A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 324 of the John Lewis Student Community Center, South Campus, 14500 E. Twelve Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**
   The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lorenzo at 7:39 p.m.

2.0 **ROLL CALL**
   Present:
   Katherine Lorenzo, Chairperson
   Frank Cusumano, Vice Chairperson/Acting Secretary
   Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer
   Joan Flynn, Trustee
   Shelley Vitale, Trustee
   Vincent Viviano, Trustee

   Absent:
   Kristi Dean, Secretary

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

3.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to approve the agenda as presented.

   ALL IN FAVOR:
   AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo
   ABSENT: Dean
   NAYS:  
   MOTION CARRIED.

   TRUSTEE CUSUMANO MADE MOTION TO OMIT THE READING OF TRUSTEE DEAN’S NAME FOR THE DURATION OF THIS MEETING, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE VIVIANO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   4.1 Information Session, August 17, 2022
   4.2 Closed Session, August 17, 2022
   4.2 Regular Meeting, August 17, 2022
   MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Viviano, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2022 information session, closed session, and regular meeting minutes, as read.

   ALL IN FAVOR:
   AYES: DiMaria, Viviano, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo
   ABSENT: Dean
   NAYS:  
   MOTION CARRIED.
5.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS/PROPOSALS (verbal)

5.1 Board of Trustees Reports

None.

6.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT (verbal)

President Sawyer said the college has received feedback from individuals who are concerned about a rental event that will be taking place on campus and he would like to clear up any misunderstandings there may be about it.

The college’s Sports & Expo Center was rented by an organization to host a Republican political rally that includes the slate of Republican candidates for statewide office at the November 2022 election, as well as a speaking engagement by former President Trump. The college did not invite this group or any of the participants. This organization reached out to the college to rent the facility. As a public institution the college cannot discriminate against who we rent the facility to. The college has a long history of renting facilities to different political parties, particularly in the height of an election season. To be clear, the college does not endorse or support any political party or candidate. He understands that it is difficult for some people to accept that speakers come to campus who may seem not to be in alignment with what the college’s principles or values are, but at the end of the day, the college supports the right for the freedom of expression, and we rely on the audience to interpret those speakers for themselves. Again, the college does not support any political party or candidate and when it comes to renting facilities the college will not discriminate.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Statements – August 31, 2022

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the financial statements for the two months ended August 31, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo
ABSENT: Dean
NAYS:
MOTION CARRIED.

7.2 Investment Report – August 31, 2022

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Vitale, to receive and file the investment report of securities held as of August 31, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: DiMaria, Vitale, Flynn, Viviano, Lorenzo
ABSENT: Dean
NAYS: Cusumano
MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (verbal)

None.
9.0 PERSONNEL REPORTS

9.1 Personnel Report

9.1A Sarah Barron, Academic Advisor, MCCFO
MOTION by DiMaria supported by Viviano, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Sarah Barron, Academic Advisor, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: DiMaria, Viviano, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo
ABSENT: Dean
NAYS:
MOTION CARRIED.

9.1B Anna Paull, Instructor of Nursing-Medical Surgical Nursing/Adult Health, MCCFO
MOTION by DiMaria supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Anna Paull, Instructor of Nursing-Medical Surgical Nursing/Adult Health, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo
ABSENT: Dean
NAYS:
MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE FLYNN STATED THAT BOTH OF THESE YOUNG LADIES WERE STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE. HOW WONDERFUL!

9.2 Amendment to President Sawyer’s Employment Contract
MOTION by Viviano, supported by Cusumano, that the Board of Trustees, at the recommendation of the Board Chair, approve the Amended Employment Agreement for President Sawyer as presented.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano said it has been a pleasure and honor to work with Jim Sawyer. The hallmark of his presidency has been his forthrightness, honesty and truth. Trustee Cusumano appreciates his stewardship of the college. Trustee Flynn and Chair Lorenzo applauded his comments. Trustee Viviano said the integrity of Jim Sawyer and the way he operates, how he knows the faculty, the community, and the students. From the moment Dr. Sawyer applied for the position he knew he was going to do a very good job and that he was the right one for the job. Trustee Viviano is very glad Dr. Sawyer is the president. Trustee Flynn said she’s only been a trustee for three years and at the first conference she went to they said support your president. We’ve had some discussions, but he always comes out on top.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Viviano, Cusumano, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo
ABSENT: Dean
NAYS:
MOTION CARRIED.
10.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Hybrid Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Vehicle
MOTION by Flynn, supported by DiMaria, to receive and file the information report.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Flynn, DiMaria, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo
ABSENT: Dean
NAYS: Cusumano

MOTION CARRIED.

10.2 Board Approval of Statement on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA)
MOTION by Cusumano, supported by DiMaria, to approve the IDEA Statement as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Cusumano, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo
ABSENT: Dean
NAYS: 

MOTION CARRIED.

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Donations – August 31, 2022
MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Vitale, to accept the donations as presented and acknowledged by the College, with thanks.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: DiMaria, Vitale, Flynn, Viviano, Lorenzo
ABSENT: Dean
NAYS: Cusumano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.2 Change Orders (None)

11.3 Authorization for Purchases

11.3A New Holland PowerStar 75 Tractor
MOTION by Flynn, supported by Viviano, that the Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of a New Holland PowerStar 75 Tractor and accessory equipment in the total amount of $64,088 from Burnips Equipment Company located in Dorr Township, Michigan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Flynn, Viviano, Cusumano, DiMaria, Vitale, Lorenzo
ABSENT: Dean
NAYS: 

MOTION CARRIED.
11.3B **Electronic Budget Software**

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Cusumano, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to enter into a 3-year contract, upon the approval of General Counsel, with Questica of Pasadena, California to provide electronic budget software to automate the budget processes in an amount not to exceed $258,800.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Flynn said she talked to Ms. Gerri Pianko, director of budgets and grants, and Ms. Pianko said the vendors communicate through virtual meetings and that there isn’t a vendor in Michigan that can handle this.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

ABSENT: Dean

NAYS:

MOTION CARRIED.

11.3C **IT Security Managed Services**

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Vitale, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to enter into a 3-year contract, upon the approval of General Counsel, with Ferrilli, Inc. of Haddonfield, New Jersey to provide IT Security Managed Services in a total amount of $900,000.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano made the comment at the information session that he was very impressed by the presentations, including the by Mr. Zimmerman and thanks him for his preparation and clarity in describing this action item. Trustee Flynn said she talked to Mr. Zimmerman too and he said the two people working on this live in Michigan and will be on hand when necessary.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Vitale, Cusumano, Flynn, Viviano, Lorenzo

ABSENT: Dean

NAYS:

MOTION CARRIED.

11.4 **Board Resolution – Local Strategic Value Best Practices**

MOTION by Cusumano supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees adopt the attached Resolution Regarding Best Practices.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Cusumano understands from a discussion with the president that this part of Public Act 265.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Flynn, DiMaria, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

ABSENT: Dean

NAYS:

MOTION CARRIED.
12.0 **POLICY ACTIONS** (none)

13.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Viviano, Cusumano, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

ABSENT: Dean

NAYS:

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Secretary