

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2022  
Committee of the Whole



MCC Conference Room A215  
8900 U.S. Highway 14  
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Hoban called the meeting to order at 5:59pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Hoban announced that Trustee Evertsen would be attending via telephone. She asked Secretary Morton to call the roll for all Trustees physically present. Seven Board Trustees were physically present, with the exception of Trustee Evertsen.

Vice Chair Hoban asked Trustees Evertsen whether any closed session conversation will be kept confidential. Trustee Evertsen confirmed.

Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approve Trustee Evertsen to attend via phone. Trustee Arévalo motioned, seconded by Trustee Speros. Motion Approved.

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

**Trustees Present**

Elizabeth Speros  
Molly Walsh  
Edith Sanchez  
Dale Morton  
Tom Allen  
Suzanne Hoban  
Diane Evertsen-attended via phone  
Carlos Arévalo

**Also Present**

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

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Agenda was accepted as submitted.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from February 15, 2022 are approved as submitted. Trustee Speros motioned; seconded by Trustee Evertsen. 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 shared the most recent weekly incident report. With current numbers decreasing at this time, and as the College is not receiving regular county/regional updates from the IDPH, MCC will stop publishing this weekly report for the time being. If we begin to see an increase in cases again, we will resume publishing this report.

### **Board of Trustees Retreat**

Dr. Gabbard talked about the Board of Trustees Retreat and gave a recap of our Board policy on this. Board of Trustees had discussion around this and it was decided that they would send their ideas around topics for Board Retreat to Chair Allen.

### **Spring 2022 Comprehensive Enrollment Update**

Dr. Gabbard presented the Spring 2022 enrollment update to the Board of Trustees.

### **MCC Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion Efforts – Recommendations and Next Steps**

MCC's Strategic Plan, adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2019, included an intentional focus on the value of Diversity, stating "We strive to be thoughtful, appreciative, and continuously open in learning to respect and celebrate diverse ideas, cultures, ethnicities, and life contexts." The deliberate addition of this value, as well as a reference to its importance in MCC's Institutional Goals, created a foundation for MCC's focus on Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion (DEBI). Through a desire to enhance inclusion and forward-thinking recommendations on DEBI-centered policies, practices, and perspectives, the College embarked on a deeper review of campus culture through data and stakeholder feedback. With the support of a DEBI consultant, a special MCC task force focused on four areas of review: 1) What is the current state of DEBI at MCC?; 2) How do disproportionately impacted communities experience campus climate/belonging?; 3) What is the cultural competence/campus awareness of DEBI strategies?; and 4) What strategies can MCC implement to enhance DEBI capacity at individual, interpersonal, and institutional levels? After several months of data collection and listening sessions, MCC successes and areas for growth were identified. An extensive report (shared with the Board) includes a deeper explanation of these recommendations. Beginning immediately and over the next several years, college leadership will work toward implementing, measuring, and refining these recommendations to ensure that the College's value of Diversity is reflected in all interactions and activities.

### **MCC Hosts 2022 Skyway Juried Art Competition**

The annual Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference (ISCC) Juried Art Competition provides an opportunity for student artists to display their work and acknowledge their expertise at the highest level. Students from the eight community colleges included in the ISCC submitted work to their art instructors, and the instructors selected the pieces to represent their college in the competition. Nearly 200 entries from 136 student artists were received, of which, 40 were thoughtfully selected for the exhibition by jurors Tempestt Hazel, co-founder/co-director of Sixty Inches from Center, and Juli Lowe, Museum Manager of 21c Museum Hotel Chicago. On Saturday, March 12, MCC hosted this year's Skyway Juried Art Competition—exhibited in person for the first time since 2019. The event included an Artists Reception and Awards Presentation. MCC has nine pieces in this year's show. Skyway Conference Colleges include: College of Lake County; Elgin Community College; McHenry County College; Moraine Valley Community College; Morton College; Oakton Community College; Prairie State College; and Waubensee Community College.

### **MCC Day of Remembrance and Resilience**

In honor and reflection of the two-year anniversary since the COVID-19 pandemic began, MCC held a Day of Remembrance and Resilience on Monday, March 14. The focus of this day allowed employees to reflect on the past two years of work, share diverse memories and experiences, and acknowledge the connectedness and resilience of employees across the College. Throughout the day, employees had an opportunity to share stories, as well as individually and collectively reflect through a variety of activities, including a photography installation, a clay tile installation, literary contributions, and a memorial grotto.

### **MCC Receives Federal Funding for Dual Credit/Dual Degree Programs**

MCC has announced that it will receive \$825,000 in federal funding to invest in the expansion of dual credit/dual degree programs. This funding was secured by Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (IL-14) through a new federal Community Project Funding initiative for Fiscal Year 2022 that allowed Underwood to request direct funding for projects that address some of the most pressing needs throughout northern Illinois. MCC's project is included among nine others to support our community. This funding will expand MCC's existing dual credit/dual degree programs in partnership with all public high schools in the county, making the program available to more high school students by training more high school teachers to qualify as instructors to teach college courses at their high school. The funding will also help cover the cost of college tuition, fees, and course materials for approximately 200 students with demonstrated need, making participation possible for all students regardless of their family's income level.

### **Upcoming MCC Events – March 2022**

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

#### **7. FEBRUARY PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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

Trustee Speros informed the Board that she attended the ICCTA conference in Peoria and it was valuable and great networking. She also informed the Board that she attended one of the community classes and really enjoyed the experience. She was impressed with the high level of participation and engagement. Robin Deak and Sheri Ridge were great, and it would be nice to hear from them about their tutoring.

Trustee Walsh appreciated the sharing of the student programs. This showed the full picture of the need as it shows actual numbers, and one example is the transportation initiatives.

Trustee Allen informed the Board that he attended the Scholarship breakfast and enjoyed it, especially meeting the students at his table. He also agrees about Robin Deak and Sheri Ridge being great and it would be nice to hear from them at a Board meeting. Dr. Koronkiewicz noted that the Faculty Highlight is meant to bring forward the different programs from faculty.

Trustee Morton thought the Day of Remembrance was very impressive.

Trustee Evertsen had no comments or future agenda items.

Trustee Sanchez noted that Robin Deak and Sheri Ridge are always open with students and are fantastic.

Trustee Arévalo thanked the Board for being very welcoming.

Trustee Hoban attended the Scholarship breakfast and enjoyed it. There is something special about engaging donors and students.

#### **9. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session at this meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Hoban declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43pm. Trustee Evertsen motioned; seconded by Trustee Allen.

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Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

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Dale Morton, Board Secretary