

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
February 15, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on February 15, 2021, 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.

The Board was asked to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. On roll call vote: Ayes: Beck, D'Souza, Freudenberg, Gallagher, Garvin, Gauss, Hollonbeck, Shaw, Vetter. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes from the January 25, 2021, Regular Board meeting had been provided to the Board members for their review. Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Hollonbeck introduced Emily Shields, new executive director of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT). Ms. Shields shared her love of community colleges from an early age and her professional background, commented how pleased she is to be representing the community colleges of Iowa, and talked about the focus of IACCT's work at this time. Director Hollonbeck noted that the IACCT board will decide soon if the summer conference, scheduled for July 21-23 in Sioux City, will be live or virtual, and asked Board members to share their preference with her. She also announced that IACCT is hiring a Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to serve the 15 community colleges. Director Hollonbeck attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit last week and reported the speakers were excellent and the interaction with Iowa's Congressional delegation was beneficial.

Chancellor Doucette noted that Ms. Shields has gotten off to a great start, and President Gallagher thanked her for speaking with the Board, offering their assistance to her moving forward. Director Beck also welcomed Ms. Shields and thanked Director Hollonbeck for her role in hiring an outstanding new executive director.

The first staff report focused on GEAR UP Iowa, a program designed to support underserved students beginning in junior high and going through their first year in college. Tishly Herrington, associate director for postsecondary transition, Brittany Beard, EICC GEAR UP coordinator, and Nathan Svare from Iowa College Aid

provided an overview of the program and its results, and MCC student and GEAR UP participant Emily Hernandez spoke about the personal benefits she has seen from being part of the GEAR UP program.

Alan Campbell, associate director of communications, provided an overview of the information campaign in support of the bond referendum scheduled for the March 2 special election.

The Board was asked to approve the FY2020-2021 Master Contract as ratified by the Eastern Iowa Higher Education Association.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the FY2020-2021 Master Contract. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was presented with a list of stipends for all full-time faculty and staff, which Chancellor Doucette described as a means of offering appreciation for their outstanding work over the past year to continue to serve students during the pandemic.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Freudenberg, to approve the stipends for full-time faculty and staff. Aye: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Hollonbeck 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 three Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Carver Pump in the amount of \$13,500; North Region Consortium in the amount of \$11,500; and Per Mar Security Service in the amount of \$16,380.

Director Gauss moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve contractual agreements: a Chapter 28E agreement with Muscatine Schools for career academies; memoranda of understanding for shared counselors between Clinton Community College and Calamus-Wheatland and Central DeWitt Schools and between CCC and Camanche and Northeast Schools; and a memorandum of understanding for a shared Latino outreach coordinator between Muscatine Community College and Muscatine Schools and Muscatine County Agricultural Extension.

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

The Board was presented with the FY2021-2022 Budget Estimate and was asked to authorize publication of the estimate and to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on March 8, 2021, via Zoom.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to authorize publication of the budget estimate and to set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on March 8, 2021, via Zoom. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending January 31, 2021, 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 Gauss, 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 Shaw moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, Director D'Souza remarked that the state's public universities are seeing similar enrollment patterns to the community colleges' for the spring term.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on March 8, 2021, via Zoom.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Approved:

Board President