

**Delta College**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**Delta College Downtown Bay City Center**  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** A. Baldwin, M. Benecke, R. Emrich, S. Gannon, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, M. Thomas, M. Wood
- BOARD ABSENT** M. Nash
- OTHERS PRESENT** R. Battinkoff, L. Brown, T. Brown, A. Clark, P. Clark, E. Clement, A. Cramer, S. DuFresne, C. Emrich, J. Foco, P. Fox, M. Gavin, J. Goodnow, L. Govitz, M. Haswell, C. Inabinet, D. McQuiston, M. Murray, K. Nelson, S. Raube, P. Ross McClain, P. Rowley, K. Schuler, E. Suniga, A. Ursuy, A. Williams, E. Yaworski, J. Young
- PRESS PRESENT** None
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Vice Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Board Vice Chair Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda.  
R. Emrich made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Wood seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** M. Thomas called for public comment.  
  
Dr. Jean Goodnow, Delta College President Emerita and resident of Saginaw County, made public comment. She gave tribute to the outstanding service Trustee Emrich has given to Delta College for the past thirty years. "Thank you, thank you for all the time, expertise and support you have given to me and Delta College," Goodnow said, in part. "You have touched many lives with your commitment and caring."
- TREASURER'S REPORT** S. DuFresne said that the Board has received the College financial statements as of November 30, 2022. At this time, there are no material variances to report.
- CONSENT AGENDA** M. Thomas called for approval of the consent agenda.  
  
M. Wood made a motion to approve the consent agenda. R. Emrich seconded the motion.  
  
The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:  
  
A. Acceptance of Minutes:  
1. Board Dinner Meeting, November 1, 2022  
2. Board Regular Meeting, November 1, 2022
- PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the preliminary 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule.

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**2023 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (BA5467)**

M. Rowley made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Wood seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF HARMONIC VIDEO SERVER FOR DELTA'S PUBLIC MEDIA (BA5468)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the new 2200c Spectrum Harmonic Video Server from Heartland Video Systems in the amount of \$196,958.94.

There was discussion regarding the technical capabilities of this server and the expected lifespan. P. Clark said that it is expected to last for 10 years.

M. Benecke made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Wood seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 8.011 - EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY (BA5469)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the changes to Board Policy 8.011, including a title change to "Expressive Activity and Advocacy," as presented, in accordance with the requirements set forth in PA 144 of 2022.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 2.002- VISION (BA5470)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the revision to Board Policy 2.002, Vision, as presented.

M. Benecke made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Wood seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 2.003 - MISSIONS (BA5471)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the revision to Board Policy 2.003, Mission, as presented.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Benecke seconded the motion.

M. Wood said that he would like to see a regular schedule for reaffirming the mission.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 2.004 – VALUES (BA5472)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the revision to Board Policy 2.004, Values, as presented.

R. Emrich made a motion to approve the recommendation. D. Middleton seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF  
NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE**

D. Middleton said that the Nominating Committee of the Board met on November 28 to discuss the slate of Board Officers for 2023 and 2024.

After discussion and consideration of factors such as leadership ability, rotation of counties, and time as a Trustee, the Nominating Committee will recommend:

Trustee, Marcia Thomas, Saginaw County – Chair  
Trustee, Stacey Gannon, Midland County – Vice Chair  
Sarah DuFresne, Treasurer  
Andrea Ursuy, Secretary

The recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval at the January 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:  
THE DOWNTOWN  
BAY CITY CENTER**

The Student Success Report entitled “Impacting our Community and Beyond” was introduced by Kristy Nelson, Director of Downtown Centers, and presented by Emily Clement, Associate Director of Strategic Partnerships and Bay City Center, and Mike Murray, Astronomer and Planetarium Manager. M. Murray gave a show demonstration in the theater.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Enrollment Report**

Winter 2023 registration is underway. As of today, 6,548 students are registered. The College projected 67,211 contact hours for the winter semester and are currently at 98.5% (65,600 contact hours) of projection. Since October, 100 class sections have been added, greatly reducing waitlists. Winter semester begins on January 7, 2023.

**Information Sharing**

- Welcome and congratulations to:

**Newly elected trustees**

- Alex Clark – Saginaw County
- Barb Handley-Miller – Bay County

**Re-elected trustees**

- Arshen Baldwin – Saginaw County
- Michael Wood – Midland County

They will be sworn in at the regular board meeting in January 2023.

- Results are in from *A Chocolate Affair* held on November 3. The Foundation sold more than 600 tickets and netted more than \$90,000. Thanks to the trustees who were able to attend this special event.

**Upcoming Events**

- RN Pinning Ceremony  
Thursday, December 15, 5pm, Lecture Theater. Nursing Honors Society Induction begins at 3:30pm.
- Police Academy Graduation  
Friday, December 16, 2pm, Lecture Theater

- Athletics is hosting the Charles Turner Pioneer Classic and HBCU Exposure Event on Friday, December 16, games throughout the day beginning at noon.
  - 10 high school basketball teams: Roseville, Arthur Hill, Country Day, Lansing Waverly, Saginaw High (boys & girls game), Canton, Saginaw Heritage, Summit Academy, Lansing Everett
  - HBCU institutions: Kentucky State, North Carolina Center, Bethune-Cookman, Jackson State, Spelman, Morehouse, Grambling State, Tennessee State, Howard, Florida A&M
  - Event named in memory of Coach Vincent Turner's father Charles Turner who has a long legacy and impact on the basketball community in Michigan.
- Next Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7pm, Main Campus
- Dr. Gavin noted his involvement with two important groups:
  - The Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Semiconductor Advisory Group, which is connecting large semiconductor producers with higher education partners to ensure the capacity for Michigan to respond to the national need for semiconductor production.
  - The PEN group is seeking to establish a coalition of the Presidents and Presidents Emeriti who are willing to speak out against curricular gag orders and book bans occurring nationally and regionally. The group was just recently formed, and Dr. Gavin was lucky to be one of 16 people selected nationally as a result of his scholarship in this area.
- Happy Birthday to Stacey Gannon on December 21.

**HONORING  
OUTGOING TRUSTEES**

Outgoing Trustees Mary Lou Benecke, Bay County, and Dr. Robert Emrich, Saginaw County were honored with tributes from Dr. Gavin and from each of the Trustees. Each of them was presented with a commemorative plaque and gift bag. M. Benecke served on the Board for 6 years and R. Emrich served for 30 years.

Excerpts from Dr. Gavin's comments follow:

- **Mary Lou Benecke**  
"I am so grateful for Mary Lou and her membership on the Board," President Gavin said. "She was the chair of the search committee that brought me to Delta, and when I initially took the job, she went out of her way, as she so often does, to connect me with the broader community. Her sound thinking about communication and culture has always been a guide for me in the work I do, and I could not thank Mary Lou more for her support of both the college and me personally."
- **Dr. Robert Emrich**  
"The strong foundation that Delta has is, in no doubt, a result of the many decades of service Dr. Emrich has offered to Delta," Gavin said. "His constant refrain of ensuring the faculty are supported is centrally important to academia but still what makes Delta's Board unique. I have learned much by watching the questions Dr. Emrich asks, and

understanding why he asks them, always to ensure Delta College approaches each issue from every angle, and just as importantly, so those who watch or read about board action understand the rationale. His voice will be missed, but we will carry on his legacy, one that is already deeply woven into the fabric of who and what Delta is.”

Board Vice Chair Thomas shared highlights of M. Benecke’s service including:

- Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2019-2020
- Foundation Board of Directors
- Board Committees:
  - Sabbatical Leaves and Grants
  - Evaluation & Compensation Committee
  - Bylaws Committee *and the*
  - Vacancy Committee

M. Thomas thanked M. Benecke for her outstanding leadership as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee.

Trustees each shared their appreciation for M. Benecke. They mentioned her leadership of the presidential search committee, her depth of community involvement and advocacy for clear communication and a healthy culture.

Trustee Benecke said she was humbled and honored to be a Delta College Trustee. She believes the College is poised to realize its potential as named in the newly approved Vision statement because of “its innovative and collaborative approach to the transforming power of education.”

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING DR.  
ROBERT EMRICH  
(BA5473)**

M. Thomas read the following resolution honoring Dr. Emrich:

**RESOLUTION FOR DR. ROBERT L. EMRICH**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Robert L. Emrich has served Delta College and the citizens of the Delta College district with great distinction from January of 1993 through December of 2022, as a member of the Delta College Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emrich was elected to a six-year term to the Delta College Board of Trustees in November of 1992, and re-elected to an additional 4 terms; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emrich served as Chair of the Board of Trustees three different times from January of 2001 – December of 2002, January of 2011 – December of 2012 and January of 2017 – December of 2018, and as Vice Chair twice from January of 1999 – December of 2000 and January of 2009 – December of 2010, and has chaired various subcommittees of the Board of Trustees, served as the MCCA Director and has also served as a member of the Delta College Foundation Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emrich believes in the community college philosophy of affordability without exception and excellent faculty whose primary job is to teach; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emrich graduated from Gettysburg College and received his masters and doctorate degrees from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emrich came to Saginaw, Michigan from Greensburg, Pennsylvania where he had served as an assistant and associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emrich served as pastor and head of staff for the First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw for 29 years before retiring in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emrich and his wife, Carol, have established a scholarship endowment at Delta College to assist students - The Dr. Robert and Carol Emrich Scholarship Endowment; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emrich has truly been a gift to our College. His love for the College, students, and community is evidenced by his level of preparation, critical questions, and astute comments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Delta College Board of Trustees honors Dr. Robert L. Emrich for his 30 years of service with distinction to Delta College. We believe he will continue making a difference in the lives of future generations of students.

**DELTA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** December 13, 2022

Andrea L. Ursuy  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

D. Middleton made a motion to approve the resolution. S. Gannon seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Following approval of the resolution, D. Middleton recognized R. Emrich by reading, "Emrich by the Numbers" which featured facts about the impact that Dr. Emrich has had during his 30 years on the Board.

Trustees shared their appreciation with Dr. Emrich. Many Trustees thanked Dr. Emrich for his mentorship of them as new Trustees, his passion for the mission of community colleges and his guidance with the correct procedures for running their meetings.

R. Emrich thanked all for the recognition and closed with remarks thanking the presidents who have led this great college, the faculty and staff who work in it, and his fellow Trustees – especially those like Earl Selby, Paul Rowley, Annette Diebel, and Ruth Jaffe who served as mentors to him in his early days as Delta College Trustee.

R. Emrich gave this advice in his final remarks to the group: “Work hard. Support your president. Believe in the mission because it makes a difference in the lives of our students, who in turn make a difference in our community.”

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS** M. Wood thanked the Administration for the presentation on the strategic plan.

M. Benecke thanked the Planetarium Staff for the excellent show. She also thanked S. DuFresne, A. Ursuy, K. Schuler, and T. Brown for their work with the Board.

R. Emrich thanked K. Schuler, T. Brown, A. Ursuy, S. DuFresne, and P. Clark for their excellent work.

**CHAIR COMMENTS** Vice Chair Thomas thanked the members of the public in attendance for their patience. She said it was important to take the time to honor the excellent service of our outgoing Trustees. She asked that we keep Chair Nash in our thoughts this evening as he is ill. Finally, she thanked the Administration and the College for the excellent work on the mission, vision, and values.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business, Board Vice Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary