



Community College System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Great Bay Community College | 320 Corporate Dr, Portsmouth

Present: Trustee Katharine Bogle Shields, Trustee Edwin O. Smith, Trustee Christopher Dodge, Trustee Donnalee M. Lozeau, Trustee Geoffrey Kennedy, Trustee Kimberly Eckenrode, Trustee Nick Toumpas, Trustee Richard Ackerman, Trustee Steven H. Slovenski, Trustee Tricia H. Lucas, Trustee Will Cunningham, Trustee John T. Stevens, Trustee Tiffany Eddy, Trustee Danny Fojtik, Director Stephen Appleby, President Alfred Williams IV (RVCC), President Lucille Jordan (NCC), President Patrick Cate (LRCC), President Sarmad Saman (WMCC), President Cheryl Lesser (GBCC), Chancellor Mark Rubinstein, Vice Chancellor Charles Lloyd,

Remote (via Zoom): Trustee Gregory C. Eastman, Trustee Sharon D. Harris

Regrets: Trustee Alison Stebbins, Trustee Darrin Daniels, Trustee Stephen J. Ellis, Director Joseph Doiron, Director Deanna Jurius, Legal Coordinator Sarah Morrisey, President Patrick Tompkins (NHTI)

Guests: Vice President Rebecca Dean (NHTI), Director of Student Life Brittanie Mulgigian

Meeting Minutes:

Chair Shields called the meeting to order at 10:02am. Began the meeting by asking if there were any conflicts requiring disclosure; none were identified. Chair Shields also announced Director Beth Doiron's retirement and thanked Director Doiron for all she has done for CCSNH.

Topic: Consent Agenda

Approval of the agenda, 7/18/2024 (*public and nonpublic*), and 8/29/2024 (*public and non-public*) Meeting Minutes, and Advisory Board Nominations.

Discussion: None

Vote: Trustee Ackerman motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Trustee Toumpas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Topic: Committee Updates

Student Success Committee: Trustee Ackerman discussed the program that was approved for elimination from River Valley Community College (RVCC) and is bringing the vote before the full Board of Trustees.

Vote: Trustee Toumpas motioned to approve the elimination of RVCC's Information Technology program; Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Governance Committee: Trustee Lozeau reminded everyone to fill out the leadership survey that was previously sent out.

Audit Committee: Trustee Lucas requested that Director Hartshorn and Director Bishop provide updates. Direct Hartshorn stated that everything is set to meet the deadline for the audit in



November. Director Bishop gave an update on Memic training, which has been received with mixed reviews, but overall, the trainings are going well.

Assets & Resources: Trustee Eastman asked Chief Operations Officer (COO) Fields to provide the update. COO Fields stated that things were moving forward with the items that were previously approved by the committee. Since those items were below the threshold, there was no need to have a vote with the full Board of Trustees.

Finance Committee: Trustee Toumpas went over motions that were previously approved by the committee. Since the amounts of those motions were under the threshold, there was no need to bring the vote before the full Board of Trustees. COO Fields did state that the committee was working on a few new items but was not in a place to have those voted on at this time. Discussion was had regarding the decline in First Generation students, the trends that were visible and sources of insight from which we can infer the causes of these changing outcomes.

Executive Committee: Chair Shields stated that the previously scheduled Executive Committee meeting was cancelled, so there was no update.

Chair Shields acknowledged and thanked Trustee Eckenrode for her work and time as the elected CCSNH Employee Trustee, as this is her last meeting. Trustee Eckenrode thanked everyone and offered to assist with the onboarding of the next elected employee trustee. Chancellor Rubinstein also expressed appreciation for Trustee Eckenrode's efficacy in this role and for her willingness to assist in onboarding her successor.

Great Bay Community College Presentation: President Lesser began the presentation discussing student engagement and introducing the staff and students. Director Mulkigian discussed the camping weekend that she, select students, and President Lesser attended.

Elsa Rogers, Donovan Apatang, Liam McLoughlin, and Jo Lebel, GBCC Students, discussed their time at the school and how it has helped with their feelings of inclusion. Each student is in their second year and discussed the sense of community they each found via clubs and organizations.

Pillar IV Update: President Williams provided an update on the Financial Sustainability and Stewardship Pillar as part of the Strategic Plan. Discussion was had regarding grants as grant activity has had a significant growth in recent years. President Williams shared an extensive list of actions that have been taken, large and small, to demonstrate the scope of effort underway as part of CCSNH's strategic objective of financial sustainability and stewardship.

Chancellor's Update: Chancellor Rubinstein provided an update on the system. Touched upon the Manchester Community College (MCC) Presidential Search, the All College Meetings, NCHEMS visit, and tuition costs. Discussion was had surrounding the tuition information provided.

Vote: Agenda items have been presented that require a non-public session. Trustee Smith motioned that we vote on a non-public session according to the provisions in RSA 91-A:3, II (a), in order to discuss a personnel matter. Trustee Toumpas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Entered Non-Public Session at 1:06pm
Exited Non-Public Session at 1:56pm

After further consideration of the Fact Finders report discussed in the non-public session, Trustee Lozeau brought forth the following vote.

Vote: Trustee Lozeau moved that the Board of Trustees reaffirm the prior rejection of the Fact Finders Report. Trustee Toumpas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayley Hawksley
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