

**Delta College**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Special Meeting – Vacancy Committee**  
**Virtually via Zoom (1-929-205-6099 Webinar ID 890 7698 3361)**  
**Held virtually in accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**  
**6:00 pm**

**BOARD PRESENT** M. Benecke, A. Buckley, R. Emrich, S. Gannon, D. Middleton, M. Thomas

**OTHERS PRESENT** T. Brown, P. Clark, H. Coleman, C. Curtis, S. DuFresne, D. Giuliani, J. Goodnow, L. Govitz, L. Henderson, D. McQuiston, K. Rische, E. Roth, K. Schuler, M. Thompson, C. Tucker, A. Ursuy

**PRESS PRESENT** None

**CALL TO ORDER** Committee Chair, R. Emrich asked Board Secretary, A. Ursuy to read the meeting overview at 6:01 pm.

“Good evening,

I would like to take a minute to explain how today’s meeting will run.

The Board is authorized to hold this virtual meeting with participation through the Zoom platform in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act as amended (Public Act 254 of 2020).

The Zoom platform allows participants to participate virtually via phone or computer and ensures that the public can participate in this meeting.

For those joining us today, we want to ensure everyone can hear the board meeting. To minimize audio feedback, we ask all virtual participants to NOT use any speakerphone options.

All participants are currently muted to prevent any background noise or feedback. Board members will be unmuted to allow full participation during the meeting when recognized. *For clarity, please state your name prior to speaking.*

- If you are joining via phone and wish to be recognized, please press \*9.
- If you are joining via the video option on your computer, please press the “raise hand” option.

Please note that all votes will be taken via roll call by our Assistant Board Secretary, Talisa Brown.

In addition, “the amendments (to the Open Meetings Act that went into effect on October 16, 2020) impose a new requirement for any member of the public body participating remotely to publicly announce, at the outset of the meeting, that he or she is participating remotely. If the announcing member's remote participation is for any reason other than military duty, the member must announce his or her physical

location "by stating the county, city, township, or village and state from which he or she is attending the meeting remotely." The member's public announcement must be included in the meeting minutes."

Therefore, our Assistant Board Secretary, Talisa Brown, will take attendance immediately after the Committee Chair has called the meeting to order. When she calls your name, please say "here" and announce the city, township, or village; county; and state from which you are attending the meeting remotely.

If members of the public wish to address the Members of the Vacancy Committee, you may do so during the public comment portion of the meeting, which is on our agenda and will be announced by the Committee Chair. At that time, those wishing to address the Board should indicate their desire to speak by pressing \*9 (star-9) or the "raise hand" option.

Notes on rules for public comment, please press \*9 or the "raise hand" option to be recognized. When you are acknowledged, we ask that you state your name and you may state your county of residence. As outlined in the Board of Trustees Bylaws, please limit your comments to five minutes.

Committee Chair, R. Emrich called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Assistant Board Secretary T. Brown took attendance. Each Trustee indicated their presence, township or city, and county in Michigan from which they were participating in this meeting.

M. Benecke – Present, Frankenlust Township, Bay County  
A. Buckley – Present, City of Midland, Midland County  
R. Emrich – Present, Saginaw Township, Saginaw County  
S. Gannon – Present, Jerome Township, Midland County  
D. Middleton – Present, Williams Township, Bay County  
M. Thomas – Present, Saginaw Township, Saginaw County

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Committee Chair, R. Emrich called for the approval of the agenda. M. Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Benecke seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

M. Benecke – Yes  
A. Buckley – Yes  
R. Emrich – Yes  
M. Thomas – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** R. Emrich called for public comment.

**INTERVIEWS OF BOARD VACANCY APPLICANTS** The committee members interviewed three candidates from Saginaw County regarding their interest in becoming a Delta College Trustee.

Those interviewed were:

- M. T. Thompson
- Hurley Coleman
- Lance Henderson

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

S. Gannon noted her appreciation for the candidates' passion, interest in our College and unique characteristics they brought to this process. She looks forward to the interviews tomorrow and thanked the committee for their work.

D. Middleton noted her appreciation for the opportunity and indicated it was a very productive meeting.

M. Benecke noted the commitment of two trustees in attendance tonight who are not on the committee and thanked them. She also noted the candidates' willingness to give and regardless of who is selected, how these individuals may fill other roles for mentorship, telling of their story or service to Delta College.

M. Thomas noted that we had really good candidates and was pleased with the discussion.

A. Buckley echoed M. Benecke's comment in having the individuals who are not selected have another opportunity to work with Delta College.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

R. Emrich noted his amazement for the number of people that applied for this position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, R. Emrich adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

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Talisa Brown, Assistant Board Secretary