

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

March 19, 2024
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 6:05pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Hoban asked Secretary Morton to take a roll call.

Trustees Present

Elizabeth Speros
Dale Morton
Suzanne Hoban
Alyssa Kueffner
Molly Walsh
Liza Smith
Tom Allen
Tess Reinhard

Also Present

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

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as presented.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from February 20, 2024, are approved. Chair Allen motioned; seconded by Trustee Walsh. Motion approved.

5. OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

6. PRESENTATION-PLANETARIUM

Ms. Marla Garrison, Director of Innovation, Liebman Center and Mr. Paul Hamill, Instructor, Earth Science presented to the Board of Trustees on the MCC Planetarium.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DR. CLINTON GABBARD

Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion (DEBI) Definitions

Dr. Gabbard informed the Board that over the past several months, College administration has worked on creating institutionally approved definitions for Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion (DEBI) that will be connected to and provide greater clarity about the existing value of "Diversity" as cited in the Strategic Plan. These final definitions below were created by a combination of best-practice global definitions and employee input. Pending Board feedback, the definitions will be added underneath the value of Diversity on the Strategic Plan's Values page and to the College website.

Dual Credit Update

At this month's community college President's Council Meeting, there was significant discussion about the pending shift in Dual Credit across the state, in response to the state's Dual Credit Quality Act (HB 5020) proposed changes. These changes could impact high school and community college partnership agreements,

instructor and other standards for dual credit course, and reporting/data requirements. If changes are adopted, community colleges could see a dramatic shift in dual credit enrollment, and MCC specifically could experience a change (or even reverse) in the recent course fee rolled out. More significant impact from any changes to the Act could ultimately cause students to suffer as a result, which is why the College's relationships with our K-12 partners are so critical. Specifically:

- Course quality and rigor is at risk with insufficient time being given to adequately complete curriculum planning and alignment with the high schools.
- More responsibility and charge is being given to high schools to make decisions that will undoubtedly lead to class enrollment caps above and beyond appropriate college class sizes, limitations placed on student technology necessary for college-level instruction, and grading policies that are inconsistent with campus offerings.
- Content competency and expertise will be questionable, as minimum qualifications to teach dual credit may be lower than the institution's approved minimum qualifications.

College Presidents, as well as Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officers, are working together to respond to the proposed bill amendment in the areas of: accreditation standards; course requirements and grading; instructor qualifications; and identification of priority career pathway courses. We will continue to keep the Board updated on this progress.

MCC Art Gallery Preview

A Journey, a solo exhibition by [Lawrence Agyei](#), a Chicago-based photographer, opened last week in Galleries One & Two. *A Journey* is a celebration of Agyei's work over the past few years, from his beginnings as a photographer in Chicago to capturing moments in Ghana and throughout Europe. Agyei draws inspiration from his cross-continental upbringing. His work is influenced by his multifaceted identity as a third-culture child, and it touches upon notions of multiculturalism to celebrate the juxtaposition between his Ghanaian heritage, Italian background, and life in the American Midwest. This exhibit will be up through April 12. In addition, MCC hosted an artist talk and reception with Agyei on Wednesday, March 13, at 2:30 p.m. in the MCC Conference Center.

AI Institutional Discussion Group

The world of computer-generated information has continued to grow and impact us in a variety of ways. Rather than be fearful of the advancements that artificial intelligence (AI) may have on higher education, MCC has elected to be curious about how education and AI may live in a cohesive world together. Beginning in April, representatives from all college employee groups will convene to begin inquiry and discussion about AI and how it could be leveraged in student learning and support.

New College Seal

To support MCC's existing brand identity and for use on official documents, the College Seal has been re-imagined to better reflect its mission. A picture of the updated College Seal was shared with the Board of Trustees.

University Center at MCC Update

Dr. Gabbard shared that renovations are on track for the University Center at MCC and shared the latest updates with the Board.

Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation (CATI) Update

Dr. Gabbard shared the latest construction updates for the Foglia CATI Project.

Foglia CATI Program Review

Mr. Tom McGee, Dean of Manufacturing & Advanced Technology, presented to the Board on Foglia CATI programs.

MCC Library – Proposed Renovation

Dr. Gabbard presented a proposed library renovation project previously discussed with the Board. He informed the trustees that a Board report will be included with the Board packet for approval next week. The board report will be for architectural services to help with the initial stages of the project. Questions and discussion followed.

Upcoming MCC Events – March 2024

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

8. FEBRUARY PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Kueffner thanked Mr. Tenuta for a great presentation on FY 2025 Budget.

Trustee Reinhard was impressed with how many projects are happening at the same time. It's really great and growth for the county that we should be proud of.

Chair Allen thanked Mr. Tenuta for the pre-work put into the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting. He was excited for the HVAC Program that was part of the Foglia CATI presentation and also enjoyed the rest of the presentations.

Trustee Morton appreciated the presentations and thought it was value added on the topics.

Trustee Walsh would like the investment firm to give a presentation on MCC investments. She was informed that it will be part of the June meeting.

Student Trustee Smith thanked the team for all the information. She would like a tour of Foglia CATI building. She was informed that it would be possible definitely in May as they are working on the roof.

Trustee Speros thought the team did a great job on all presentations.

Vice Chair Hoban thought the presentations were great. She had the privilege to attend Chuck Liebman's memorial and it was a great event full of stories, tears and laughter.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Hoban declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37pm. Chair Allen moved, Trustee Kueffner seconded.

Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

Dale Morton, Board Secretary