

Delta College
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Virtually via Zoom (1-989-205-6099 Webinar ID 882 0144 4234)
Held virtually in accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
(Due to declaration of a Local State of Emergency by the Bay County Executive on April 6, 2021 and
Bay County Board of Commissioners resolution No. 2021-59 on April 13, 2021, extending the
Local Emergency Order for a three-month period to expire on July 13, 2021.)
Thursday, May 13, 2021
5:00 pm

Board Present	A. Baldwin, M. Benecke, A. Buckley, R. Emrich, S. Gannon, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, M. Thomas
Board Absent	None
Others Present	D. Allen, T. Brown, P. Clark, M. Crawmer, C. Curtis, J. Dorcey, S. DuFresne, A. Elias, L. Govitz, D. McQuiston, E. Roth, S. Shinkel, K. Schuler, A. Ursuy, J. Wakefield
Press Present	R. Murdock (MLive)
Call to Order	Board Chair, M. Nash read a meeting overview at 5:02 pm.

Good afternoon,

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) which permits a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency if meeting in person would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or members of the public body. On April 6, 2021, the County Executive of Bay County declared a Local State of Emergency. On April 13, 2021, the Bay County Board of Commissioner issued resolution No. 2021-59, extending the Local Emergency Order for a three-month period to expire on July 13, 2021.

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 NOT to 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.

I have asked our Assistant Board Secretary, Talisa Brown; and Kay Schuler, Administrative Assistant in the President's Office, to serve as moderators to assist me with today's meeting.

Our moderators will note those who wish to address the Board and will unmute your lines one by one, announcing who is being unmuted.

Please note that all votes will be taken via roll call by our Board Secretary, Andrea Ursuy.

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 Board Secretary, Andrea Ursuy, will take attendance immediately after I call 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 Board, you may do so during the public comment portion of the meeting, which is on our agenda and will be announced by the Board 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, when you are acknowledged by the Board Chair, 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.

Board Chair, M. Nash called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Board Member Attendance

Each Trustee indicated their presence, township or city, county and state in from which they were participating in this meeting.

- A. Baldwin – Present, City of Saginaw, Saginaw County, Michigan
- M. Benecke – Present, Frankenlust Township, Bay County, Michigan
- A. Buckley – Present, City of Midland, Midland County, Michigan
- R. Emrich – Present, Saginaw Township, Saginaw County, Michigan
- S. Gannon – Present, Jerome Township, Midland County, Michigan
- D. Middleton – Present, City of Midland, Midland County, Michigan
- M. Nash – Present, Larkin Township, Midland County, Michigan
- M. Rowley – Present, Hampton Township, Bay County, Michigan
- M. Thomas – Present, Saginaw Township, Saginaw County, Michigan

Approval of Agenda

Board Chair, M. Nash, called for the approval of the agenda. R. Emrich made a motion to approve the agenda. D. Middleton seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

A. Baldwin – Yes
M. Benecke – Yes
A. Buckley – Yes
S. Gannon – Yes
R. Emrich – Yes
D. Middleton – Yes
M. Nash – Yes
M. Rowley – Yes
M. Thomas – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Board Chair, M. Nash called for public comment. Chris Curtis, resident of Midland, Professor of Psychology and Delta College Faculty Association President wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Board for all the work they are doing in regards to the presidential search. He noted their part in involving the community and that employees across the College appreciate this very important work. He also thanked Kay Schuler, Andrea Ursuy and Talisa Brown for all their hard work along with Dr. Jill Wakefield.

Vote to go into Closes Session Pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act to Review and Consider the Content of an Application for Employment or Appointment to a Public Office if the Candidate Requests that the Application Remain Confidential R. Emrich made a motion to enter into closed session to review and consider the content of an application for employment or appointment to a public office if the candidate requests that the application remain confidential pursuant to MCL 15.268(f). A. Baldwin seconded the motion.
The results of the roll call vote are as follows:
A. Baldwin – Yes
M. Benecke – Yes
A. Buckley – Yes
R. Emrich – Did not vote
S. Gannon – Yes
D. Middleton – Yes
M. Nash – Yes
M. Rowley – Yes
M. Thomas – Yes
Motion passed.

The Board went into closed session at 5:13 pm.

The closed session ended and the open session resumed at 8:42 pm.

Discussion and Approval of On-Campus Interview Schedule J. Wakefield noted that the next step is to vote on the finalists who will be invited to campus to meet with faculty, staff, students and community members as well as an interview with the Board of Trustees. The number of finalists is typically 3-5. She noted that it's a very competitive time and that some of the semi-finalists are in other searches at this time.

Each trustee voted for their top 5 candidates. The votes were weighted as follows: 1st vote – 5 points, 2nd vote – 4 points, 3rd vote – 3 points, 4th vote – 2 points, and 5th vote – 1 point. A. Ursuy shared the results of the votes.

Based on the results, the two candidates (33 and 48) receiving the least amount of points were moved to the parking lot. The top two candidates (47 and 11) had strong support. J. Wakefield suggested that further discussion was needed to focus on the middle candidates (40, 13, 31, 62 and 63) with similar point totals.

The Board briefly discussed the top two candidates (47 and 11) and then moved their discussion to the middle candidates.

(BA5389)

There was a discussion by the Trustees to determine how many candidates to move forward as finalists.

S. Gannon made a motion to move candidate 40 to the final three or more in moving forward as finalists in the presidential search. M. Benecke seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

A. Baldwin – No
M. Benecke – No
A. Buckley – Yes
R. Emrich – No
S. Gannon – Yes
D. Middleton – Yes
M. Nash – No
M. Rowley – Yes
M. Thomas – Yes

Motion passed with 5 in favor and 4 opposed.

(BA5390)

The Trustees then voted on the remaining middle candidates (13, 31, 62, and 63). The votes were weighted as follows: 1st vote – 2 points and 2nd vote – 1 point. A. Ursuy shared the results of the voting. Based on the points candidate 31 had the most votes with two candidates (13 and 62) tying for second. There was a brief discussion in regards to having alternate candidates.

M. Rowley made a motion to include candidate 31 as one of the final four candidates. M. Thomas seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

A. Baldwin – Yes
M. Benecke – Yes
A. Buckley – Yes
R. Emrich – Yes
S. Gannon – Yes
D. Middleton – Yes
M. Nash – Yes

M. Rowley – Yes
M. Thomas – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

M. Rowley made a friendly amendment to include candidates 47 and 11 as final candidates along with 40 and 31. M. Thomas seconded the friendly amendment.

(BA5391)

Board Chair, M. Nash asked if anyone had any changes or edits to the interview schedule that had been shared at the last Board meeting.

M. Rowley made a motion to accept the interview schedule as presented. S. Gannon seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

A. Baldwin – Yes
M. Benecke – Yes
A. Buckley – Yes
R. Emrich – Yes
S. Gannon – Yes
D. Middleton – Yes
M. Nash – Yes
M. Rowley – Yes
M. Thomas – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and
Interview Process
and Questions
(BA5392)**

Board Chair, M. Nash noted that he had received a set of draft questions from ACCT.

R. Emrich made a motion to accept the proposed interview questions from ACCT. M. Rowley seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

A. Baldwin – Yes
M. Benecke – Yes
A. Buckley – Yes
R. Emrich – Yes
S. Gannon – Yes
D. Middleton – Yes
M. Nash – Yes
M. Rowley – Yes
M. Thomas – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

**Trustee
Comments**

A. Baldwin said good night.

M. Thomas wanted to thank those who have been hanging in here as this has been a long meeting, but a very good meeting.

M. Rowley thanked all the staff for putting in their late evening and all the prep work as well.

Chair Comments

M. Nash thanked the entire Board, Dr. Wakefield from ACCT as well the support staff at the College and those who have stayed on. It is great to see the various employee group representation. He also noted that K. Schuler would be sending out a survey to Trustees to find out their availability so that the interviews can be scheduled.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Board Chair, M. Nash adjourned the meeting at 10:08 pm.

Talisa Brown, Assistant Board Secretary