

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

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

The Board conducted a public hearing on four public improvement projects: CCC Main Building Boiler Replacement; CCC/MCC CTE Buildings Bid Package #4; CCC/MCC CTE Buildings Bid Package #5; and DeWitt CTE Building Bid Package #1. No one appeared to speak for or against any of the projects, and President Gallagher closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes from the November 15, 2021, Regular Board meeting and the November 29, 2021, had been provided to the Board members for their review. Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board conducted its biennial Organizational Meeting. Secretary Bedell reported on the official canvass of votes for the Regular School Election conducted on November 2, 2021. Debbie Tappendorf (District I), Tyla Sherwin-Cole (District II) and Jenny Boysen (District VI) were elected to the Board for the first time, and Mike Gauss (District VIII) was re-elected.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve a resolution naming Debbie Tappendorf, Tyla Sherwin-Cole, Jenny Boysen and Mike Gauss as duly elected directors in Districts I, II, VI and VIII, respectively. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The newly elected directors were presented with Certificates of Election and took the Oath of Office.

President Gallagher surrendered the chair to Secretary Bedell to conduct the election of officers. Secretary Bedell called for nominations for the office of President of the Board.

Director Beck nominated Robert H. Gallagher to serve as president. Director D'Souza seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Secretary Bedell called for the vote. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Director Gallagher was elected president.

Secretary Bedell called for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board. Director Vetter nominated Kendra Beck to serve as vice president. Director D'Souza

**seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Secretary Bedell called for the vote. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Director Beck was elected vice president.**

**Secretary Bedell administered the oath of office to President Gallagher and Vice President Beck.**

**President Gallagher deferred the appointment of the IACCT representative and alternate until January and asked anyone interested to contact himself, Chancellor Doucette or Secretary Bedell.**

**President Gallagher appointed Honey Bedell to serve as secretary and Suteesh Tandon to serve as treasurer and administered the oath of office to Ms. Bedell and Mr. Tandon.**

**Chancellor Doucette recommended that the Board continue its Regular Meeting time, date and place as 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at 101 West Third Street, Davenport, Iowa, with the exception of January (fourth Monday), March (second Monday), and November (second Monday).**

**Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Sherwin-Cole, to adopt the meeting schedule as recommended. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board returned to Regular Session.**

**Chancellor Doucette introduced Shari Ruehling, EICC's veteran student affairs coordinator, who presented the staff report with SCC veteran student Kent Gullion. Mr. Gullion described the activities offered by the veteran student clubs at each of the three colleges and their plans for the spring semester. Board members thanked Mr. Gullion for the presentation and for his service to our country.**

**Chancellor Doucette presented the revised EICC Statement of Core Values for adoption by the Board. The statement had been considered last month, and the Board asked the task force members to consider adding an explicit reference to "academic excellence."**

**Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Beck, to adopt the revised Statement of Core Values as presented. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

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

**Dr. Ellen Bluth, vice chancellor for economic and workforce development, presented four Chapter 260E preliminary agreements: Plastics Unlimited in the amount of**

**\$215,000; Rockdale Locker in the amount of \$100,000; Union Tank Car Company in the amount of \$225,000; and Uniparts Olsen in the amount of \$105,000.**

**She also presented one Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreement: Republic Companies in the amount of \$13,325.**

**Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Sherwin-Cole, to approve the Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to approve a contractual agreement: renewal of the public access television agreement with Muscatine Power & Water.**

**Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Tappendorf, to approve the contractual agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Bids had been received for four public improvement projects, and the following contract award recommendations were made:**

- CCC Main Building Boiler Project – Ragan Mechanical with the low bid of \$99,875**
- CCC CTE Building Bid Package #4 – Conference Technologies Inc. with the low bid of \$91,107**
- MCC CTE Building Bid Package #4 – Conference Technologies Inc. with the low bid of \$105,105**
- CCC CTE Building Bid Package #5 – Estes Construction with the sole bid of \$148,900**
- MCC CTE Building Bid Package #5 – Estes Construction with the sole bid of \$137,500**
- DeWitt CTE Building Bid Package #1 – Tri-City Ironworks, Inc. with the low bid of \$1,150,900**

**Director Garvin moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to award the contracts as recommended. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to approve Change Order #1 from Point Builders on the CCC CTE Building project, a reduction in the amount of \$7,080.**

**Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Garvin, to approve the change order. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Dr. Naomi DeWinter, MCC president and EICC vice chancellor for student development, presented the 2022-23 Academic Calendar for Board approval. She explained the calendar committee’s work and the considerations that went into development of the**

**calendar, and noted that they are working on the 2023-24 Academic Calendar for Board approval in early 2022.**

**Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Sherwin-Cole, to approve the 2022-23 Academic Calendar. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Financial reports for the month ending November 30, 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 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 provided 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 Garvin, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher welcomed the three new Board members, thanked them for their interest in serving, and encouraged them to call him with any questions.**

**During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette also welcomed the three new Board members and noted that it has been his pleasure to serve with such a good board. He noted that he has been meeting with area legislators in advance of the January legislative session and that the Iowa community colleges are pursuing a joint agenda of an increase in both state general aid and workforce development funding. He said that the college is watching closely the increase in COVID cases in the region, and while no changes in protocol have been made for now, administrators will reassess the situation in January before the start of the spring term. He reported that administration has been advised by legal counsel to be prepared to implement the OSHA mandatory vaccination or testing mandate and that a message to all employees about that will go out tomorrow.**

**The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 24, 2022 via Zoom.**

**President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.**

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**Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary**

**Approved:**

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**Board President**