

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, August 16, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 324, John Lewis Conference Center, South Campus, 14500 E. Twelve Mile Road, Warren, Michigan.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lorenzo at 7:30 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present:

Katherine Lorenzo, Chairperson
Frank Cusumano, Vice Chairperson/Acting Secretary
Shelley Vitale, Trustee
Vincent Viviano, Trustee

Absent:

Kristi Dean, Secretary (but appeared virtually)
Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer
Joan Flynn, Trustee

Also present:

James Sawyer, President
Sharon Kowal, Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees
Jeffrey Steele, General Counsel

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Viviano, to amend the agenda to add Item 12.1 Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining matters pursuant to MCL 15.268(c).

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cusumano, Viviano, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Viviano, to approve the agenda as amended.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cusumano, Viviano, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Information Session Minutes, June 21, 2023

4.2 Closed Session Minutes, June 21, 2023

4.3 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2023

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Vitale, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023 information session, closed session and regular meeting, as read.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Cusumano, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS (verbal)

5.1 Board of Trustees Reports

Trustee Vitale shared her experience at the Michigan Community College Association's (MCCA) annual Summer Conference. She had the privilege to attend, and it was wonderful. She met Kathi Poindexter and Louisa Krause the college's MCCA Leadership Academy graduates this year. She said they are two amazing people, and the college is lucky to have them. Her takeaway from the conference was that even though we are big, we are so small against the big machines and that we can work together and have the same goals with the love for education, our communities and our students personal growth. There was an overall feeling of energy that we are all in that same underdog position to make it happen for people despite everything that is swirling around us. It is good to know that it is not just Macomb Community College, but it is all the colleges big and small. The MCCA represents us well, making sure we are supported, recognized and seen by the people that need to see us and we are in this together.

6.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT (verbal)

None.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Statements – July 31, 2023

MOTION by Viviano, supported by Vitale, to receive and file the financial statements for the one month ended July 31, 2023.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Viviano, Vitale, Cusumano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

7.2 Investment Reports

7.2A Investment Report – June 30, 2023

7.2B Investment Report – July 31, 2023

MOTION by Vitale, supported by Viviano, to receive and file the investment reports of securities held as of June 30, 2023 and July 31, 2023.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS: Cusumano

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (verbal)

- Lori Chapman, Professor of Mathematics and president of MCCFO: They and their colleagues are here to share their desire for a fair and reasonable contract. They have been negotiating with the college for many months and are disappointed to be heading into the academic year without a contract in place. They value their relationships with the board, the hard-working administrators and other employees at the college. They express their sincere hope to reach a contract agreement soon.
- Paul Bondurant, Professor of Health Wellness and Exercise Science and former president of MCCFO: Is here to support fellow faculty for a fair and equitable contract.
- Randy Gerber, full-time faculty member and graduate of Macomb: Stands in support with colleagues and requests a fair and equitable contract.
- Linda Bajdo, Professor of Psychology: Expressed support for MCCFO's efforts for a fair and equitable contract.
- Michael Broyles, Professor of History: Expressed support for a fair and equitable contract and to thank the Board and Administration for all they have done for the college in the past.
- Joe Rice, Professor of Marketing and proud parent of a current student: Is here with his hardworking faculty brothers and sisters to request a fair and equitable contract.

9.0 PERSONNEL REPORTS

9.1 Personnel Report

9.1A Erin Donathan, Instructor and Program Coordinator Emergency Medical Services, MCCFO

MOTION by Cusumano supported by Vitale, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Erin Donathan, Instructor and Program Coordinator for Emergency Medical Services, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

9.1B Lorene Kline, Instructor of Dental Hygiene, MCCFO

MOTION by Cusumano supported by Viviano that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Lorene Kline, Instructor of Dental Hygiene, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Viviano, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

9.1C Sarah White, Instructor of Nursing-Pediatric Nursing, MCCFO

MOTION by Vitale supported by Cusumano that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Sarah White, Instructor of Nursing-Pediatric Nursing, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Vitale, Cusumano, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

10.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Sabbatical Leave Effective Date Change

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

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Vitale, Cusumano, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Donations

11.1A Donations – June 30, 2023

11.1B Donations – July 31, 2023

MOTION by Vitale, supported by Viviano, to accept the donations as presented and acknowledged by the College, with thanks.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS: Cusumano

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

11.2 Change Orders (None)

11.3 Authorization for Purchases

11.3A Annual Library Purchases and DALNET Maintenance Agreement

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Vitale, to authorize the purchase of library resources for fiscal year 2023-2024 in amounts not to exceed \$152,400 to MCLS (Midwest Collaborative Library Services) of Lansing, Michigan, and authorize the renewal of its annual maintenance agreement in an amount not to exceed \$94,650 to the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Vitale, Viviano, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

12.0 POLICY ACTIONS (None)

12.1 Closed Session – went into closed session at 8 p.m.

MOTION by Cusumano supported by Viviano to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining matters pursuant to MCL 15.268(c)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cusumano, Viviano, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Cusumano, Viviano, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB BOARD OF TRUSTEES


Secretary