

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
December 21, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on December 21, 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, Bill Vetter. Absent: Michelle Garvin, Mike Gauss, Denise Hollonbeck, Milton Shaw.

The Board had scheduled a public hearing on the SCC Culinary Arts Outdoor Patio project. The project was temporarily postponed, and the Board was asked to reschedule the hearing later in the meeting.

Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Workshop Meeting on December 16, 2020, and the December 16, 2020, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve the Committee of the Whole Workshop minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Completion of the Agenda, the Board added two items under 10. Facilities Projects related to the SCC Culinary Arts Outdoor Patio project: authorize publication of notice to bidders, and reschedule the public hearing.

The Board recognized the four 2020 Emeritus Award recipients. Chancellor Don Doucette introduced each honoree and each spoke briefly about their time at EICC. The 2020 Emeritus Award recipients are Barbara Hixon, Faculty Emeritus; Robert Lipnick, Faculty Emeritus; Debora Goodall, Staff Emeritus; and Karen Vickers, Staff Emeritus.

In Director Hollonbeck's absence, Secretary Bedell reported for her that IACCT has hired Emily Shields as the new executive director. She will begin her duties on January 4 and is planning to visit the EICC Board meeting in February to begin getting acquainted.

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

Dr. Ellen Bluth, vice chancellor for economic and workforce development, presented five Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Davenport Public Library in the amount of \$9,878; Sivyer Steel Castings LLC in the amount of \$22,500; SSAB Iowa Inc in the

amount of \$7,425; Twin State Technical Services LTD in the amount of \$18,000; and Tyson Fresh Meats in the amount of \$34,500.

Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Freudenberg, to approve the Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve two contracts with TRANE US for projects at Clinton Community College: CCC TRANE Control/BCU and Ancillary Controls Replacement; and CC TRANE RTU Replacement.

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

Related to the SCC Culinary Arts Outdoor Patio project, Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to authorize publication of notice to bidders and to reschedule the public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on January 25, 2021, via Zoom. Ayes: a.. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Naomi DeWinter, MCC President and EICC Vice Chancellor for Student Development, and Dr. Joan Kindle, EICC Vice Chancellor for Education and Training, presented the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar for Board approval. They expressed their appreciation to the Academic Calendar Committee and reviewed the changes from past calendars.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to adopt the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar as proposed. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to adopt the annual resolution authorizing Chancellor Doucette and Secretary Bedell to represent the college’s interests to state government in the upcoming legislative session.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to adopt the resolution as stated. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chancellor Doucette provided a status update on the expansion of Career and Technical Education programming with area school districts. He noted that the decision to move forward with a bond referendum to fund facilities for this programming requires significant commitments from the school districts and that many of them have already approved and signed 28E agreements, with others expected to follow in the next three weeks. Approval of the 28E agreements by the EICCD Board, adoption of a resolution authorizing the bond referendum, and adoption of a resolution to retain a municipal

financial advisor were on the agenda for this meeting. The Board expressed its support for the regional career academies initiative and its intention to move forward with authorization of a bond referendum to support the initiative pending commitments from area school districts.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to defer action on the 28E agreements, authorization of bond referendum and municipal advisor resolution until January 13, 2021, at a special meeting to be called for the purpose of considering these items. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending November 30, 2020, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

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

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher thanked Chancellor Doucette for the presentation on expanding career and technical education and wished to all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Director Vetter thanked Chancellor Doucette for his work on the CTE initiative and noted it is critical to the future success of the college.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette expressed his wishes for a happy holiday to all.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 25, 2021, via Zoom. The Board agreed to schedule a Special Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 13, 2021, via Zoom to consider actions for the bond referendum to support CTE expansion.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to schedule a Special Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 13, 2021, via Zoom. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President