

**DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Delta College Main Campus
Board Room
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Houston, K. Lawrence-Webster, D. Middleton, M. Morrissey, M. Nash, M. Rowley, R. E. Selby, E. Wacksman
- OTHERS PRESENT** T. Allen, R. Battinkoff, S. Bishop, V. Bledsoe, V. Bond, L. Brown, T. Brown, J. Carroll, D. Clark, P. Clark, E. Crane, R. Curley, R. Curry, D. Doster, J. Goodnow, L. Govitz, S. Lewless, D. Lutz, A. McClorey-McLaughlin, J. Miller, M. Moore, M. Mosqueda, E. Rae-O'Donnell, D. Peruski, V. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, K. Randolph, K. Schuler, J. Stahl, C. Starkey, A. Ursuy, B. Webb
- PRESS PRESENT** J. Hall (WSGW), B. Henika (Delta Collegiate)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair, M. Rowley, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Board Chair Rowley called for approval of the agenda. K. Lawrence-Webster made a motion to approve the agenda with support from R. Emrich.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair Rowley called for public comments.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** D. Lutz said that the Board has received the financial statements for the month ended November 2016. At this time, there are no variances to report. The College is operating in accordance with the budget plan. D. Lutz said that she would be happy to answer any questions that the Board may have.
- CONSENT AGENDA** K. Lawrence-Webster made a motion to approve the consent agenda with support from E. Wacksman. The consent agenda passed unanimously resulting in:
- A. Acceptance of Minutes:
 - 1. Board Dinner Meeting, November 8, 2016
 - 2. Board Regular Meeting, November 8, 2016
 - 3. Board Special Meeting, November 8, 2016
 - B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Board Special Meeting, November, 8, 2016
- PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2017 REGULAR** K. Lawrence-Webster made a motion that the Board approve the preliminary Board of Trustees 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule. K. Houston seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING
SCHEDULE (BA5167)**

**APPROVAL OF THE 2020
ACADEMIC CALENDAR
(BA5168)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the 2020 Academic Calendar. E. Wacksman made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from M. Nash.

There was discussion about why the College is not closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Dr. Goodnow reminded the Board that the College engages students and the community in several events to honor Dr. King on this day.

Motion passed with a vote of 8 in favor. R. E. Selby voted in opposition to the motion.

**REPORT OF
NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

R. E. Selby, said that he and the other members (E. Wacksman and K. Houston) met in an open meeting on Thursday, December 8, to discuss nominations for Board Officers. Part of the discussion centered around the value that the Board places on rotating leadership positions through the three counties. After discussion, the Nominating Committee will recommend the following individuals for approval in January 2017.

Board Chair (2-year term): Dr. Robert Emrich, Saginaw County

Board Vice Chair (2-year term): Diane Middleton, Bay County

Board Treasurer: Deb Lutz

Board Secretary: Andrea Ursuy

Assistant Board Secretary: Talisa Brown

**STUDENT SUCCESS
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Dr. Curry introduced Jonathan Miller, Dean of Students, and Dr. Crystal Starkey, Associate Professor of English. Jonathan and Crystal serve as co-advisors of Phi Theta Kappa.

Jonathan and Crystal introduced student, David Clark. David is a recipient of the Coca-Cola Promised Leader Scholar Award. Only 200 individuals, throughout the nation, receive this honor each year.

David shared his inspiring story of success with the Board. He said that he began his career at Delta College as a dual enrolled student. David's goal is to transfer to Detroit Mercy to become an architect.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Enrollment Report

The Fall Semester began on August 27. As of today, 9,149 students are enrolled.

Registration for the Winter Semester began on October 31. As of today, 7,616 students are registered. The Winter Semester begins on January 7.

Personnel Report

A complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the month of November has been included in Board packets.

Information Sharing

- Dr. Goodnow thanked the Board for the feedback that has been provided on her 2016-17 goals. She said she plans to bring the “final” copy of her goals to the Board in January.
- She encouraged the Board to take a look at this month’s Fantastic Faculty. This month, two issues have been uploaded to BoardBook.
- Dr. Goodnow said that she attended the Nursing Pinning Ceremony and continues to be inspired by this event. The graduates share their gratitude with those who have supported them throughout their educational journey. She encouraged Trustees to attend.
- Included in Board folders:
 - The latest issue of the Delta Collegiate
 - Dr. Nancy Vader-McCormick’s letter of retirement.

Dr. Goodnow delivered the following tribute in honor of outgoing Trustees, Kimberly Houston and Edith (Dee Dee) Wacksman:

“It is time to say thank you to two of our Trustees. It is with gratitude and, I have to be honest, sadness, that tonight we say farewell to two of our Trustees, Kimberly Houston and Dee Dee Wacksman.

I’m going to start by saying thank you to Kimberly Houston. Kimberly has been a Trustee representing Midland County since 2005. During her time on the Board, the Board has taken action on nearly 700 items – including the renovation of the Health Professions Building, and most recently, the new Saginaw Center.

Kimberly has been an advisor, a mentor, a thoughtful leader, and friend to me over the years. She is a wise thinker. I always look forward to her comments at the end of a Board meeting – as she eloquently summarizes the evening and provides us with her wisdom and reflections on our College.

Kimberly served as Board Chair for two years from 2009-2010. As Board Chair, she engaged the Board in professional development, made sure that all Trustee voices were heard, and encouraged us to engage in policy governance and policy thinking. She has also served on several Board Committees over the years and served as the alternate representative for the MCCA Board of Directors.

Kimberly recognizes the importance of Trustee Development and regularly attended conferences and workshops through MCCA and ACCT to learn more about community colleges and about being an effective member of the board.

One year, Kimberly and I attended the ACCT Annual Leadership Congress in New York City. As you can imagine, rooms are quite pricey in NYC. In order to be good stewards of the College, we decided to room together...IN THE SMALLEST HOTEL

ROOM ON EARTH! As you can imagine, we really bonded during the meeting – and had a lot of laughs while tripping over one-another.

Kim, it has been a pleasure to have you as one of my 9 bosses at Delta College. Thank you for your leadership, advice, and friendship over the years. We will miss you.

And now, it is time to thank Dee Dee Wacksman. Dee Dee was one of the first people that I met at Delta College – she was a member of the Presidential Search Committee when I was hired in 2005!

Dee Dee began as a Trustee representing Bay County in 1999. She served as Board Chair for two years from 2003-2004. She has also served on several committees including the Nominating Committee and the Sabbatical Leaves and Grants Committee. Since Dee Dee became a Trustee in 1999, the Board has taken action on more than 1000 items!

I am lucky to say that Dee Dee has been an advisor and friend to me. She often brings me articles – from around the country – that relate to things going on at Delta College. She brings back thoughtful mementos from her travels and shares them with us. She is caring and considerate, pays attention to all of the “details” going on around the College, and always takes the time to provide me with feedback regarding the messages I send to the Board on various topics.

She engages with our campus community and our students. It is common to find Dee Dee on campus hours before a Board Meeting begins. Often, she is visiting the library, a Women’s History Month Event, an office on campus, or is taking time to appreciate the artwork of our faculty and staff. Most recently, Dee Dee volunteered for our Democracy Commitment initiative to register voters on campus.

Dee Dee has also been an active participant in professional development. In addition to attending conferences such as MCCA and ACCT, Dee Dee has been a member of our AQIP accreditation Strategy Forum team on two separate occasions.

She truly values Delta College and the people who work here. A couple of years ago, she made a motion to reserve a parking spot for me. This may seem like a little thing to you – but it is a big thing to me. She recognized the fact that I have a tight schedule with meetings both on and off campus. She recognized how much easier that a parking spot would make it for me to get where I needed to go – and I appreciate that.

Dee Dee, thank you for leadership and your contributions to the Delta College Board and to our College as a whole. I appreciate everything that you have contributed over the years. We will miss you.”

Dr. Goodnow presented Dee Dee and Kimberly each with a plaque and Delta College blanket as a thank you for their years of service.

Dr. Goodnow also announced that Dr. David Peruski will be leaving Delta College to teach in the nursing program at Saginaw Valley State University. She thanked Dr. Peruski for his service to Delta College as a faculty member, division chair, and as the Dean of Teaching and Learning.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

E. Wacksman said that it has been a pleasure to serve as a Trustee for Delta College. She has learned a lot and made a lot of friends. She said that she has many good memories and has been happy to serve. E. Wacksman said that she will be around, attending college events and in the community.

K. Houston said that it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve Delta College. She said that she is grateful for her time on the Board. She said that when she first started as a Trustee, she understood the importance of higher education, but did not have a thorough understanding of the community college mission.

Now, she understands the importance and depth of community colleges. She said that at Delta College, “we have students who come to us with dreams and hopes and you (our faculty and staff) care for those students before they arrive.”

K. Houston noted that as Board Chair, she worked through some especially challenging times. She said that she drew strength from those who serve with her on the Board. She thanked the Trustees for their commitment, passion, and leadership.

She especially thanked M. Rowley and M. Nash for their leadership as the Board’s current Chair and Vice Chair. She thanked Earl Selby for his passion. She thanked Dr. Emrich (who served as Vice Chair when she was Chair) for his wise counsel.

D. Middleton thanked E. Wacksman and K. Houston for the guidance and confidence they have given her since she began as a Trustee. She said that someday she hopes to return the favor for a new Trustee.

R. E. Selby congratulated Trustees Wacksman and Houston. He encouraged all to watch this month’s edition of Dateline Delta which features interviews with Trustees, the President’s holiday message, and an interview with the Director of Corporate Services.

K. Lawrence-Webster congratulated Kimberly and Dee Dee and said it was a pleasure working with both of them.

M. Morrissey congratulated Trustee Wacksman and Trustee Houston. She thanked both of them for their help as she learned about being a Trustee.

R. Emrich said that we were made richer because of Dee Dee and Kimberly. We will always be inspired by their love for Delta College.

M. Nash said he wishes Dee Dee and Kimberly the best. He said that he has learned a lot from both of them.

CHAIR COMMENTS

M. Rowley thanked E. Wacksman and K. Houston for their years of service to the Board and their passion for Delta College. He echoed the President's comments on the Nursing Pinning Ceremony and said it is truly an awesome event.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS WITH OUR ATTORNEY TRIAL AND/OR SETTLEMENT STRATEGY

D. Middleton made a motion that the Board enter into closed session to discuss with our attorney trial and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit Mason and Jablonski-v-Delta College, et al, pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), because discussion on the open record will be detrimental to our position, and also to discuss material exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243(1)(g), pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). R. Emrich seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote to go into closed session are as follows:

- R. Emrich – Yes
- K. Houston – Yes
- K. Lawrence-Webster - Yes
- D. Middleton – Yes
- M. Morrissey – Yes
- M. Nash – Yes
- M. Rowley – Yes
- R. E. Selby - Yes
- E. Wacksman - Yes

The results of the roll call vote were 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board recessed briefly at 8:00 p.m.

The closed session began at 8:12 p.m.

The Board went back into open session at 9:50 p.m.

BOARD ACTION (BA5169)

R. Emrich made a motion that the Board accept the recommendation of legal counsel. M. Nash seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Rowley adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary

