

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

November 14, 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 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

**Trustees Present**

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

**Also Present**

Dr. Clinton Gabbard- College President  
Kevin Noll- Legal Counsel

**Trustees Not Present**

Liza Smith

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Hoban informed the Board that the Friends of MCC Foundation presentation will be moved to the Board meeting on November 30, 2023. Agenda was accepted as amended.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from October 17 2023, 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. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DR. CLINTON GABBARD

**University Center at MCC Update**

This week, MCC is hosting a college-wide classroom blitz to inform current MCC students about University Center programming and opportunities. Many employees signed up to stop in classes between Monday and Wednesday and talk about the benefits of University Center programs offered by partnering universities. As part of the blitz, students receive a handout with detailed information, including a QR code that takes them to a page requesting more information. From Monday alone, traffic to that web page saw an increase of 5% above normal, a direct result of this collective effort. Several promotional items are also being distributed as a fun way to get students excited.

**Foglia CATI Update**

The following are updated activities for the Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation:

- Concrete work will continue through the month of November.
- The ground inside the building footprint is being leveled and filled with gravel.
- The underground plumbing for the building has been completed.

- The installation of steel beams has been scheduled to begin the last week of November.
- The concrete floors are scheduled to be poured the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November.

### **Upward Bound Site Visit**

MCC's Upward Bound program hosted its first site visit, receiving the highest marks for meeting program outcomes. The College was praised for its support of the grant.

### **MCC 2023 President's Dinner Recap**

On Friday, October 27, MCC hosted its 2023 President's Dinner. Over 125 attendees gathered to hear about MCC initiatives, celebrate the College's 2023 Distinguished Alumnus, Dana Gliniecki, and learn more about how to support the University Center at MCC effort. Thanks to the event's generous donors and sponsors, the dinner raised a record \$110,000, with proceeds going toward new bridge scholarships for University Center at MCC students.

### **Academic Advising Snapshot**

A summary of appointments and total students seen in the advising office was shared with the Board by Dr. Gabbard.

### **Center for Agrarian Learning Collaboration with Culinary Program**

*Fruit Processing: Unique Jams* was held on Saturday, November 11 in the MCC Culinary Lab. We oversold our 12-student cap to host 13 students, including two currently enrolled MCC students and one adjunct culinary instructor. The class was taught by Bushel & Peck's owner Jackie Gennett (café and grocery in Beloit, WI that has extensive line of canned goods sold in Chicago and Madison). The recipe used was from renowned Chicago Chef Rick Bayless' raspberry-habanero jam recipe, which Jackie co-packs for him. Discussions included food safety and consistent jam set. Each student made their own batch of jam and took home 12 small jars.

### **Upcoming MCC Events – November 2023**

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

#### **7. OCTOBER PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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

Trustee Speros asked that an overview of opportunities and ramifications of AI on campus be discussed in 2024. Dr. Gabbard informed Trustee Speros that the College is heavy in the investigating stage and there are trainings in the use of AI. It will be an interesting conversation as we figure out how AI will impact teaching and learning. Trustee Speros informed the Board that she went to "Frankenstein" the play and really enjoyed it. Also, she visited the Green Expo and there were so many sponsors and exhibitors. Great to meet with students. Trustee Speros attended the ICCTA conference in Schaumburg and the IL Governor was honored at lunch.

Trustee Morton met with three visitors from the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry who came to visit our campus.

Chair Allen attended the President's dinner and thought it was spectacular. He couldn't attend the Green Expo but heard great things about it and the Bee Club attended.

Trustee Reinhard appreciated being invited to the President's dinner. She had a great time mingling at the cocktail hour. As a future agenda item she would like a document on the IT security issues that we face as according to the document the CIO brought in, 50% of our time is spent on security issues.

Vice Chair Hoban was part of a field trip to the planetarium, and they did an amazing job as always.

Other Trustees had no comments and no future agenda items.

#### 9. CLOSED SESSION

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

At 8:02pm, Trustees came out of closed session.

#### 10. ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole closed session minutes from October 17, 2023 be accepted.

Trustee Speros motioned; seconded by Trustee Kueffner. Motion approved.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Hoban declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm. Chair Allen moved, Trustee Walsh seconded.

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Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

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Dale Morton, Board Secretary