

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

March 14, 2023
Committee of the Whole



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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Trustees Present

Tom Allen
Elizabeth Speros
Molly Walsh
Dale Morton
Suzanne Hoban
Carlos Arévalo
Chase Filkins
Michael Smith

Also Present

Dr. Clinton Gabbard- College President
Kevin Noll – Legal Counsel

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board of Trustees observed a moment of silence for MCC student Deannah “Dee” Harhen, who died unexpectedly on February 27.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as submitted.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from February 14, 2023, are approved. Chair Allen motioned; seconded by Trustee Arevalo. 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

MCC Honors Biology Instructor through Special Dedication

On Thursday, March 9, the College dedicated its Microbiology Lab (located in the Liebman Science Center) to MCC Biology Instructor, Rob Smith. During construction of the Liebman Science Center, Rob was integral in the planning of its classrooms and labs, with the Microbiology Lab quickly becoming his favorite space on campus. He spent over 22 years teaching – both at the high school level and at MCC. His love for biology and for serving his students is truly an inspiration to our MCC community. Through this dedication, MCC continues to honor Rob and his family. *Pictured below: Rob’s sons, Hunter and Rylan, and Rob’s wife and MCC instructor, Becky.*

MCC and Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Meeting

On Wednesday, March 8, college leadership met with Dr. Richard Montez, Executive Director of Member Services for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) at University of Illinois at Chicago. MCC representatives shared information about the efforts we have in place to attract, retain, and support

Latine students, demonstrating our commitment to ongoing support for our growing Latine population. The discussion also focused on the value and benefit of MCC having a HSI (Hispanic Serving Institution) designation, should the College receive the designation – as well as how the HACU could provide ongoing support to MCC. Dr. Montez recommended that the College look at several resources on best practices for colleges and universities with an HSI designation. There also is an upcoming opportunity for HACU representatives to visit MCC in October, either before or after the HACU annual conference. Additionally, several MCC leaders attended a luncheon that focused on the Future of HACU and Hispanics in Higher Education. A keynote presentation was delivered by HACU President and CEO, Dr. Antonio Flores, with a strong focus on their mission and what they are doing to ensure that their members have the resources for further improving access to Latine students. In addition to Dr. Gabbard, MCC participants included Sonia Reising, AVP Student Affairs, Candice Maxwell, AVP of DEBI, Megan Lombardi, Director of Institutional Research.

Foglia CATI Update

The State of Illinois bid opening for the construction of the Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation (CATI) was held on December 9, 2022. On March 9, 2023 the recommendation to award contracts was received from the State CDB to award the contract to The George Sollitt Construction Company from Wood Dale, Illinois. We now await the issuance of our proceed order by the State of Illinois CDB. Our next step after the proceed order will be several pre- construction meetings with the architect and the contractor who is awarded the project. Dr. Gabbard informed the Board that the state has approved the additional funding for the project.

Physical Facilities Updates

Dr. Gabbard updated the Board on projects completed by our Physical Facilities Department throughout the College.

Upcoming MCC Events – March 2023

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

8. PRESENTATIONS-

a. Access And Disability Services

Ms. Chelsey Wintersteen, Director of Access and Disability Services, presented all the resources available to students through the Access and Disability Services at MCC.

b. Funding Formula Allocation

Mr. Bob Tenuta, Chief Financial Officer, presented the funding formula allocation to the Board.

9. FEBRUARY PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta provided a recap of the February financial statements.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Speros really enjoyed the presentation of Access and Disability Services. She asked about the reaffirmation for accreditation for HLC and Dr. Gabbard informed her that we are already in the process and staff has been working for the different phases to be completed. Trustee Speros had the chance to speak with students and it's nice to see how much they appreciate their instructors.

Trustee Walsh had a great time at the ICCTA seminar and it was interesting to be part of a roundtable where they discussed Dual Credit and also Competency Based Education. It would be nice to do a presentation on Dual Credit when the new trustees join the Board.

Trustee Morton asked about last month's meeting when a parent came in and was concerned about the graduation day being the same day as local high schools. Dr. Koronkiewicz said that we have been in touch with the parents to make special arrangements for this student. We didn't change our date, but the parents are happy with the options the College has given them. Trustee Morton was the winner of the planetarium experience at the MCC Gala. He was able to invite friends and had a great experience.

Student Trustee Filkins enjoyed the access and disability presentation. He mentioned that he's a notetaker for one of the classes and it's very easy and he's happy to be able to help.

Trustee Arevalo appreciated the access and disability presentation. As a parent of a former MCC student who benefited from the access and disability resources, he commented that it has really served his son for his experience in the university now.

Vice Chair Hoban also enjoyed the presentation on access and disability services and she noted that she was reminded that belonging and inclusion is much broader than what we often think of. It is great to hear how we can help students succeed.

11. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:10pm, Vice Chair Hoban asked for a motion to move into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act 120/2 (c)Exception #5 The purchase or lease of real property & and Exception #21 – Review of Closed Session Minutes. Trustee Arevalo motioned; Chair Allen seconded. The roll was called, and all voted in favor.

At 7:25pm, Trustees came out of closed session.

12. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approve the closed session minutes from the February 14, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee Walsh motioned; Trustee Arevalo seconded. Motion approved.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Hoban declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

Dale Morton, Board Secretary