

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

Tuesday, June 20, 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 6:01pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Trustees Present**

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

**Also Present**

Dr. Clinton Gabbard- College President

**Trustees Not Present**

Tom Allen

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Agenda was accepted as submitted.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from May 16, 2023, are approved. Trustee Reinhard motioned; seconded by Trustee Walsh. 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**

**University Center at MCC Progress**

Last week, MCC leadership met with DKA for an initial design meeting to discuss renovation needs. Over the coming weeks, final designs will be packaged to create construction bid documents. In the meantime, additional meetings are being scheduled to discuss meeting space needs and technology specifications. MCC's marketing and facilities teams are also working on the installation of temporary signage to be installed at the center's entrances.

MCC is already hosting Summer 2023 classes for Aurora University (AU) on MCC's Crystal Lake main campus. Until the University Center is ready for use in Fall 2024, AU will continue to use MCC's Crystal Lake main campus for its Elementary Education and Social Work programs. MCC's marketing team launched an email marketing campaign in early June to drive Fall 2023 enrollment for AU's programs, and an outbound calling campaign was kicked off last week as well, which will include a texting follow-up component. A social media campaign to push upcoming information sessions is also underway.

### **MCC Success Rate Progress**

MCC's three-year graduation rate reached a five-year high of 34.25% according to the most recent IPEDS data reporting. Attached to this document is a summary of three-year outcomes based on the Fall 2019 cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate seeking students. Highlights include:

- MCC's three-year student success rate (includes students in the Fall 2019 cohort that completed, transferred, or were still enrolled as of Fall 2022) reached 66.3%, surpassing the state and peer average rates of 61.6% and 62.16%, respectively.
- While MCC's peer institutions report a higher average graduation rate, MCC has higher transfer and enrollment rates after three years.
- MCC's completion rates have grown steadily over the past five cohorts despite impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- When compared to its individual peer institutions, MCC has one of the highest three-year student success rates, largely attributable to its high transfer and still enrolled rates.

### **Foglia CATI Update**

Construction of the Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation (CATI) is on schedule as of June 2023. Total demolition of the old storage shed and removal of the asphalt between Building D and the new building site have been completed over the last month. The first of the utility lines, the main water line, has been completed, along with a new fire hydrant and a new valve assembly, which were completed on June 16. The new main water line project required over 300 feet of pipe installed over eight feet deep into the ground. In July, the main sewer line will be installed, followed by excavation of land in preparation for the concrete footings to be poured.

### **Upcoming MCC Events – June 2023**

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

#### **7. MAY PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

#### **8. POLICY CHANGES-FIRST READING**

- 1.15.1 Board Self-Evaluation
- 1.15.2 Board Retreat

After some discussion it was decided to withdraw this agenda item. The Board will complete a self-evaluation and Board Retreat first and then come back with recommendations for policy changes.

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

Trustee Speros was disappointed not to attend the ICCTA banquet to celebrate Kate Kramer winning the award.

Student Trustee Smith commented that she is learning a lot from the Board and likes the idea of self-evaluation.

Trustee Walsh appreciated the ability for the Board to discuss things in open fashion and commented on how important it is for the functioning of the Board.

Trustee Morton attended the Foundation meeting on Wednesday and they had record number in gold tournament and scholarship numbers. He gave kudos to the Foundation team. He encouraged MCC Trustees to attend the Foundation meetings if they can. He also proposed that the Foundation come to present in a future Board meeting.

Trustee Reinhard has been meeting with Cabinet members and commented on how professional and committed everyone is. She thanked the President's Cabinet for their time.

Trustee Kueffner also commented on her meetings with the Cabinet and everyone was very professional. She was impressed with everyone and how much work each department is doing.

Vice Chair Hoban informed the Board on the upcoming Garden Walk in a couple of weeks. Also, she would love another presentation by Upward Bound in a future meeting.

10. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Hoban declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. Trustee Walsh moved, Trustee Kueffner seconded.

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Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

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Dale Morton, Board Secretary