

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING
Scibelli Hall, Building 2, 7th Floor

Monday, November 23, 2015
5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Maria Gonçalves, Chair
Chris Johnson, Vice-Chair
Benigno Padilla III, Student Trustee
William Abrashkin
Steven Grande
Rosa Maldonado-Brown
Daniel Moen
Denise Pagán-Vega

Also Present: 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
Robert LePage, Vice President of Foundation and Training Workforce Options
Kamari Collins, Interim Vice President of Student and Multicultural Affairs
Joan Nadeau, Senior Director of Human Resources
John Reynolds, Events Planner, Facilities Department
Nick Camerota, Professor/Representative, STCC Professional Association
Brando Poe, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

Excused Absences: Ira Rubenzahl, President
Eric Hagopian
Debra Kaylor

I. Call to Order

Trustee Gonçalves called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 26, 2015

Trustee Moen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2015, seconded by Trustee Johnson and unanimously approved (*Attachment #1*).

III. Trustee Committee Reports

Committee on Internal and External Relations

[Committee Report] Meeting held on Monday, November 16, 2015

Trustee Pagán-Vega provided a summary on the committee meeting. The presentation on the Gateway to College high school program by Jennifer Sanchez, Interim Director, focused on retention and completion rates. Joan Nadeau, Senior Director of Human Resources, reported on the new hires.

Trustee Pagán-Vega moved to approve the committee report, seconded by Trustee Abrashkin and unanimously approved.

Committee on Ways and Means

[Committee Report] Meeting held on Monday, November 9, 2015

Paul Stelzer, President of Appleton Corporation gave a presentation on the STCC Assistance Corporation during the Committee on Ways and Means meeting, addressing the “going concern” and outstanding invoices. The FY ’16 budget was revised. There were reductions in student fee revenues due to a drop in enrollment. Trustee Johnson stated that water and sewer rates have increased and gave an overview of the cash flow projections. Monies from reserves have been returned to the Fiduciary Investment Advisors. Due to market conditions the quarter ending on September 30, 2015 was not the best quarter. Even though there was an unexpected drop in enrollment, the college finished the year with a surplus. The objective is to keep expenses down and to increase capital without having to eliminate personnel. The Foundation will support the college by contributing \$250,000. Bob LePage, Vice President of Foundation and Training Workforce Options, confirmed that the funds are available. Trustee Abrashkin moved to approve the committee reported, seconded by Trustee Pagán-Vega and unanimously approved.

IV. [MOTION] Authorization to Contact Governor Baker to Encourage a Resolution of the MCCC/MTA Contract

Trustee Maria Goncalves moved to approve the following:

[MOVE]

That the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees, authorizes the Chair of the Board of Trustees, to write to the Honorable Charlie Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth, to encourage a resolution of the MCCC/MTA contract.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and it unanimously approved.

V. [MOTION] Approval of MOU between STCC Board of Trustees and the STCC Foundation

Trustee Pagán-Vega moved to approve the following:

[MOVE]

That the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the STCC Board of Trustees and the STCC Foundation Board, and further authorizes the Chair of the Board of Trustees to sign the document on behalf of the Board.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Padilla and unanimously approved.

VI. Old Business

No old business.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. President’s Report

President Rubenzahl was not present.

IX. Chair's Report

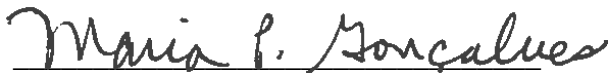
Trustee Gonçalves introduced Steven Grande, the newest Governor-appointed member to the STCC Board of Trustees. Mr. Grande is a retired Springfield Police Officer and is President of Meridian Industrial Group, LLC, a manufacturing business located in Holyoke.

X. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the STCC Board of Trustees is scheduled to convene on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Scibelli Hall, building 2, rooms 701-702, directly following the Committee on Internal and External Relations meeting.

XI. Adjournment

Trustee Moen moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m., seconded by Trustee Abrashkin and unanimously approved.



Maria P. Gonçalves
Chair
STCC Board of Trustees