

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING
Scibelli Hall, Building 2, 7th Floor

Monday, June 27, 2016
5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Christopher Johnson, Chair of the STCC Board of Trustees
Benigno Padilla III, Student Trustee
Debra Kaylor, Vice Chair of the STCC Board of Trustees
Daniel Moen, Secretary of the STCC Board of Trustees
William Abrashkin
Maria Gonçalves
Eric Hagopian
Rosa Maldonado-Brown
MacArthur Starks, Jr.

Also Present: Ira H. Rubenzahl, President
Michelle LeDoux, Staff Assistant, Office of the President
Michael Suzor, Assistant to the President, Office of the President
Arlene Rodríguez, Vice President, Academic Affairs
Joseph DaSilva, Vice President of Administration/CFO, Administrative Services
Joan Nadeau, Senior Director, Human Resources and EBOC
John Reynolds, Events Planner, Facilities Department
Nick Camerota, Professor/Representative, STCC Professional Association
Louisa Davis-Freeman, Dean, Admissions Office
Jonathan Tudryn, Controller, Administrative Services
Leona Ittleman, Dean, School of Business and Information Technologies
Erica Eynouf, Staff/Adjunct/Representative, STCC Professional Association
Jeremiah Riordon, Interim Vice President of Workforce Training
Matthew Gravel, Dean, Enrollment Management
Maureen Socha, Senior Director, Facilities Department

Excused Absences: Steven Grande
Franklin Quigley

I. Call to Order

Trustee Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 25, 2016

Trustee Moen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2016, seconded by Trustee Kaylor, and unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 23, 2016

Trustee Padilla moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2016, seconded by Trustee Gonçalves, and unanimously approved.

IV. Trustee Committee Reports

Committee on Internal and External Relations

[Committee Report] No meeting held in June.

Committee on Ways and Means

1. [Committee Report] Due to a lack of quorum, the committee did not meet in May as previously scheduled.
2. [Committee Report] The Committee on Ways and Means met today, Monday, June 27, 2016 for the purpose of approving the budget for FY '17. Trustee Kaylor, committee chair, reported that the day to day numbers, and the cash flow projections are in line as they are expected to be at the end of June. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October. Trustee Abrashkin moved to approve the committee report, seconded by Trustee Padilla, and unanimously approved.

V. [MOTION 2016-23] Approval of FY 2017 Budget

Trustee Kaylor moved the following:

[MOVE]

That the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees, pursuant to the provision of Section 22, Chapter 15A, approves the FY2017 College Spending Plan and the FY2017 Trust Fund Budgets, and further authorizes the President of the College and/or his designee(s) to take any and all prudent steps necessary to award contracts for capital projects.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gonçalves, and unanimously approved.

VI. [MOTION #2016-24] Approval of Appointment of Joseph DaSilva as Interim President

Trustee Padilla moved to approve the following:

[MOVE]

That the Board of Trustees of Springfield Technical Community College approves the appointment of Joseph DaSilva as Interim President from the time that Ira Rubenzahl leaves office to the time that John Cook begins his tenure as President.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Starks, and unanimously approved.

Christopher Johnson, Chair of the STCC Board of Trustees, stated that the appointment was subject to approval by the Board of Higher Education. Trustee Johnson spoke with Commissioner Santiago via conference and will be sending an official letter requesting the appointment of Joseph DaSilva as Interim President for the month of July.

VII. [MOTION #2016-25] Approval of Declaration of 50th Anniversary Year of STCC
Trustee Maldonado-Brown made a motion to approve the following:

[MOVE]

That Board of Trustees of Springfield Technical Community College approves the Declaration of the 50th Anniversary Year of the institution, as September 9, 2016, to September 11, 2017.

Trustee Abrashkin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. President's Report

President Rubenzahl reported that today, Monday, June 27, 2016 is Joan Nadeau's last day of employment with the College. Joan will work with the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Jeremiah Riordon has been hired as Interim Vice President of Workforce Training. Nick Camerota, President of the STCC Professional Association is retiring on Jul 6 31, 2016. On a personal note, Ira stated that he enjoyed being at the College. The Board of Trustees supported him and allowed him to do his job through difficult times, and even with controversies and emergencies. There will be some challenges due to some of our programs in need of updating. Ira wished the Board of Trustees a successful trajectory with the new President.

XI. Chair's Report

Trustee Johnson shared that he and President Rubenzahl are meeting with potential board members and will be submitting names to the Governor's office by the end of the week in order to secure appointments to the Board during the summer. Trustee Johnson stated he had approved an advance in housing allowance for Dr. Cook. The Board of Trustees thanked and wished Ira well on his retirement and said that Ira would be missed.

XII. Farewell and Thank You to Trustee Moen and Student Trustee Benigno Padilla, III

Trustee Daniel Moen and Student Trustee Padilla were presented with proclamations read by Christopher Johnson, Chair of the STCC Board of Trustees. Trustee Johnson noted that Trustee Moen was a graduate of Quinsigamond Community College and that he is currently employed with Trinity Health New England. Trustee Moen thanked the Board and stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board, because he believes in the community college mission. It has been a life changing experience for Trustee Moen. He stated that due to professional responsibilities it would be difficult to continue serving on the Board of Trustees, and to do so effectively. Trustee Johnson said that Student Trustee, Benigno Padilla was beyond dedicated. He shared the concerns of his fellow students. The Board wished Ben success as he transitions to the Elms College. Ben thanked the Board and stated that it was great working with everyone.

XIII. Date of Next Board Meeting and Annual Retreat – Friday, September 30, 2016

The next regular meeting and the annual retreat will be held on Friday, September 30, 2016.

XIV. Adjournment

Trustee Gonçalves moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m., seconded by Trustee Moen, and unanimously approved.



Christopher C. Johnson
Chair
STCC Board of Trustees