

Delta College
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Virtually via Zoom (1-989-205-6099 Webinar ID 832 2774 7366)
Held virtually in accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
5:15 pm

Board Present	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, A. Cramer, M. Crawmer, C. Curtis, S. DuFresne, A. Elias, K. Ellison, L. Govitz, S. Harrison, D. McQuiston, S. Raube, K. Rische, E. Roth, S. Shinkel, K. Schuler, A. Ursuy
Press Present	None
Call to Order	Board Chair, M. Nash read a meeting overview at 5:20 pm.

Good evening,

I would like to take a minute to explain how I will run this evening's meeting.

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 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 5:23 pm.

**Board Member
Attendance**

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

M. Benecke – Present, Frankenlust Township, Bay County, Michigan
A. Buckley – Present, City of Midland, Midland County, Michigan
S. Gannon – Present, Jerome Township, Midland County, Michigan
D. Middleton – Present, Williams Township, Bay County, Michigan
M. Nash – Present, Larkin Township, Midland County, Michigan
M. Rowley – Present, City of West Des Moines Urdandale, Polk County, Iowa
M. Thomas – Present, Saginaw Township, Saginaw County, Michigan

Approval of Agenda

Board Chair, M. Nash, called for the approval of the agenda. M. Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Benecke seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

M. Benecke – Yes
A. Buckley – Yes
S. Gannon – 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.

Trustee, R. Emrich joined the meeting. R. Emrich indicated his presence, township or city, county, and state in which he was participating in the meeting.

R. Emrich – Present, Saginaw Township, Saginaw County, Michigan

Approval of Presidential Search Timeline (BA5363)

Board Chair, M. Nash, called for the approval of the Presidential Search Timeline. R. Emrich made a motion to approve the Presidential Search Timeline. M. Benecke seconded the motion.

M. Nash reviewed the timeline with the Trustees. He noted that a website dedicated to the presidential search has been created to be transparent and allow the public to get regular updates.

ACCT, the consulting firm for the presidential search was consulted in creating this timeline.

M. Benecke asked about the, “Board visits #1 candidate institution...” on the timeline. It is marked optional but highly recommended. R. Emrich being the only trustee present when the search was conducted for Dr. Goodnow noted that the Board at that time, felt they could see how a person was operating in their area as well as their circumstances. It provided some validity and was done for the top three candidates.

Several trustees noted their desire to keep things flexible moving forward in regards to the visits.

M. Benecke suggested a friendly amendment to read “Board visits candidates” institution...” R. Emrich being the maker of the original motion agreed to the friendly amendment. M. Benecke being the one who seconded the original motion also agreed to the friendly amendment.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

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.

Approval of Presidential Search Advisory Committee (BA5364)

Board Chair, M. Nash, shared with the Board the makeup of the 2005 Presidential Search Advisory Committee along with the pros and cons. The same was done for the proposed committee makeup for this search.

M. Nash provided a list of the proposed committee members including:

Students: Robert Fulco and Mackenzie Uhl

Employee Leadership: Chris, Curtis, Anne Elias, Tom Kienbaum and Stacey Shinkel

Employee Members At-Large: Dan Allen, Loyce Brown, Daisy McQuiston, Mark Mitchell and Shelly Raube

Board of Trustees: Mary Lou Benecke, Robert Emrich and Marcia Thomas

Foundation Board: David Morley and Tina Van Dam

Community: Diane Postler-Slattery, Steve Bigelow and Monica Reyes

Board Chair, M. Nash called for the approval of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. R. Emrich made a motion to approve the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. M. Rowley seconded the motion.

There was some discussion as to whether the compensation piece would be done by the Presidential Search Advisory Committee or if the Board's Evaluation and Compensation committee would do that work. M. Benecke noted the desire to keep the objectives of the committee clean. M. Rowley asked that we check with ACCT to see how they would like us to proceed.

M. Rowley noted the wonderful slate of committee members and the hard work that went into building this committee.

D. Middleton also noted the great slate but indicated that it is light on business employers.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

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

M. Rowley noted the great work that has been done thus far.

M. Benecke thanked M. Nash for his work in pulling this committee together.

D. Middleton noted the awesome work that has been done.

R. Emrich thanked M. Nash for his work.

M. Thomas noted the great support for moving forward.

A. Buckley noted the great work that M. Nash has completed in a short amount of time.

S. Gannon noted a job well done and said that the rest of the trustees are here to support this effort.

Chair Comments

M. Nash thanked everyone for their involvement and noted that he is really excited for this great opportunity for the College and the community.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Board Chair, M. Nash adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.

Talisa Brown, Assistant Board Secretary