



**SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

REGULAR MEETING

Garvey Hall, Building 16, President's Conference Room

Monday, June 26, 2017
5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Christopher Johnson, Chair of the STCC Board of Trustees
Maria Crouse, Trustee
Steven Grande, Trustee
Eric Hagopian, Trustee
William Johnson, Trustee
Marikate Murren, Trustee
Monica Przybyla, Trustee
MacArthur Starks, Jr., Trustee

Also Present: Nicholas Camerota, Professor, Social Sciences Department
Dr. Barb Chalfonte, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness
Kamari Collins, Vice President of Student and Multicultural Affairs
Dr. John B. Cook, President
Rima Dael, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and
Foundation

Joseph DaSilva, Vice President of Administration/CFO
Brian Krawiec, STCC Student
Michelle LeDoux, Staff Assistant, Office of the President
Dr. Arlene Rodríguez, Vice President of Academic Affairs/CAO
Michael Suzor, Assistant to the President
Jonathan Tudryn, Controller
Dawn West, Executive Assistant to the President

Excused Absences: Debra Kaylor, Vice Chair of the STCC Board of Trustees
Rosa Maldonado-Brown, Trustee
Franklin Quigley, Trustee

I. Call to Order

Chair Christopher Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call/Quorum Call

The roll call was taken with the following STCC Board of Trustees present: Christopher Johnson, Steven Grande, William Johnson, Marikate Murren, Vicki Crouse, Eric Hagopian, MacArthur Starks, Jr., and Monica Przybyla. Chair Johnson announced that eight members were present and there was a quorum.

III. Tour of Biotechnology

Dr. John B. Cook announced that the Board of Trustees would tour the Biotechnology Program. He reported that 20 students were enrolled in the Spring 2017 semester, half of whom are women, and noted other demographics (50 percent White, 30 percent Hispanic, 10 percent Black, and 10 percent other). Chair Christopher Johnson recessed the meeting at 5:05 p.m. for the Board of Trustees, staff, and guests to Building 2 for a tour of the Biotechnology program. Dr. Lisa Rapp, Biotechnology Program Chair; Dr. Dawn Tamarkin, Biological Sciences Department Chair; and Dr. Robert Dickerman, Dean, School of Science and Engineering Transfer, conducted the tour. Exhibit 1: Biotechnology Program Overview offers detailed information on this program.

The Board reconvened at 5:50 p.m. and continued with the remaining items on the agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 22, 2017

Trustee Steven Grande moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2017, seconded by Trustee Eric Hagopian, and unanimously approved.

V. Trustee/Committee Reports

Committee on Internal/External Relations

The Committee on Internal/External Relations did not have a meeting in June 2017.

Committee on Ways and Means

Chair Johnson reported that the College currently has approximately \$1,300,000 at TD Bank and plans to divest \$1,100,000 from the investment portfolio managed by Fiduciary Investment Advisors to TD Bank at the end of July 2017. The funds are expected to be reinvested in October 2017.

Chair Johnson summarized the Investment Subcommittee report presented at the Committee on Ways and Means meeting by Trustee MacArthur Starks, Jr. The Investment Subcommittee is considering adding socially responsible investments into the College's portfolio. Fiduciary Investment Advisors put together some scenarios for the College to consider, which included the TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity and Bond Funds. This topic will be discussed again at the September meeting, and it is expected that a recommendation will be made to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee William Johnson moved that the Board of Trustees of Springfield Technical Community College approve the Report on the Committee on Ways and Means meeting of June 26, 2017. Trustee MacArthur Starks, Jr. seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

VI. Motion 2017-14 Approval of the Granting of Tenure

Trustee Hagopian moved that the Board of Trustees of Springfield Technical Community College approve the Granting of Tenure, as detailed in Exhibit A (of said motion). Trustee Przybyla seconded the motion.

Dr. John B. Cook referenced the various documents in Exhibit 3: Motion 2017-14 – STCC Board of Trustees – Approval of the Granting of Tenure and stated that there is strong support for all of these choices. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

VII. President's Report

Dr. John B. Cook conveyed his gratitude for the budget process having taken place in May. He explained that the Commonwealth has not approved the budget for collective bargaining. He noted that this is important because sometimes this expense is unfunded and can be substantial (\$300,000).

Dr. Cook reported that the STCC Foundation has bid on some parcels of land that are in close proximity to the College and owned by the City of Springfield. This land would be used for additional parking (100 spaces initially). He pointed out that the STCC Foundation was the sole bidder and we will wait for the City of Springfield to do their due diligence. He expressed his appreciation to Rima Dael, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and Foundation, and Michael Suzor, Assistant to the President, for their efforts in this process.

Dr. Cook referenced Exhibit 4: Letter of Understanding to the Springfield Armory National Historic Site regarding K Lot parking dated June 22, 2017. He stated that the Letter of Understanding was a result of small but important negotiations between STCC and the National Park Service regarding the expansion of the current K Lot parking area. The letter stipulates that the Rifle Range (along Pearl Street) will be demolished to support the expansion of the K Lot parking area from 25 to 30 spaces to 150 parking spaces. Dr. Cook explained that the trade-off is that STCC will refrain from any parking on the Campus Green.

Dr. Cook reported that there have been two recent gas leaks on campus. The first, on Friday, June 9, was a result of a National Park Service construction project and the most recent one, on Friday, June 23, was a result of a College construction project. Dr. Cook explained that these are unfortunate occurrences; however, when construction work involving infrastructure is underway, things sometimes happen.

Dr. Cook announced two Save the Dates: (1) The Springfield Puerto Rican Parade, sponsored in part by STCC, will take place on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Dr. Cook invited the Trustees to attend and march with the STCC contingent. (2) The STCC Board of Trustees Meeting and Annual Retreat will take place on Friday, September 29, 2017. Dr. Cook will work with Chair Johnson on the retreat agenda and location. Details will be forthcoming.

VIII. Old Business/New Business

Approval of the 2017-2018 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule - Trustee William Johnson moved to approve the 2017-2018 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule. Trustee Monica Przybyla seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

IX. Chair's Report

Farewell and thank you to Student Trustee Monica Przybyla – Chair Johnson thanked all of the STCC Board of Trustees and stated that it was gratifying to see everyone involved, especially with Dr. John B. Cook's first year as President. He congratulated Student Trustee Monica Przybyla on her graduation from STCC on June 1, 2017. Dr. John B. Cook presented Trustee Przybyla with her framed trustee portrait. Chair Johnson read a proclamation on behalf of the STCC Board of Trustees. Trustee Przybyla announced that she would be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall and plans to major in biochemistry and molecular chemistry. She thanked everyone for a wonderful experience on the STCC Board of Trustees.

X. Date of Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting and annual retreat will take place on Friday, September 29, 2017.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. seconded by Trustee Hagopian and approved unanimously.

Christopher C. Johnson
Chair, STCC Board of Trustees