

APPROVED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in Assembly Hall, University Center, Professional Development Center, Center Campus, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Michigan.

1.0 [CALL TO ORDER](#)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lorenzo at 7:05 p.m.

2.0 [ROLL CALL](#)

Present:

Katherine Lorenzo, Chairperson  
Frank Cusumano, Vice Chairperson  
Kristi Dean, Secretary  
Shelley Vitale, Trustee  
Vincent Viviano, Trustee

Appearing Remotely:

Joan Flynn, Warren, Michigan, Trustee

Absent:

Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer

Also present:

James Sawyer, President  
Sharon Kowal, Assistant to the President  
Jeffrey Steele, General Counsel

3.0 [APPROVAL OF AGENDA](#)

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean, to approve the agenda as amended, placing closed session at Agenda Item 12.A.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Closed Session, March 17, 2021

4.2 Regular Meeting, March 17, 2021

MOTION BY Cusumano, supported by Dean, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 closed session and the March 17, 2021 regular meeting, as read.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: R. DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS/PROPOSALS

5.1 Board of Trustees Reports (verbal)

Chair Lorenzo stated that Trustee Flynn had sent an email to the board members outlining her involvement with the SEMCOG meeting.

Trustee Vitale shared excerpts from an email she received from a former colleague of hers. His name is Vince Carducci. He is a respected art reviewer and cultural critic. He is also dean emeritus for the College for Creative Studies. He wrote, "Shelley, Just got off the Zoom with Shoshana Zuboff. Simply amazing. I have been following Zuboff's work for a bit now and the opportunity to hear her speak was fantastic. Congrats to MCC for bringing her." Later on, he wrote, "It was stunning at first, the way Zuboff laid out the issues. It was kind of amusing to see the MCC president and provost both looking like your neighborhood accountants sitting there calmly before the storm. But it ended on an optimistic note." He also wrote, which she thought was a very nice compliment, "Quite honestly it was the kind of thing I expected to see at the New School. Kudos to MCC for doing it." Trustee Vitale said The New York School he is referencing is a private university in New York City. He continued, "I thank MCC. As you know, there are great people there. Doesn't get recognized enough. But that is the case for community colleges in general. I remember guys like David Barr, Jim Pallas, and Al Hebert, for example, who were great teachers and artists. Don't know many of the current faculty but I imagine they are also good given the students who end up at CCS." She thought that was nice of him to reach out, they usually don't give out compliments.

5.2 [Changes to the Board of Trustees 2021 Calendar of Meetings](#)

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Viviano, that the Board of Trustees change the location of the June 16<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meetings from South Campus (K301) to Center Campus, University Center I, Assembly Hall and to change the start time to 6 p.m. for the information session and 7 p.m., instead of 7:30 p.m., for the regular meetings in May, June, July, August and September (2021).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Viviano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: R. DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

6.0 [PRESIDENT'S REPORT \(verbal\)](#)

None.

7.0 [FINANCIAL REPORTS](#)

7.1 [Financial Statements – March 31, 2021](#)

MOTION by Viviano, supported by Cusumano, to receive and file the financial statements for the nine months ended March 31, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Viviano, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

7.2 [Investment Report – March 31, 2021](#)

MOTION by Vitale, supported by Viviano, to receive and file the investment report of securities held as of March 31, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Vitale, Viviano, Dean, Lorenzo

NAYS: Cusumano

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 [AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION \(verbal\)](#)

None.

9.0 PERSONNEL REPORTS

9.1 Personnel Report

9.1A Michael Ciaramitaro, Administrative, Training Director of Police Academy & Advanced Police Training

MOTION by Viviano, supported by Cusumano, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Michael Ciaramitaro, Administrative, Training Director of Police Academy & Advanced Police Training.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Viviano, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

9.2 Resolutions of Appreciation for Retirees

MOTION by Vitale, supported by Cusumano, that the Board of Trustees authorize the creation and presentation of resolutions of appreciation to employees who are retiring or have retired from their employment in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The resolutions of appreciation will be presented at a taping on April 16<sup>th</sup> that will be viewed by the college at large during Institutional Development Day on May 11, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Vitale, Cusumano, Dean, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

9.3 Professional Leave for Fellowship, 2021-2022 Academic Year

MOTION by Vitale, supported by Cusumano, that the Board of Trustees grant the professional leave for Fellowship during the 2021-2022 academic year to Christopher Gilliard.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Vitale, Cusumano, Dean, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

9.4 Sabbatical Leaves for 2021-22

9.4A April Cobb, Fall 2021 Semester

MOTION by Viviano, supported by Vitale, that the Board of Trustees grant the sabbatical leave during the Fall 2021 academic year to April Cobb.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Viviano, Vitale, Cusumano, Dean, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

9.4B Maciej Halfaf, Winter 2022 Semester

MOTION by Vitale, supported by Cusumano, that the Board of Trustees grant the sabbatical leave during the Winter 2022 academic year to Maciej Halfaf.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Vitale, Cusumano, Dean, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

9.4C Edward A. Rice, Fall 2021 Semester

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Vitale, that the Board of Trustees grant the sabbatical leave during the Fall 2021 academic year to Edward A. Rice.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Vitale, Dean, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

10.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Macomb Community College Foundation Case for Support

MOTION by Vitale, supported by Viviano, to receive and file the information report.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Vitale, Viviano, Cusumano, Dean, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Donations – March 31, 2021

MOTION by Viviano, supported by Vitale, to accept the donations as presented and acknowledged by the Administration.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Viviano, Vitale, Dean, Lorenzo

NAYS: Cusumano

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

11.2 Change Orders (None)

11.3 Authorization for Purchases

11.3A Cisco Telephony Licensing (3-Year Pricing)

MOTION by Vitale, supported by Viviano, that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Cisco Telephony Licensing for three years in the amount of \$421,303.50 from Sentinel Technologies Inc. of Livonia, Michigan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Vitale, Viviano, Cusumano, Dean, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

11.3B Perkins Grant Fund – MSA Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) G1 Packs & Associated Equipment

MOTION by Vitale, supported by Cusumano, that the Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of twenty-two (22) MSA SCBA G1 packs and associated equipment from Apollo Fire Equipment of Romeo, MI in the total amount of \$187,507 from the Perkins grant fund.

COMMENT: Trustee Vitale thanked Mike Lopez and Dan Reynolds for including the visuals in the write up.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Vitale, Cusumano, Dean, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

12.0 POLICY ACTIONS (None)

12A. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 7:30 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Viviano, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: DiMaria

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Secretary