/Winnebago counties. Previously, it was held in the Rockford area for several years, and moved to McHenry County College this year, hosted by the Center for Agrarian Learning. This free program welcomed 37 attendees for discussion and collaboration.

Upcoming MCC Events – February-March 2022

Dr. Gabbard shared upcoming campus events with the Board of Trustees.

8. JANUARY PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta provided a recap of the preliminary January financial statements.

9. PRESENTATION-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Hopkins gave a presentation on MCC Information Technology. He invited any Board trustee to come in and get a more in-depth tour of our IT systems etc.

10. Policy 2.1.1 Investments-Discussion

Board of Trustees discussed any last-minute changes for the policy. After discussion, the Board agreed to bring the final version forward to the Board of Trustees meeting on February 24, 2022 for approval.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Sanchez said she was excited to see all the resources we have available at the grand openings of the CO/LABS. It was great to see students excited.

Mr. Morton would like an in-depth tour of IT.

Ms. Hoban commented on an event she attended that morning and the team from CAL presented and it was the highlight of the day. They did a great job.

Ms. Speros would like to have a tour of the IT. She would also like a tour of our nursing classes if possible, in the next several months.

Mr. Allen informed the Board that he met with an MCC student and she spoke very highly of the CAL and how interesting it was.

Dr. Gabbard read a letter of resignation from Chair Siddons. She resigned immediately following the February 16th, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. He noted that exception #3 -The selection of a person to fill a public office- needs to be added to the closed session for tonight.

Ms. Siddons thanked the Board for everything and said it was a very tough decision. She will be moving out of state.

12. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:54pm, Vice Chair Allen asked for a motion to move into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act 120/2 (c) Exception #3 The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance, Exception #5 The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired and Exception #21 – Review of Closed Session Minutes. Trustee Walsh motioned; Trustee Morton seconded. The roll was called, and all voted in favor.

At 6:55pm, Trustees came out of closed session.

Exception #2 Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees was added to the closed session agenda.

At 7:00pm Board moved into closed session for all the exceptions mentioned above. Trustee Walsh motioned, Trustee Evertsen seconded. The roll was called, and all voted in favor.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole closed session minutes from November 9, 2021 be accepted as amended. Trustee Walsh motioned; seconded by Trustee Siddons. Motion approved.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28pm. Trustee Hoban motioned; seconded by Trustee Speros.

Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

Suzanne Hoban, Board Secretary