

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #512
COUNTIES OF COOK, KANE, LAKE, AND McHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Wednesday, October 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chair Pat Stack on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wojcik Conference Center Amphitheater, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Greg Dowell, Diane Hill, Herb Johnson, Bill Kelley, Nancy Robb, Pat Stack, and Student Member Pahul Mal.

Absent: Member Walt Mundt

Also present: Dr. Avis Proctor; Mike Barzacchini, Director Marketing Services; President; Laura Brown, Vice President and Chief Advancement Officer; Orlando Cabrera, Technical Support Specialist; Meg Coney, Administrative Coordinator; Sue Contarino, Interim Chief Information Officer; Dr. Maria Coons, Vice President of Strategic Alliances and Innovation/Board Liaison; Dr. Kathy Coy, Director of Institutional Research; Rob Galick, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services; Bob Grapenthien, Controller; Dr. Travaris Harris, Interim Associate Provost; Dr. MaryAnn Janosik, Provost; Dr. Tamara Johnson, VP of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Jeff Julian, Chief of Staff; Rick Kellerman, Specialist-Network; Dr. Claudia Mercado, Associate Provost Student Affairs; Kurt Metzger, Deputy Chief of Police; Bob Parzy, Associate Provost Enrollment Services; Steve Petersen, Campus Architect; Carolynn Muci, Internal Communications Manager; Kim Pohl, Director of Communications; Darlene Schlenbecker, Vice President of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness via phone; Dr. Michelé Smith, Vice President of Workforce Solutions; Roger Spayer, Chief Human Resources Officer; Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director, Foundation.

Guests: Melissa Cayer, citizen

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen Cayer commented she feels unlikely she would experience extreme effects of catching the COVID virus.

DISCUSSION OF
FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Bob Grapenthien reviewed the FY2022 budget status.

Rob Galick previewed the process surrounding the Property Tax Levy in anticipation of the Board action at the November 17 meeting. The tax rate is determined when assessments are finalized in January.

Board members Bill Kelley, Herb Johnson and Student Trustee Pahul Mal reported on the sessions they attended at the 2021 ACCT

Leadership Congress. The theme was Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Chair Pat Stack will take some of their ideas for the March Board Workshop on diversity and enrollment. Trustee Johnson reported on the presentation he and Dr. Avis Proctor gave to a standing room only audience on *Building Leadership Bench Strength with a Focus on Student Success* – the President’s Leadership Academy. Student Trustee Mal reported he had a great experience getting to interact with other student trustees from across the country. He will investigate ways Harper students can easily connect with their student trustee. Trustee Kelley commented on the overall conference experience which was done safely in-person this year. The sessions he attended on how colleges handled the pandemic were very informative. Lorraine County Community College explained how they kept their food pantry open so students and others in the community could access needed items. He also learned from the general lunch session on “parent students” at community colleges and their unique struggles. Dr. Proctor commented on the legislative update session which focused on increasing support to needy students via increased PELL and the free community college tuition initiative in the Building Back Better legislation. The opening general session reminded attendees that the word “community” in community colleges sets them apart in a very unique and important way from universities which focus only on their students and not the community.

Dr. Proctor reported on continuing COVID mitigation efforts. The biggest challenge is getting students vaccinated. Faculty and staff will be increasing their on-campus presence to three days per week in November. Spring semester schedule consists of 70-75% on campus/hybrid classes.

Dr. Maria Coons reviewed the October 27 Board packet. She will send to the Trustees the marked-up draft of the Memorandum of the Agreement between the Educational Foundation/Board of Trustees showing all changes being recommended.

FORMAL ACTIONS

No formal actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Hill moved, Member Johnson seconded, adjournment at 6:28 p.m.

In a voice vote, motion carried.

Chair

Secretary