

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT #528**

Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Committee of the Whole



MCC Board Room A217
8900 U.S. Highway 14
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. 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. Six Board Trustees were physically present, with the exception of Trustees Evertsen and Siddons.

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

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

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

Trustees Present

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

Also Present

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

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from September 14, 2021 are approved as corrected. Trustee Walsh motioned; seconded by Trustee Speros. Motion approved.

5. OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: DR. CLINTON GABBARD

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Gabbard reported on the initiatives that the College is working on to have students in compliance with the Governor’s Mandate. To date the College has 100% compliance rate by employees and 75% compliance rate by students who are on-campus regularly.

MCC Partnership with Talkspace Offers Students Free Access to Online Support Resources

This spring, MCC expanded student mental health resources through a partnership with online therapy platform, Talkspace. The Talkspace platform allows students to exchange unlimited private video, audio, and text messages with a fully licensed therapist at no cost to them. Students also receive unlimited access to the Talkspace suite of online and in-app mental health and wellness resources, one live 30-minute video session per month with their counselor and can book additional sessions with their therapist at a reduced rate. The service is available to any MCC student currently enrolled in credit classes and over the age of 18. Since kicking off this effort in March, 159 have registered for assistance.

MCC Receives Illinois Specialty Crop Grant

The College was notified on Friday, October 8 that the USDA approved funding for an Illinois Specialty Crop Block grant for MCC. According to the USDA, this year's program was extremely competitive with many applicants. MCC's specific project, Increasing Knowledge and Production of Fruits and Nuts through Community College Farm Expansion, will receive \$17,801, which will provide funding support for supplies (fruit and nut trees, tools, instructional equipment), instruction, and consultants to help grow MCC's Student farm.

11th Annual Manufacturing Breakfast a Success

More than 170 local manufacturers, educators, and community partners attended a networking breakfast at McHenry County College (MCC) on Wednesday, October 13. The 11th annual event featured resource tables, college updates, and a panel discussion on the timely topic of supply chain agility. Attendees also received a variety of updates on the College's Manufacturing, Small Business, and Workforce Training programs, as well as a review of Dual Credit opportunities that exist for high school students looking to get into the field.

ICCB Releases Statewide Economic Impact Study

MCC continues to help drive McHenry County's area economy and train a skilled workforce for critical industries throughout Illinois, according to a new statewide report analyzing the value of the Illinois community college system. In late September, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) released this Economic Impact Study, which presents data supporting how Illinois' 48 community colleges boost local economies and provide critical sources of employment in their communities/regions. According to the study, Illinois community colleges account for \$3.5 billion in economic output and more than 43,000 jobs. It evaluates Illinois' community college system on its ability to meet the needs of business and industry, equity, student outcomes, students' return on investment, and the system's overall economic impact to local economies and job growth. The study also examines statewide trends including employment, population, race and ethnicity changes, and the COVID-19 pandemic. The study found that more than 84% of students who earn a long-term certificate or associate's degree in applied science programs are employed in solid-paying career jobs within a year of graduation.

Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation Update

Over the last several weeks, the team from Ross Barney has been making final modifications to the overall design concept (based on feedback from MCC project team). At this time, 100% of the design development has been submitted to MCC, with a final review meeting to take place on November 11. An updated project timeline was shared with the trustees.

Upward Bound Presentation

In-person presentation was given by the Upward Bound Team.

7. SEPTEMBER PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

8. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bob Tenuta gave a presentation on fund 17 -Other Post Retirement Benefits to the Board of Trustees.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Morton enjoyed the Upward Bound update. He was aware that the program existed but got so much more information from the presentation.

Ms. Sanchez commented on the Upward Bound presentation as well and how lucky the College is to have such a dedicated team of people helping and changing lives daily.

Ms. Hoban was excited that the new pharmacy program is being launched by MCC. Enjoyed the information on Talkspace and was thrilled to have the option for the students.

Ms. Speros agreed with everyone on the Upward Bound presentation. She also liked the financials report. She had attended the empowerment luncheon and enjoyed the scholarship testimonial. Faculty speaking series was interesting as well. Ms. Speros also attended the manufacturing breakfast and thought it was a wonderful opportunity to meet different stakeholders.

Ms. Walsh gave kudos to the team that put together the manufacturing breakfast. Workshop was wonderful and people were engaged. She received questions on dual credit and was wondering if we can do more in the tech area.

Mr. Allen agreed with the other trustees that the manufacturing breakfast was great. What he found the most fascinating was that the instructors leading the workshop didn't lecture everyone on having the answers, they sat back and wanted to hear from these businesses.

10. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:20pm, Vice Chair Allen asked for a motion to move into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act 120/2 (c) Exception #1, Personnel (President's Evaluation) and Exception #21 – Review of Closed Session Minutes. Trustee Walsh motioned; Trustee Morton seconded. The roll was called and all voted in favor.

At 8:07pm, Trustees came out of closed session.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole closed session minutes from September 14th, 2021 be accepted. Trustee Walsh motioned; seconded by Trustee Morton. Motion approved.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08pm. Trustee Walsh motioned; seconded by Trustee Morton.

Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

Suzanne Hoban, Board Secretary