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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

ZOOM Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Board Members Present: Joyce Maker, Chair, Peter DelGreco, Vice Chair, Margaret Angell, Mark Fourre, Kossi Gamedah, Kathie Leonard, Jean Ginn Marvin, Valerie Bilogue Minkala, Anne Roosevelt, Kate Rush, and Cherie Wendelken

Absent: Jane Gilbert, Elizabeth Neptune, Commissioner Pender Makin, and Commissioner Laura Fortman

Others Present: David Daigler, President and Secretary, and Bonnie Brown, Clerk

Chair Joyce Maker determined that a quorum of Trustees was present and one request from the public to address the Board of Trustees had been received. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution to Approve Minutes of Meetings

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Board of Trustee minutes dated November 16, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved to accept the minutes as presented.

MCCS SYSTEM PRESIDENT REPORT

President Daigler provided updates on enrollment, including the impact of Maine's Free College initiative. He also provided an update on legislative activity and the current budget status, including Free College funding and transitioning the *Learning Facilitator* program to a permanent status.

The Governor's proposed budget does not include \$5 million annually which would provide permanent ongoing monies to be invested in the colleges in order to assist in building stronger student support systems and to address the intense challenges our students face and the learning loss that came with their education during pandemic. Other legislative activity includes a request

to change the name of the Maine Community College System back to Maine Technical College. President Daigler spoke in opposition of this bill at the recent public hearing.

Citizen Input

Mr. Matthew Powers of Lincolnville, Maine, spoke to the Board of Trustees regarding the current MCCA vaccination policy and further asked the policy be amended to allow Maine students who are not vaccinated to further their education within the Maine Community College System versus the option of leaving the state.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Trustee Anne Roosevelt reported out from the Education Committee meeting. The Committee approved the program reviews presented by the colleges and recommended the program changes as requested, noting these programs are currently delivered through the short term training programs.

Resolution to Approve Program Changes

Program Discontinuation – 303.2

WCCC – Geographic Information Systems A.A.S.

CMCC – Medical Assisting, A.A.S.

YCCC – Medical Assisting A.A.S.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the program changes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finance Committee

Trustee Mark Fourre informed the board no meeting of the Finance Committee has been held and the next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2023.

Strategic Planning

Trustee Anne Roosevelt provided an update on the committee's current progress and the status of visits to each of the colleges, which visits should be concluded within a week to 10 days. The visits provide an opportunity to gather community information and data. Once the visits are completed, the data will be provided to the committee to assist them in the development of the strategic plan goals.

Workforce Development

Trustee Kossi Gamedah provided an update on the first meeting of the Workforce Development Committee. The committee reviewed their charge, discussed meeting cadence. Dan Belyea, Chief Workforce Development Officer, provided the committee an overview of workforce development initiatives, programs, funding, and current results.

OTHER

Vaccination Protocol

President Daigler presented a request to the trustees to amend the Board of Trustee resolution regarding COVID vaccinations that was adopted by the Board on June 22, 2022. That resolution required all on-campus students to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The request to rescind the current protocol is based on the current status of the pandemic. The colleges will strongly support vaccination for students and strengthen and expand wellness education programs aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus, (RSV), Influenza and other illnesses.

Resolution – COVID-19 Vaccination

A motion was made and seconded, effective immediately, students at MCCS owned or controlled indoor spaces no longer require proof of vaccination against COVID -19 as a condition of enrollment and attendance in on-campus activities. While lifting the requirement the Board and MCCS leadership strongly encourage all students to receive COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters and remind all members of our community that if they are ill that they should stay home. Participation in some academic programs may require vaccination against COVID-19 due to the requirements of third-party locations, such as student placement sites. This resolution supersedes the resolution adopted by the MCCS Board of Trustees on June 22, 2022.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution as presented. Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Ginn Marvin left the meeting.

EMCC Mission Statement

President Russell, EMCC, presented an amendment to the EMCC Mission Statement (attached) for the board's approval.

Resolution to Approve Amendment

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

GIFTS

William Fletcher, MCCS General Counsel, presented a proposal from the Town of East Millinocket to gift a vacant lot of land in the Katahdin Industrial Park which abuts the Katahdin Education Facility. Due diligence is concluded, and the property is under contract contingent upon acceptance by the board of trustees.

Resolution to Approve

A motion was made and seconded to accept a gift of land from Town of East Millinocket, approximately 4.04 acres, Lot 19 in the Katahdin Industrial Park, which land directly abuts EMCC's Katahdin Higher Education Center, and to authorize the system president to finalize said gift transfer, pending approval of customary real estate documentation.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution as presented. Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

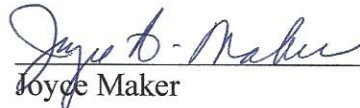
Dr. Janet Sortor, VP and Chief Academic Office, provided a presentation on Pathways and Retention Strategies.

President Susan Mingo, WCCC, provided an overview of Washington County Community College, highlighting growth in enrollment, program experiences beyond campus, workforce development, and pilot programs. All trustees were invited to visit the campus.

There being no further business to be addressed by the Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.



David Daigler
President & Secretary
Maine Community College System



Joyce Maker
Chair
Maine Community College System