

Springfield Technical Community College
Audit Committee Report
October 13, 2020

Present: Acting Chair Steven Grande, STCC Board of Trustees; Michael Cosgrove and Lisa DiGiusto, O'Connor & Drew PC; Karen Smith, CohnReznick; Shinead Vasquez, Appleton Corporation; Dr. John Cook, Edmund Rutkowski, Dorothy Ungerer, Jason Cohen and Keith Paul. Acting Chair Steven Grande called the meeting of the Audit Committee to order at 4:30 p.m.

Required Communications, Financial Statements Highlights for STCC & STCC Foundation

Michael Cosgrove, Partner and Lisa DiGiusto, Audit Manager from O'Connor & Drew PC, presented the FY 2020 Required Communications and Financial Statements to the Audit Committee. O'Connor and Drew performed both the audit for STCC as well as the STCC Foundation this year.

O'Connor and Drew PC issued an unmodified opinion on both the STCC and the STCC Foundation financial statements and noted there were no material weaknesses/significant deficiencies within the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters. There were no uncorrected misstatements, no disagreements with management, and no difficulties encountered in performing the audit. Mr. Cosgrove pointed out that no new accounting policies were adopted and application of existing policies were not changed this year. He thanked the management team for their cooperation during the audit process.

A prior period adjustment of OPEB resulted in an approximate \$146,000 decrease in prior year unrestricted net position. In addition, Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) were awarded to the College totaling approximately \$3,845,000. Of this, \$991,000 was spent in FY20 for emergency grants to students.

Mr. Cosgrove noted that O'Connor & Drew consulted with the auditors for the Massachusetts State Employee's Retirement Plan and State Retirees' Benefit Trust (KPMG) as well as the Assistance Corporation auditors (CohnReznick) to complete this audit.

Springfield Technical Community College Assistance Corporation

Karen Smith, Audit Partner from CohnReznick presented a draft copy of the FY 2020 Financial Statements for the STCC Assistance Corporation. CohnReznick issued an unmodified opinion on the STCCAC financial statements and noted there were no material weaknesses/significant deficiencies on Internal Control.

[Motion] FY 2019 Financial Statements and Audit

Trustee Grande moved that the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees Audit Committee, pursuant to the provision of Section 22, Chapter 15A, moves to recommend to the Board of Trustees Committee on Ways and Means the approval of the FY2020 Financial Statements and Audit as presented.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Carolyn deLiefde