

Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Napier Campus
Executive Board Room – Mendel Center
May 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tomasini called the Special Meeting of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Maysick, Ms. Truesdell, Mr. Small, Ms. Tomasini, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lindley, Mr. Bergan
Absent: None

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda stands as presented.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

None

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Aid Update - Mr. Doug Schaffer

Mr. Schaffer addressed the Board in response to an alleged noncompliance with the College's financial aid. Mr. Schaffer explained that after the allegations were made, a legal firm was brought in to review its most recent assessment, and found no problems. Mr. Schaffer also said LMC certainly isn't in jeopardy of not being able to award financial aid, or offer federal loans, or participate in the federal work-study program.

Discussion

The Board of Trustees complimented the Financial Aid staff on their quick work and thorough report out.

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Relations – Ms. Leslie Kellogg

Ms. Kellogg reported on the positive feedback from the Higher Learning Commission, stating that there has been no Board intrusion, the Board handled the situation professionally, and that the organization has no plans to get involved in the issue. She noted that the relationship with the HLC and Lake Michigan College has not been damaged in any way.

Naming of Interim President/Acting CEO

With the termination of Dr. Jennifer Spielvogel, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Robert Harrison as President Emeritus Acting CEO of Lake Michigan College. Dr. Harrison will take over the role effective Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

When making the announcement, Ms. Tomasini stipulated that Dr. Harrison's appointment will be at a part time level not to exceed thirty hours a week, until a president is hired. She stated that the Board is pleased that Dr. Harrison has agreed to accept this appointment, and noted

that Dr. Harrison brings strong leadership skills, is active in the community, and has an excellent relationship with faculty and staff.

Ms. Tomasini commented that during this time the Board will evaluate what direction it wishes to pursue in the appointment of a permanent president. Ms. Tomasini also stated that the Board is moving together in the same direction, and we need to keep the process going.

Comments:

Ms. Truesdell expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Board of Trustees for Dr. Harrison going above and beyond for Lake Michigan College.

Presentation to BOT from Presidential Search Finalist Mr. Rob Spohr

Mr. Rob Spohr gave his presentation on *The Past – The Future*. Mr. Spohr stated to the Board that his dissertation is titled, *What Does the Future of Community Colleges Look Like to Train the Workforce of the Future?*

Mr. Spohr explained that long distance learning is important and can be a learning tool. He also stated that in order to team build and take Lake Michigan College to the next level, we need to get everyone going in the same direction. Goals need to be laid out, along with the specifics of what we're going to do. In response to an aging population, Mr. Spohr stated that we need to look for different ways of funding to create the workforce of the future.

Next Steps for BOT in Search for New President

The Board plans to be ready for discussion of next steps at the May 23, 2016 Board meeting, stating that they are committed to making the right choice.

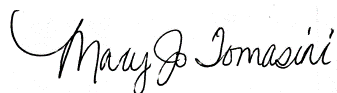
Discussion

Mr. Small thanked and complimented Chair Tomasini on her amazing job.

Mr. Bergan stated that it took a lot of courage and it's been tough.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Bergan with support from Dr. Lindley to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees at 4:19 p.m.



Mary Jo Tomasini, Board Chair



Debra Johnson, Board Secretary