

**SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 22, 2020

*Zoom/Live Streamed via STCC YouTube Channel
5:00 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Present at Roll Call: Marikate Murren, Chair
Jynai McDonald, Secretary
Steve Grande, Trustee
Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito, Trustee
Eric Hagopian, Trustee
Jeff Sattler - Trustee
William Johnson, Trustee
Vicky Crouse, Trustee (arrived after roll call)
MacArthur Starks, Jr., Trustee (arrived after roll call)

Unable to attend: Frank Quigley, Vice Chair
Yanira Aviles, Student Trustee

Also Present: Dr. John B. Cook, President;
Maurice Lindsay, Alumni Trustee
Alessande Anderson, Student Trustee

I. **Call to Order (audio not available)

Due to technical difficulties with streaming connection, the meeting started twenty-one minutes later than scheduled. Chair, Marikate Murren called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

II. **Roll Call (audio not available)

Nine out of Eleven Trustees attended the meeting, constituting a quorum.

III. Approval of Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – May 18, 2020

Trustee William Johnson moved to approve the minutes from May 18, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Sposito, and unanimously approved through roll call.

IV. Trustee Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – Friday, June 12, 2020

Chair Marikate Murren reviewed the presidential evaluation process with the Board, including the four Trustees who constituted the Ad Hoc Committee. A draft 2019-2020 Presidential evaluation was developed, and included consideration of the President’s self assessment as well as a review of the evaluation from last year. Last year’s evaluation included eleven goals; for purposes of the 2019-2020 evaluation, those goals were assessed using five focal areas. The draft evaluation was shared individually with each Trustee, with feedback and input sought. The approved evaluation will be sent to Commissioner Santiago by June 30, 2020.

[MOTION 2020-10] Presidential Evaluation:

Trustee Eric Hagopian moved: That the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees approves the 2019-2020 Presidential Evaluation as discussed, consistent with the Commonwealth’s Open Meeting Law (OML) requirements, M.G.L. c30A,SS 18-25, and the Attorney General’s regulations, educational materials and advisories.

Trustee William Johnson seconded the motion, and unanimously approved through roll call.

Committee on Ways and Means– Monday, June 15, 2020

Committee on Ways and Means Chair Mac Starks informed the full Board of the Ways and Means meeting held on Monday, June 15. Committee Chair Starks noted points discussed at the meeting. Summer enrollment is projecting on budget, which includes a projected decline. The FY 2020 Facilities Projects budget shows that \$3.5 million was not yet spent due to a number of factors related to COVID 19, and the length of time for project studies, etc. The money is rolled over to FY 2021. In regards to the Value Stream initiative, Trustees encouraged further efforts and efficiencies, including considering whether and if a consultant would still be helpful. The Committee on Ways and Means approved the recommendation to move the FY 2021 Budget to the full Board for approval:

MOTION 2020-08] FY 2021 Budget:

Trustee Jynai McDonald moved: That the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees pursuant to the provision of Section 22, Chapter 15A, approves the FY 2021 College Spending Plan and the FY 2021 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.

Trustee Eric Hagopian seconded the motion, and unanimously approved through roll call.

V. **President's Perspective**

President Cook expressed his gratitude to Trustees, and for the Presidential evaluation process, seeing the discussions as constructive conversations, with feedback and support that is appreciated. Dr. Cook noted that new incoming Trustees will receive a copy of the Presidential Evaluation.

Further perspective included COVID 19 considerations: the college is still remote, both with operations and instructional. With Massachusetts in Phase II, small piloting is taking place which includes approximately 40 students, and eight faculty and staff (these are helping programs complete Spring Semester). In a week, Dr. Cook will provide the campus and Trustees with an update regarding the continuation of remote operations.

Also discussed was the potential for a reduction in State support, which would have a significant budget impact. As an example, in 2010 the state suffered a \$1 billion budget deficit (inflation adjusted), which resulted in an approximately 6% budget reduction in state support to STCC. Massachusetts is currently projecting a \$6 billion budget deficit due to the impacts of COVID 19.

VI. ****Chair's Report – Marikate Murren (audio and video not available)**

Chair Marikate Murren presented the revised 2020-2021 Board of Trustees Meetings schedule. In response to suggestions from the full Board to continue meeting during the summer due to COVID 19, the previously approved scheduled was revised to add Ways and Means Meetings, one in July and one in August, as well as an addition full Board Meeting in August

[MOTION 2020-11] Revised Board of Trustees Meetings Calendar:

Trustee Steve moved: That the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees approve the revised 2020-2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar.

Trustee Elizabeth Sposito seconded the motion, and unanimously approved through roll call.

VII. ****Old Business (audio and video not available) – None**

VIII. **New Business (audio and video not available)

President Cook introduced the recently elected Trustees, Student Trustee Alessande Anderson, and Alumni Trustee Maurice G. Lindsay '92. Both Trustees were present at the meeting and each offered greetings to the Board.

- IX. Date of next Board of Trustees meeting** – Upon approval of revised schedule at today's meeting, the next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, August 24, 2020
- X. Adjournment** – Meeting called to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. moved by Trustee Elizabeth Sposito, seconded by Trustee William Johnson and unanimously approved through roll call.

(*/**) Due to technical difficulties streaming through YouTube, there were gaps in the audio and video made available to the public. Regrettably the recording was also affected. Gaps in the video are noted with ** in this set of minutes. It is not a remedy in relation to the Open Meeting Law, but the Zoom-recorded meeting was uploaded after the fact to the STCC YouTube channel.



Marikate Murren
Chair, STCC Board of Trustees