



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2024
Oakland Community College
Auburn Hills Campus G240
2900 Featherstone Road
Auburn Hills, Michigan**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Pamela S. Jackson, Chair
Kathleen A. Bertolini, Vice Chair
Shirley J. Bryant, Treasurer
Susan Gibson, Secretary
Edward D. Callaghan, Trustee

Absent:

Pamala M. Davis, Trustee
Christine M. O'Sullivan, Trustee

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Jackson asked if there were any items to add or remove from the agenda. There being none, Trustee Gibson MOVED to approve the agenda, and Trustee Callaghan seconded.

AYES: Bertolini, Bryant, Callaghan, Gibson, Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

A – ACTION

Trustee Bertolini MOVED to approve the November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Gibson seconded.

AYES: Bertolini, Bryant, Callaghan, Gibson, Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4.2. November 21, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

B – **ACTION**

Trustee Callaghan MOVED to approve the November 21, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Gibson seconded.

AYES: Bertolini, Bryant, Callaghan, Gibson, Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. Community Comments

Mark Pfau who lives in Oakland County addressed the Board, noting he has questions about Highland Lakes Campus: What are the plans for selling, or the process we will go through to sell it; how are we determining purchase price; are we working with Waterford Township. Mr. Pfau inquired how to obtain answers to these questions. Chair Jackson responded to provide us with his contact information and someone will reach out to him.

Nancy Croitori from the Community Action Team, a group that is monitoring what is going on with the property addressed the Board. She mentioned that she has attended a previous meeting of the Board as well. Ms. Croitori stated that she also has some questions regarding the Highland Lakes Campus: Who has the deed; once the price is set, what is the flow for the process of who will get to the opportunity to bid/purchase. Ms. Croitori also provided her information for someone to contact her with answers to her questions.

5.2. Academic Report

5.2.1. Academic Senate Update

No report for this month.

5.2.2. Provost Update

Dr. Jennifer Berne provided the Provost update. Below are the topics she touched on:

- This winter brings 30 new adjuncts and one new full-time faculty (DHY).
- Work in academic affairs continues with attention to early academic intervention, gateway course projects, hy-flex zoom room experimentation, and multi-media engagement. The ATG has taken leadership on a number of initiatives to support teaching and learning that include the above as well as a new role, that of online excellence facilitator.
- The main achievement is the number and diversity of CPL equivalencies we have formalized in the past year or so for external licensure or certification. Kris Evans has worked diligently through her CPL coordinator role and partnered with faculty, the

registrar, and IE to add 30 credentials to both our website and to the Michigan Transfer Network site. Combined, there are over 120 credits of advancement opportunities represented here across several programs, with more to come. Claude Townsend has been a particular champion for the work in AUS, with robust options in MTT, CIS, and others. The MCCA was an invaluable partner in helping us grow this strategy over the past two years. <https://www.mcca.org/Strengthening-MiWorkforce-Pathways>

We will be tracking Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) recipients as the opportunities and usage increase, to evaluate the impact on persistence and completion over time. We know that nationally, students who use CPL stay enrolled longer, enroll in more credits on average, and complete at higher rates. The positive impact is greatest for adult learners at community colleges, with a significant boost to the equity of outcomes for students based on age, race/ethnicity, veteran status, Pell eligibility etc. when taken to scale. As we see an influx of returning adult learners through Michigan Reconnect, these CPL opportunities help formalize the experiences they bring from work and life, articulating their current knowledge and abilities into college credit, and giving them early momentum progress toward successful completion.

We are excited to let you know that faculty from Mental Health/Social Work, Early Childhood Education and Interior Design are collaborating to develop a portfolio-based CPL award opportunity. Not only will this assist students in these fields, but it will also provide a structure and process for other faculty to pursue credit for portfolios where appropriate.

We also have solid plans to create CPL exams in Accounting, Economics and Robotics with more to come should these prove useful to our students.

As you move about the community, please remind friends and neighbors that we have late start classes still available, in twelve, ten, and seven-week formats, online and face-to-face. We also will begin registration for next fall in March.

- Automated Early Alert will be fully implemented this semester for all gateway courses! Gateway course faculty will receive more details about how to participate in the next couple of weeks. For now, we are asking that ALL faculty please be thinking about how to identify your most at-risk students in the first three weeks of the semester. While a low scoring summative assessment is a strong indicator that a student is struggling, other factors such as attendance, missing assignments, failure to use D2L, or low-stakes formative assessments can also be used as indicators that students could benefit from some support from you, the ASC, Counselling, ACCESS, the library, or any other college support areas.
- As of this semester, registration is open through the first week of classes. Students need not have been registered previously to join courses in this first week.

Dr. Callaghan inquired about how AI is being addressed. The TLC and the SASC group is looking into both positive and negative parts of AI and how we can handle these.

K. Bertolini asked if we have AI policies or Academic Dishonesty about either, J. Berne noted the faculty add these items are added to faculty syllabus.

E. Callaghan asked if there was a process if there is a debate about it with student and faculty member. J. Berne noted it would be the same process as any inquiry about academic dishonesty, etc. E. Callaghan asked if we have looked at other college or universities for their policies and procedures for this. B. Rae stated she has and also attended a recent seminar on this. Her findings have been shared to the Academic Standards Committee. He noted that this should be addressed within the Academic Senate

5.3 Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Provenzano provided the following remarks:

- Welcomed the following new employee:
 - Dawn Bauer, Instructional Technologist
 - Saso Krstovski, Trainer (Advanced Manufacturing)
 - Karl Wilkes, Facility Technician
 - Jennifer Carino, Foundation Coordinator
 - Ryan Park, Lab Tech, Biology
- Retirement/Bereavement:
 - Paul Matynka, Chief of Public Safety, 5 years
 - Jennifer Smith, Supervisor Building & Grounds, 26 years
 - Brian Strick, Public Safety Officer, 20 years
- Employer of Choice – Outstanding Employees
 - OCC employees at multiple campuses teamed up to help vulnerable families in the community have a memorable holiday. Families were adopted through Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, and the gift of books were shared with Alcott Elementary School in Pontiac.
- College of Choice – OCC Student Success
 - Cydnei Walker and Kris Taylor showcased their playwriting talent as part of their ENG 2780 Playwriting and Screenwriting course at OCC, taught by Tara Broeckel, and it paid off. Both were selected among six community college students to have their plays featured in the Oakton College **Play on Student Playwriting Festival** in Chicago.
 - OCC cross country runners Amy Rowan and MacKenzie Montagano finished 7th and 42nd respectively out of more than 300 runners at the 2023 NJCAA Cross Country National Championship in Alabama. This qualified them both for NJCAA Cross Country All-Americans. Rowan was named an All-American for the 2nd time.
 - More than 30 students submitted their work for display at the Photography Show on the Royal Oak Campus last month. The show featured 64 pieces in a wide range of categories. Congratulations to our students and faculty member Robert Kangas, and paraprofessional Nick Johnson.
- College of Choice – Outstanding Programs
 - After nearly six decades, OCC has closed its administration operations from

the George A. Bee Administration Center on Opdyke Road in Bloomfield Hills and moved its administration staff to OCC campuses. The College sold the nine-acre property to The Joseph Dedvukaj Firm, P.C. in Bloomfield Township as approved by the College's Board of Trustees.

- College of Choice – Events
 - OCC was honored to host Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter, Dr. Bernice A. King to speak at OCC's MLK Convocation yesterday. Dr. King discussed "The Fierce Urgency of Now," continuing the conversation her father started during his famous "I Have a Dream" speech and marking the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act. Our thanks go to Kristina Marshall and Andre' Poplar for organizing this extraordinary event.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Jackson asked for a motion to move into closed session, pursuant to MCL 15.268(h)/MCL 15.243(1)(g), to discuss a written legal opinion from the College's Associate General Counsel regarding the status of OCC's properties. Trustee Gibson so MOVED, and Trustee Callaghan seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Callaghan, AYE
Trustee Bertolini, AYE
Chair Jackson, AYE
Trustee Gibson, AYE
Trustee Bryant, AYE

AYES: Callaghan, Bertolini, Gibson, Jackson, Bryant

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

The Board entered into closed session at 6:28 p.m.

Chair Jackson asked for a motion to move back into open session, to complete the regular meeting. Trustee Gibson so MOVED, and Trustee Bryant seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Callaghan, AYE
Trustee Bertolini, AYE
Chair Jackson, AYE
Trustee Gibson, AYE
Trustee Bryant, AYE

AYES: Callaghan, Bertolini, Gibson, Jackson, Bryant

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

The Board re-entered to open session at 8:05 p.m.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Callaghan updated the board that the policy committee has met twice regarding policy 2.4, which requires performing a survey of the stake holders (staff, students, alumni, and community members) to get the temperature of how effective the Board and CEO are.

Chair Jackson asked if the questions will go back to the full board for their review.

Trustee Gibson noted that she hopes they have full trust in the subcommittee and the third party that we hired to conduct this survey.

Chair Jackson shared items that Washtenaw County provided via mail. She feels we need to send more communications to our constituents regarding the opportunities we have for them.

Chair Jackson noted that she continues to build ties with the College, and recently joined the OCC Symphonic Band during their practice and plans to continue to do so.

Trustee Bryant noted that on October 27 she and the Chancellor attended the Midwest Bridging Equity: Creating Innovative Spaces for K-12 and Higher Education at the Auburn Hills Campus. It was an informative event, and everyone was thrilled to have both a Board member and the Chancellor in attendance. She is so happy that Kristina Marshall is part of the College and building our DEI department and initiatives. She is proud we have made steps in this area and the progress is significant.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gibson so MOVED, and Trustee Bertolini seconded.

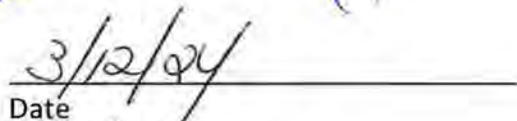
AYES: Callaghan, Gibson, Jackson, Bertolini, Bryant

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


Kathleen E. A. Kelly


Date


Pamela S. Jackson, Chair



Susan Gibson, Secretary

Mission: OCC is committed to empowering our students to succeed and advancing our community.

