

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, May 18, 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 Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. When Secretary Hoban called the roll, the following were present:

Ms. Walsh
Mr. Allen
Mr. Morton
Ms. Siddons
Ms. Speros
Ms. Hoban
Ms. Evertsen
Ms. Sanchez

Dr. Gabbard was present. Attorney Sam Cavnar was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 13, 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 noted the many vaccination events locally and at MCC, open to employees and students. With regard to MCC's Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion (DEBI) efforts, he reported that a consultant has been identified to guide MCC in carrying out its planned initiatives. During interviews, it became clear that this individual has the experience, background, and the approach to create a trusting environment as the College continues to assess campus culture and carry out the deliverables the President's Task Force has identified.

Slides of the May 12 MCC Healthcare Industry Council Event were shared, with Dr. Gabbard remarking on the College's many great community partners. The event brought together educators, employers and community partners to aid in connecting students with opportunities.

Dr. Gabbard introduced MCC's new Chief of Police, J. C. Paez, sharing some background information about him. Dr. Gabbard is pleased that Chief Paez' experience and the way he connects with people will serve MCC well.

Dr. Gabbard gave a brief update on the Foglia CATI project, noting progress can seem slow but it is a carefully thought process. Dr. Gabbard hopes to bring building concept pictures to the June Board meeting and will seek input from Trustees about potential design options.

He ended by mentioning upcoming events - the next *Experts and Insights* Speaker Series event, and the Foundation Golf Outing that has already surpassed sponsorships of last year.

RETURN TO FULL ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES PLANNING

Dr. Gabbard recapped plans for employees to return to a fully on-campus work schedule, with a target date of July 12.

On Monday, May 24, all campus entrances will reopen and thermal screenings will not be administered, though signage will be placed encouraging all staff, students and visitors to self-screen prior to entering campus. The reopening of campus services, including the Fitness Center and Conferences and Events meeting room rentals, is also planned for the week of May 24, with other services, including the MCC Store opening soon after. All sanitation efforts related to coronavirus will continue throughout MCC facilities. These plans and efforts focus on the goal to have more students on campus for the fall semester.

STUDENT SUCCESS SERIES: COMPLETIONS AND TRANSFERS

Dr. Chris Gray, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development, presented an overview of the fourth segment in the Student Success Series, *Completions and Transfers*. He explained the community college's important role in students' educational journeys and relayed good numbers related to completion and transfer-out rates. Dr. Gray encourages Trustees to view information on www.mchenry.edu/advising, which clearly lay out steps for students as they work to achieve certificates and varying educational degrees. He added there is much great information at our fingertips – all developed to help students in the most efficient and cost-effective ways.

PRELIMINARY APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta provided updated information to the preliminary April financial statements. He reported the College forecasts being under budget, reiterating savings have occurred related to employee benefit costs during the pandemic.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Morton remarked that the College has hit it out of the park with successful virtual events, most recently the May graduation. He

thanks all involved in planning the graduation drive-by celebration on MCC's campus that meant so much to many graduates and their families.

Ms. Speros enjoyed several recent events - the graduation celebration, the MCC Healthcare Industry Council Event, and the virtual Employee Awards presentation.

Ms. Siddons looks forward to updates on the College's Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Inclusion efforts, as well as upcoming budget discussions.

Ms. Walsh asked that during budget discussions we include how administration envisions utilizing money received from the CARES Act.

Ms. Hoban would like a high-level update on the Center for Agrarian Learning, recapping where it started, where it is now and plans for moving forward. She also voiced appreciation for the graduation drive-by reception, expressing just how much fun it was for all involved.

Vice Chair Allen enjoyed the graduation drive-by, thanking all who showed up to celebrate MCC graduates. He also remarked how well done the Healthcare workshop was, noting the moderators were excellent.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., Vice Chair Allen asked for a motion to move into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act 120/2(c) #2 – Collective Negotiations and #21 – Review of Closed Session Minutes. Ms. Walsh moved; Ms. Siddons seconded. The roll was called and all voted in favor.

At 8:12 p.m., Trustees came out of closed session.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Hoban to approve closed session minutes of the February 16, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Ms. Walsh seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Mary Cornett, Recording Secretary

Suzanne Hoban, Board Secretary