

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
November 16, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on November 16, 2020, via Zoom. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Kendra Beck, Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Lori Freudenberg, Michelle Garvin, Mike Gauss, Denise Hollonbeck, Milton Shaw, Bill Vetter. Absent: none.

Minutes from the October 19, 2020, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Andrea Rumler of Winkel Parker Foster, CPA PC, presented the FY 2020 Audit Report. She noted that the firm once again issued a clean opinion with no findings of material weakness or noncompliance.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to accept the FY 2020 Audit Report and place it on file. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Hollonbeck presented the IACCT report, noting that the IACCT Board and community college presidents interviewed four finalists for the IACCT executive director position on November 4. An offer has been made but not yet accepted; she will keep the Board informed. She also noted that IACCT's Trustee Leadership Conference last Friday was an outstanding virtual event; Directors D'Souza and Beck were also in attendance and agreed it was very informative.

Dr. Ellen Bluth, vice chancellor for workforce and economic development, presented the staff report. She reviewed the grants received in the last year, as well as those for which applications have been made and decisions are pending. She spoke about the numerous grants received by the ATEEC center, which is in its 27th year of service. Tom Arends, SCC automotive technology instructor, and Josh Webb, EICC AVR program manager, talked about a grant-funded program that brings AVR technology into CTE programs, focused on auto tech and HVAC.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Gauss moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the personnel list as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Bluth presented one Chapter 260E preliminary agreement with TapOnIt in the amount of \$400,000; and three Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements, with North Region Learning Consortium in the amount of \$11,500; SMS Group in the amount of \$2,200; and Tyson Fresh Meats in the amount of \$32,000.

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Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve the Chapter 260E and Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to reschedule the public hearing for the SCC Culinary Arts Patio project to 7:00 p.m. on December 21, 2020, via Zoom.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 3 from Todd Hackett Construction, in the amount of \$972, for the MCC Strahan Hall Window and Door Replacement project was presented for approval.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Gauss, to approve the change order. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2020, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

Director Freudenberg moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to acknowledge receipt of the reports and to place them on file. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Copies of the bills had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Board members were asked to approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Director Gauss, an employee of Kent Corporation, recused himself from approval of the payment to Kent. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher noted that the pre-meeting workshop on CTE expansion had been very informative and the information was appreciated. Director Hollonbeck expressed her appreciation for the clean audit.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette noted that the Emergency Preparedness Team continues to meet twice weekly, asking each time if we can continue to safely keep the campuses open as we are operating, open for essential services and learning with rotational staffing. At this point, the team believes we can and continues to assess the situation regularly.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on December 21, 2020, via Zoom.

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President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President