

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

May 14, 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 Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**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  
Tom Allen  
Tess Reinhard

**Also Present**

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

**Trustees Not Present**

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**3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Agenda was accepted as presented.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from April 16, 2024, are approved as amended. Trustee Allen motioned; seconded by Trustee Reinhard. Motion approved.

**5. OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

**6. PRESENTATION-MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM**

Ms. Catherine Jones, Associate Vice President of Workforce Development presented to the Board of Trustees on the Manufacturing Consortium.

**7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DR. CLINTON GABBARD**

**MCC Visit to SkillsUSA Illinois**

SkillsUSA Illinois is a state and national membership association serving high school, college, and middle school students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations. The SkillsUSA Illinois state competition recognizes career and technical education (CTE) students who excel in their occupational areas, and spotlights leadership development activities that are an integral part of the SkillsUSA program and postsecondary education.

The SkillsUSA Illinois Championships bring together more than 2,000 outstanding career and technical education students who compete hands-on in 100 different trade, technical, and leadership fields. Students work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in their future occupations. Career competitions

are run with the help of industry, trade associations, and labor organizations. Test competencies are set by industry.

Over the course of two days, 18 MCC faculty, staff, and administrators attended the SkillsUSA Illinois Championships in Peoria to learn more about this exciting opportunity for MCC students. Faculty from the following areas learned more about how this competition could fit into their programs: Fire Science; HVAC; Business/Marketing; Nursing; Criminal Justice; Automotive Technology; Early Childhood Education; Speech; Software Application Design and Development; and Engineering. The MCC team made the most of the short time they were in Peoria by attending the Opening Ceremony, receiving a private tour, attending competitions, and even driving offsite to visit Illinois Central College, touring the HVAC facilities and viewing the HVAC competition. The team left energized and excited about the prospect of sending MCC students in 2025.

### **MCC Athletics Update**

Dr. Gabbard gave an update on MCC Athletics. Also, there will be a presentation in June on MCC Athletics.

### **MCC Art Gallery Information**

MCC's annual Student Art Exhibit is on display in Galleries One & Two, and showcases work from students enrolled in credit art courses from the fall and spring semesters. We had over 170 artworks entered by MCC students, of which only 43 were chosen by MCC faculty for exhibition. The MCC Art Department hosted an Awards Reception on Thursday, May 2 in the MCC Conference Center. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate these talented students and talk with them about their work. The exhibit will be up through June 6.

### **Spring 2024 Commencement Recap**

This spring, a total of 709 students graduated from McHenry County College. On Saturday, May 11, MCC welcomed 238 of those graduates for its Spring 2024 Commencement Ceremony. In addition to those walking in the ceremony, a total of 820 guests participated in the event, which celebrated individuals graduating with 78 different degrees and certificates. The celebratory day also included a Nursing Pinning, Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Pinning, and Dual Degree Reception.

### **University Center at MCC Update**

Dr. Gabbard shared updates on renovations for the University Center at MCC.

### **Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation (CATI) Update**

Dr. Gabbard shared construction updates for the Foglia CATI. Questions and discussion followed.

### **Upcoming MCC Events**

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

#### **8. APRIL PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

#### **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Trustee Speros would like to get an update on current strategies the college is using to retain employees. She attended the commencement ceremony, employee recognition ceremony and healthcare industry forum and enjoyed them all. Trustee Speros appreciated the presentation on the manufacturing consortium and knowing that there is a pipeline in our county.

Trustee Walsh thought the commencement ceremony was great. She also attended the dual credit reception and got to talk to a couple of parents whose kids are going to a four-year college. She noted that it is a great program.

Trustee Kueffner thought the commencement ceremony was wonderful and every speech was so moving.

Trustee Allen thought the commencement ceremony was spectacular as always. The student speaker was really good and spoke from the heart. He gave kudos to the team for organizing. Also, the pinning ceremony was great. He is looking forward to the new projector in the planetarium.

Trustee Reinhard congratulated the team on a great commencement ceremony. She appreciated Dr. Gabbard's speech at the ceremony. She was very pleased with Ms. Jones's presentation on the manufacturing consortium.

Chair Hoban also attended the commencement ceremony and thought that the student speech was a very well-crafted speech.

Vice Chair Morton noted that every taxing body in McHenry County took an increase except for McHenry County College.

#### 10. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:55pm, Vice Chair Morton asked for a motion to move into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act 120/2 (c) Exception #1 Personnel, Exception #2 Collective Negotiating and Exception #21 – Review of Closed Session Minutes. Chair Hoban motioned; Trustee Allen seconded. The roll was called, and all voted in favor.

At 8:01pm, Trustees came out of closed session.

#### 11. ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole closed session minutes from November 14, 2023 be accepted. Chair Hoban motioned; seconded by Trustee Walsh. Motion approved.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Morton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m. Trustee Allen moved, Trustee Walsh seconded.

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Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

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Alyssa Kueffner, Board Secretary