

Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room (B-151)
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
7:00 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT	A. Baldwin, A. Clark, S. Gannon, B. Handley-Miller, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, M. Wood
BOARD ABSENT	M. Thomas
OTHERS PRESENT	D. Allen, R. Battinkoff, L. Brown, T. Brown, J. Carroll, P. Clark, S. Clauss, R. Curry, S. DuFresne, J. Foco, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, S. Gregory, M. Haswell, D. Hopkins, T. Johnroe, J. Perry, W. Ramirez, S. Raube, P. Ross McClain, K. Schuler, A. Ursuy
PRESS PRESENT	B. Jodway, Midland Daily News
CALL TO ORDER	Board Vice Chair Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	Board Vice Chair Gannon asked for a motion to approve the agenda. D. Middleton made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Board Vice Chair Gannon called for public comment.
TREASURER’S REPORT	S. DuFresne said that the Board has received the college financial statements for the month ended November 2023. She said that she has reviewed the financial statement activity. The only major variance to mention is the Endowment Fund investment income revenues, which are reported as a negative \$1,075,364, which is based off of the market values as of September 30. Market values are adjusted on a quarterly basis. The portfolio is managed by Morgan Stanley.
CONSENT AGENDA	Board Vice Chair Gannon called for approval of the consent agenda. A. Clark made a motion to approve the consent agenda. A. Baldwin seconded the motion. The Board voted to unanimously approve the consent agenda resulting in: A. Acceptance of Minutes: 1. Board Regular Meeting, November 6, 2023
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (BA5513)	It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the preliminary Board of Trustees 2024 Regular Meeting Schedule. A. Clark made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

A. Clark said that he would like to see the Board meetings rotate through all four locations. A. Baldwin said that she does not support the idea of rotating. She likes the consistency of being on main campus. B. Handley-Miller said that she appreciates going to each center once a year, but moving more than that creates loss of time for those on campus who have to move for each meeting. S. Gannon said that there are many opportunities to be in the community and at our centers throughout the year. She encouraged Trustees to take advantage of those opportunities. D. Middleton said that she can't justify the logistics and impact that a regular rotation would have on staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE OF 800
AND 1000-TON
CHILLERS FROM
TRANE
CORPORATION
(BA5514)**

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal from Trane Corporation for the 800 & 1000-ton chillers with the associated maintenance agreements and extended warranties in the combined dollar amount of \$1,529,038.00.

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

S. Gregory said that this purchase will allow the College to upgrade infrastructure, use less energy, and will eliminate the use of glycol in the chiller process.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE OF 200-
TON CHILLER FROM
THERMALNETICS
(BA5515)**

It is also the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal from ThermalNetics for the 200-ton chiller with the associated maintenance agreements and extended warranties in the combined dollar amount of \$214,804.00.

M. Rowley made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Clark seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS –
SUPPORTING
STUDENTS' BASIC
NEEDS**

The student success report topic was Supporting Students' Basic Needs and was presented by James Perry, Dean of Enrollment and Access, and Shelly Raube, Dean of Student Success. They gave recent examples of real student issues and discussed some of the existing, new and planned initiatives to support our students.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Report

Winter 2023 registration is underway. As of today, 7,174 students are registered. The College projected 67,769 contact hours for the winter semester and is currently at 104% (70,509 contact hours) of projection. Winter semester begins on January 6, 2024.

Information Sharing

Duck – The making of a mascot

- Bookstore sales of Duck merchandise totaled \$3,500 last week. Duck has received a warm welcome from students as they are buying duck apparel, with the hoodie being the most popular item.

Northwood University Partnership

- Northwood University has named Delta College as a Premier Community College Partner, meaning that Delta College faculty, employees, their spouses and dependents will be eligible for a discount or scholarship to Northwood.

Dr. Gavin will be attending the Arizona State University & Global Silicon Valley Summit to be held in April, 2024, in San Diego.

- Arizona State University and Global Silicon Valley Summit convenes institutional leaders, entrepreneurs, investors, and technology leaders focused on transforming the “Pre-K to Gray” education landscape and shaping a future of equal opportunity for all people.
- American Association of Community Colleges along with the ASU & GSV Summit invited 20 community college leaders.

With 555 tickets sold, A Chocolate Affair was held on November 2. The event netted over \$80,000 for the Possible Dream Program. Thanks to all the trustees who attended.

On Thursday, November 30, Delta College was the venue for the Growing Michigan Together Council organized by State Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet and Hilary Doe from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. Attendees from the community shared thoughts on how to grow the population in the Great Lakes Bay Region and across the state. Thanks to Trustees Clark and Handley-Miller for attending.

Upcoming Events

- **RN Pinning Ceremony**
Thursday, December 14 at 5pm in the Lecture Theater. Nursing Honors Society Induction begins at 3:30pm.
- **Police Academy Graduation**
Friday, December 15 at 2pm in the Lecture Theater.
- **Happy Birthday** to Stacey Gannon (next week)
- **Next Regular Board Meeting**
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7pm on Main Campus.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

B. Handley-Miller said that she appreciates the excellent progress on the CARES center and appreciates the work the College is doing to support students. She said that she is looking forward to the Police Academy graduation on Friday.

M. Rowley thanked James Perry and Shelly Raube for the excellent presentation. He said that as the College figures out how to use AI technology that we don’t lose the personal touch. M. Rowley also commented on the recent article on marijuana in the Collegiate. He spoke about the ways that he feels that marijuana use is contributing to our mental health crisis.

D. Middleton said that “Duck is awesome!” She said she appreciates the way that the new mascot was rolled out – the information is great.

A. Clark said he appreciated tonight's student success presentation. He said that he had a very positive experience at the recent MCCA training for Trustees. He wished all a great holiday.

A. Baldwin said that she recently attended the Bridge the Gap event. She said that it was positive to see families in the community interacting with local law enforcement and with Delta College Police Academy cadets.

A. Baldwin also thanked the College for the focus on the needs of our community and students. She wished all Happy Holidays.

M. Nash echoed comments of his fellow Trustees and wished all a happy holiday.

M. Wood thanked James and Shelly for the excellent presentation. He said that his recent illness has helped him to better understand the perspective of our students who have life events that are not in their control.

M. Wood thanked the physical plant for continuing to do an excellent job of keeping the building maintained and up-to-date. He added that he enjoyed the dinner meeting presentation and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Vice Chair Gannon said she appreciates our continued focus on the success of students. She also said that she appreciates the strategic plan document, "The Way Forward," and keeps it with her as a resource.

Vice Chair Gannon said that the MCCA Trustee Governance Training was excellent. She said that there were many positive comments about Delta College at the conference and congratulated everyone on their good work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Vice Chair Gannon adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary