

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 as a Virtual Meeting as authorized by Executive Order 2020-7, and as permitted by Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e) to be held without the physical presence of a quorum of trustees at the regular meeting location. Members of the public were able to provide public comment and access all open portions of the meeting via the link and accompanying information located on the Board of Trustees page of MCC's website, located at: <https://www.mchenry.edu/board>

Vice Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. When Secretary Hoban called the roll, the following were present:

Ms. Walsh  
Mr. Allen  
Mr. Morton  
Ms. Siddons  
Ms. Speros  
Ms. Hoban  
Ms. Evertsen  
Ms. Sanchez

Dr. Gabbard was present. Attorney Sam Cavnar was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 18, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting were accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting, held via videoconference.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gabbard reported on a smooth transition during the past few weeks, in which vaccinated students, employees, and visitors who are fully vaccinated have been invited to not wear masks unless they desire when on MCC's campus. He looks forward to all employees being fully back on campus on Monday, July 12.

A meeting was held last week with the new Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion (DEBI) consultant. This consultant will be asking for Trustee feedback as they plan efforts to move forward on this initiative. Linda Christopher will contact board Trustees to schedule meeting times.

Dr. Gabbard reported that summer enrollment is looking great and was pleased the golf outing was a great success and was enjoyed by many. He went on to mention several upcoming events, including the 2021 Gardenwalk and plans for another *Listening for a Cause* event to raise funds for the Student Success Fund.

#### STUDENT SUCCESS SERIES – ELIMINATING BARRIERS: GRANTS

Ms. Christina Haggerty, Vice President of Marketing, Communications, and Development welcomed and introduced Ms. Wendy Lauen, Director of Grants. Two main goals of the grant process are to pursue resources that protect the financial health of the College and to focus on the success of our underserved student population. Ms. Lauen recapped some exciting prospects in the works and emphasized the importance of grant funding and how these funds assist students and enhance programs offered by the College. Grant funding helps the College advance innovations in creative ways.

#### PRELIMINARY MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta provided a recap of the preliminary May financial statements. As the College is forecasted to be under budget, the surplus will not be known until he begins closing entries in June.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Morton reiterated that he would appreciate information related to a 3-5 year facility plan as mentioned this evening. Referencing the upcoming Gardenwalk, Mr. Morton said a similar type get-together is being planned with Foundation Board and Board of Trustees to be included.

Ms. Sanchez appreciated the budget and grant presentations tonight, and is most appreciative that grants help students.

Ms. Speros appreciated all the information so nicely prepared and presented tonight, and especially the budget discussion meeting that allowed time to ask questions. She also thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the ICCTA annual conference. She enjoyed breakout sessions, networking, and the awards dinner. She also completed required trustee training while there.

Ms. Siddons felt the Foundation golf outing was fantastic and thanked all involved in the planning and execution. She added that Student Trustee Sanchez speaking at the outing was inspirational. Ms. Siddons thanked all for the budget presentation tonight, noting a Trustee duty is the oversight of this process.

Ms. Walsh asked whether LED lighting being planned in Buildings A and B would also eventually extend to Buildings C, D, and E. She added she would be interested in a presentation on the Purple Pride Relief Fund, referencing information in MCC's Catalyst publication about these funds.

Ms. Hoban echoed Ms. Speros' thoughts on the presentations, appreciating the graphics and budget slides. She would be interested in an update on solar power on campus, noting the Board held

discussions about this a few years ago at which time projections were made. She wonders where the College stands on solar use and savings currently.

Vice Chair Allen remarked that he enjoyed the recent Foundation golf outing before asking whether MCC had projected savings for solar panels at Shah Center.

Dr. Gabbard announced that attorney Sam Cavnar will be exiting as the College's legal counsel. He went on to thank Mr. Cavnar for his preparedness and responsiveness in serving the College very efficiently, emphasizing that he will be missed. Robbins Schwartz has designated a new attorney for the College, Ken Florey, who has extensive experience in higher education.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session held.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Mary Cornett, Recording Secretary

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Suzanne Hoban, Board Secretary