



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING/RETREAT MINUTES – VIA ZOOM
Oakland Community College
2480 Opdyke Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
August 29, 2020**

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCulloch called the special meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. for the purpose of holding a retreat to review the Annual Monitoring Report, to receive an update on Institutional Advancement, to discuss the Board Meeting and Conference Schedule for 2020 to 2021, to discuss the Board’s Self-Evaluation, and to enter into closed session: to consult with the College’s legal counsel regarding trial and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit Gutierrez v. Oakland Community College, et al, (Case No. 19-12732), pursuant to MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(e), as a discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the College; to discuss a written opinion of the College’s legal counsel pursuant to MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(h); and to discuss, per the administration’s request, negotiation strategy for collective bargaining agreements pursuant to MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(c).

1.2 ATTENDANCE

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Present

John P. McCulloch, Chair
Pamala M. Davis, Vice Chair
Susan E. Anderson, Treasurer
Pamela S. Jackson, Secretary
Kathleen A. Bertolini, Trustee
Shirley J. Bryant, Trustee

Absent

Christine M. O’Sullivan, Trustee

1.3 PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS – None

1.4 RETREAT

1.4.a Annual Monitoring Report

The following individuals participated in the Annual Monitoring Report presentation: Chief Strategy Officer Steven Simpson; Provost Jennifer Berne; Associate Provost Joseph Petrosky; Vice Chancellor for Marketing & Communications Elizabeth Schnell; Vice Chancellor for Student Services Lori Przymusinski; and Chancellor Peter Provenzano.

Topics addressed included:

Introduction, Agenda, Monitoring Report (Simpson)

Online Education Environmental Study and Roadmap (Berne and Simpson)

CTE/Workforce Non-credit (Berne and Petrosky)

- Some programs suggested by trustees for consideration included accounting/bookkeeping, construction/HVAC, aviation, and programs for incarcerated individuals

Enrollment, Recruiting, Retention and Marketing (Przymusinski and Schnell)

Conclusion and Final Monitoring Reports/Strategy Questions (Simpson)

Conclusions (Simpson, Provenzano)

Trustee Anderson MOVED to receive and file the Annual Monitoring Report. Trustee Jackson seconded.

Chair McCulloch extended kudos to everyone for a job well done.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Anderson, Bertolini, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None
(Report on file)

Motion Carried

1.4.b Institutional Advancement Update

Vice Chancellor for Advancement Daniel Jenuwine provided an update on strategy and institutional considerations for 2020-2021, as well as government and community relations goals.

The Trustees indicated they would like more involvement in these areas, as well as to be kept up to date on these issues that affect OCC. Specifically, Trustee Bryant would like to know more about the duties that will be assigned to Doug Smith's replacement, and what they can do to assist that individual. Chair McCulloch noted we need to improve what the communications strategy is as it relates to the Board regarding community relations and government relations. Trustee Jackson mentioned we do have a lot of connections with MCCA and SEMCOG, but there are other areas that can be addressed. She indicated she could forward the Board MCCA and SEMCOG updates. Trustee Bryant mentioned some organizations the Board could get involved with include the Women's Official Network and Oakland County Senior Citizen Council. Trustee Bertolini suggested the Oakland 80 Initiative. Chair McCulloch said it would be helpful to receive legislative updates from Mr. Jenuwine on what OCC is pursuing and what our position is.

Chancellor Provenzano stated he and Mr. Jenuwine would discuss this request and get back to the Trustees with suggestions and a plan, part of which would include email updates on these areas to the Board on a consistent basis.

1.4.c Board Meeting and Conference Schedule for 2020 to 2021

Chair McCulloch asked for a motion to approve the September 2020 to December 2021 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting and Conference Schedule dated August 29, 2020. Trustee Jackson so MOVED, and Trustee Bryant seconded.

Trustee Bryant asked if the January 19, 2021 meeting could be moved to January 12, 2021. Chair McCulloch asked if the September, October, and November 2020 meetings could be moved from the third Tuesday of the month to the third Monday of the month, as he will be teaching Tuesday evenings this semester.

Trustee Anderson MOVED to approve the amendments, and Trustee Davis seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Anderson, Bertolini, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None Motion Carried

The Board voted on approving the September 2020 to December 2021 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting and Conference Schedule with the January 19, 2021 meeting date being changed to January 12, 2021 and changing the September, October, and November 2020 meeting dates to the third Monday of the month.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Anderson, Bertolini, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None Motion Carried

1.4.d Board Self-Evaluation

Vice Chancellor for Legal Services Eileen Husband addressed the Board regarding the Board Self-Evaluation compilation, which they received electronically today during the meeting.

Chair McCulloch encouraged the Board to review the results at their convenience. If further discussion is warranted, Trustees should let him know and he will add it to an upcoming meeting agenda.

He then asked for a motion to receive and file the report. Trustee Bryant so MOVED, and Trustee Jackson seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Anderson, Bertolini, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None Motion Carried

Chair McCulloch asked for a motion to go into closed session to consult with the College's legal counsel regarding trial and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit Gutierrez v. Oakland Community College, et al, (Case No. 19-12732), pursuant to MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(e), as a discussion in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the College; also to discuss a written opinion of the College's legal counsel pursuant to MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(h); and to discuss, per the administration's request, negotiation strategy for collective bargaining agreements pursuant to MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(c). Trustee Davis so MOVED, and Trustee Jackson seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Anderson, Bertolini, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None Motion Carried

The Board adjourned into closed session at 11:40 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 12:38 p.m.

1.4.e Oakland Community College and Oakland Community College Faculty Association

Chair McCulloch noted the Board had received an update on this matter during the closed session. He asked for a motion for the Board of Trustees to approve an extension of the collective bargaining agreement with the Oakland Community College Faculty Association covering the period of August 26, 2020 through August 31, 2021. Trustee Jackson so MOVED, and Trustee Davis seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Anderson, Bertolini, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None Motion Carried

1.4.f Pending Lawsuit of Gutierrez v. Oakland Community College, et al, (Case No. 19-12732)

Chair McCulloch noted the Board received an update on this matter during closed session and a proposed settlement offer has been submitted for Board approval regarding the pending litigation. Chair McCulloch asked for a motion for the Board of Trustees to authorize counsel to agree to the proposed settlement offer in the pending lawsuit Gutierrez v. Oakland Community College, et al, Case No. 19-12732, within the certain parameters discussed during the closed session as part of the College's trial and/or settlement strategy. Trustee Anderson so MOVED, and Trustee Jackson seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Anderson, Bertolini, Bryant, Davis, Jackson, McCulloch

NAYS: None Motion Carried

2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McCulloch adjourned the special meeting/retreat at 12:42 p.m.

Cherie A. Foster

Date

John P. McCulloch, Chair

Pamela S. Jackson, Secretary

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