

MINUTES OF THE INFORMATION SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

An open information session of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Tuesday, September, 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., in Room K307 of the John Lewis Community Center, South Campus, 14500 Twelve Mile Road, Warren, Michigan.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 5:30 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: James F. Kelly, Chairperson  
Vincent Viviano, Vice Chairperson  
Jennifer Haase, Secretary  
Frank Cusumano, Trustee (arrived at 5:40 p.m.)  
Elizabeth Lucido, Trustee

Absent: Joseph DeSantis, Trustee (excused)  
Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer (excused)

Also present: James Jacobs, President  
Elizabeth Argiri, Vice President for Business  
Sharon Kowal, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President  
Jill Thomas-Little, Vice President, Student Services  
Gerri Lynn Pavone, Executive Director, Research  
and Planning  
James Sawyer, Provost/Senior Vice President, Learning Unit  
Casandra Ulbrich, Vice President, College Advancement  
and Community Relations  
Hunter L. Wendt, General Counsel/Executive  
Director, College Police  
Denise Williams, Vice President, Human Resources

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Haase, supported by Viviano, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

4.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

5.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS AND MATERIAL

None

## 6.0 ISSUES AND UPDATES

### 6.1 Presidential Visit

Dr. Jacobs introduced a short video featuring President Obama's visit that will be used on the College website. Dr. Jacobs stated that it was a great visit and that many positive things will come out of it. One positive is that the College has won the lead role in the \$3.9 million American Apprenticeship Initiative grant. The College will work in partnership with Grand Rapids Community College, who is a sub recipient of the grant. The specifics of the grant will be shared in the future but over 600 apprenticeships will be created as a result of it. The second positive is the President's national campaign to make community college free. The America's College Promise campaign will take many years to develop. Dr. Jacobs has been asked to play a role in the campaign and will provide the details of his involvement when he knows what they are.

### 6.2 Upcoming Events

Dr. Jacobs invited the board to attend several upcoming events:

- Comedy and Cocktails Fundraising Gala, September 17 at 5:30 p.m.
- Constitution Day Debate, September 17 at 1:30 p.m.
- Macomb Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony, September 24 at 5:30 p.m.
- Fundraiser at Maria Silamianos' home, October 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Jacobs requested board members to let him know if they will be attending any of the events.

## 7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that there was no need to hold an executive session.

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Viviano, supported by Haase, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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Secretary