

Delta College
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting – Vacancy Committee
Virtually via Zoom (1-929-205-6099 Webinar ID 825 1139 7904)
Held virtually in accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
6:00 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT A. Baldwin, T. Brown, P. Clark, Curtis, S. DuFresne, K. Ellison, D. Giuliani, J. Goodnow, L. Govitz, D. McQuiston, K. Rishe, E. Roth, K. Schuler, 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 6:07 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 6:12 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. Benecke made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Thomas 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:

- Arshen Baldwin
- Katherine Ellison
- Curt Tucker

**DICUSSION OF
RECOMMENDATION TO
APPOINT SAGINAW
COUNTY TRUSTEE**

The committee members indicated their 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice. The committee discussed the top three candidates among those chosen by the committee members.

M. Thomas made a motion to appoint Arshen Baldwin. The motion was seconded by M. Benecke.

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.

This recommendation will be presented at the regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 9, for vote by the full Board.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

M. Benecke noted the very rich pool of candidates for this position and that she wishes there was a way for us to engage more people with this kind of interest in opportunities at the College.

M. Thomas concurred with M. Benecke and hopes to make sure that we engage with all of the candidates at some point.

S. Gannon thanked the committee for their hard work.

CHAIR COMMENTS

R. Emrich thanked everyone involved in this process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, R. Emrich adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Talisa Brown, Assistant Board Secretary