

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
September 20, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on September 20, 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, Michelle Garvin, Mike Gauss, Denise Hollonbeck, Bill Vetter. Absent: Lori Freudenberg, Milton Shaw.

Minutes from the August 16, 2021, Regular and August 26, 2021, Special Board meetings had been provided to the Board members for their review. Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Gauss, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Hollonbeck presenting the IACCT report, noting that professional development for trustees is changing from monthly webinars to recordings of program reports at the IACCT board meetings that will be posted to the IACCT website. The board will meeting again during the first week of October.

Dr. Naomi DeWinter, MCC president and EICC vice chancellor for student development, presented an overview of five new resources for student success that have been implemented this fall: the Circle-In peer learning app; faculty-led study sessions; expanded student mental health services; a student connections program for new students; and enhanced direct aid to students.

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

The Board was asked to approve Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Barron Equipment Company, Inc. in the amount of \$22,336; Douglas Machine in the amount of \$6,500; Midfield Pattern Co. in the amount of \$7,800; North Region Consortium in the amount of \$17,250; and Sivyer Steel Casting LLC in the amount of \$32,500.

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

The Board was asked to approve two lease agreements: renewal of the MCC greenhouse lease; and a new lease with Cool Beanz for the SCC Urban Campus coffee shop.

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

The Board was asked to approve Change Order #2 from Bill Bruce Builders in the amount of \$904.10 on the SCC Culinary Arts Patio Addition.

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

The Board conducted a second reading of proposed revisions to Board Policy 823 – Freedom of Speech and Expression. As this was the second reading, the Board was asked to adopt the revised policy.

Director Gauss moved, seconded by Director Beck, to adopt the revised Board Policy 823 – Freedom of Speech and Expression. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was presented with a resolution of support for a grant application to the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce for equipment for new career and technical education facilities, pledging a 20 percent local match of \$196,905 and authorizing Chancellor Doucette to sign the application.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to adopt the resolution of support stating the 20 percent match, approving the application, and authorizing the Chancellor to sign the application. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending August 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 Hollonbeck, to acknowledge receipt of the reports and to place them on file. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette noted that EICC's COVID protocols have not changed and that the college is closely watching indicators and recent actions by the judiciary and federal administration related to masking, vaccination and testing.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 18 via Zoom.

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President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President