

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Three Hundred and Second Meeting of the Bunker Hill Community College Board of Trustees was held on April 25, 2016 in the Community Room on the Chelsea Campus.

Present: William Walczak President Eddinger
Amy Young Provost/Vice President Canniff
Sondos Alnamos Vice President/CFO Pitcher
Hung Goon Assistant Secretary Ambrose
Cathy Guild 15 College employees
James Klocke
Antoine Junior Melay
Colleen Richards Powell (By telephone)
Marita Rivero

Absent: Carmen Vega Barachowitz, Richard C. Walker, III

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walczak called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

At the beginning of each Board meeting, the BHCC Vision, Mission and Values Statement is read. First Vice Chair Young read the Statement tonight.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION: Moved by Melay; Seconded by Young.

“To accept the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on Monday March 21, 2016.

The Motion Passed Unanimously.

ACTION: Moved by Melay; Seconded by Klocke.

“To accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday April 4, 2016.

The Motion Passed Unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Mary Bourque, Superintendent, Chelsea Public Schools spoke about the collaboration between the Chelsea Public Schools and Bunker Hill Community College. She noted the pathways from high school and middle school such as the

Early College Initiative which currently has 150 dually-enrolled students. A goal for the Chelsea Public Schools in the next five years is to offer an A.S. degree along with a high school diploma. She noted the Bridge Academy where Chelsea students take ESL classes at BHCC, the STEM Starter Academy and the TRIO Program as further examples of collaboration.

Mr. Brian Keyes, Chief, Chelsea Police Department was introduced.

V. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Alamos reported that Alpha Kappa Mu has won its first International Hallmark Award. The College was notified from the Phi Theta Kappa International Conference that its Honors in Action Project, which was a presentation of The Power of the Heart, rated in the top 50 scores nationwide, resulting in the receipt of the Distinguished Honors in Action Project Award. The movie will be screened again on Thursday, April 28th at 6 p.m. in A-300 and the movie's creator, Baptist de Pape will be present for a Q&A and book signing.

This is the busiest time for students on campus. Student Government Association (SGA) is preparing for student elections for next year; Student Trustee Alamos reported that a record number of students (6) are campaigning to be SGA President. Two students have also come forward to run for Student Trustee so SGA is looking forward to an active campaign. The newly elected Student Trustee will be introduced at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

VI. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Walczak reported that the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) had issued guidelines for the six acres south of the BHCC campus which are currently used for student parking. The College will be monitoring this issue closely to ensure that the needs of the College and its students are met.

Chair Walczak reviewed the FT2017 budget process. At the May Committee of the Whole meeting, there will be a study session on the budget, enrollment and fees. At the June Board of Trustees meeting, the preliminary budget will be submitted to the Trustees for approval. In September, the College will hold meetings for faculty, staff and students about the budget and the budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval at the October Board of Trustees meeting.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BHCC Gala will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the Hampshire House. This year's event will feature students' stories; the auction will be conducted on-line.

President Eddinger thanked Trustee Guild for her willingness to address prospective students at the BHCC Open House to be held on Tuesday, April 26th.

Student Trustee Sondos Alamos received a Student Leadership Award at the April 20, 2016 meeting of the Massachusetts Community College Trustees Association.

President Eddinger briefed the Trustees on the new Commonwealth Commitment Program to help more students achieve the dream of a college

degree. The Commonwealth Commitment commits every public campus to providing 10% rebates at the end of each successfully completed semester to qualifying undergraduate students, in addition to the standard Mass Transfer tuition waiver received upon entering a four-year institution from a Community College. Students who meet the program requirements will, depending on the transfer pathway they choose, be able to realize an average savings of \$5,090 off the cost of a baccalaureate degree. Tuition and fees would be frozen for program participants as of the date they enter the program. Students will begin their studies at one of the state's 15 community colleges, enrolling in one of 24 Commonwealth Commitment/Mass Transfer Pathways programs that will roll out in fall 2016 (14 programs) and fall 2017 (10 additional programs). Students must attend full-time and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0. After earning an associate's degree in two and a half years or less, students will transfer to a state university or UMass campus to earn a baccalaureate degree.

Financial Reports

Financials for Eight Months, ending February 29, 2016

Vice President Pitcher reported that the College is on budget for revenue and expenses. The projected budget deficit of \$831,000 will probably be around \$450,000 or may disappear altogether. The College has expended 67% of budget and has received 93% of budgeted revenue; the remaining revenue will come from retained tuition and fees for the first summer session.

Plant Fund Activity for eight months ending February 29, 2016

Vice President Pitcher reported that the Plant Fund would carry a balance of \$600,000 into next year plus the mandated 5% of budget which the College is required to add each year to the Plant Fund.

ACTION: Moved by Rivero; Seconded by Melay.

“To Approve the Financial Reports for Eight Months and the Plant Fund Expenditures for Eight Months, all ending February 29, 2016, as presented

The Motion Passed Unanimously.

Sponsorships

Expenditure Approval: Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

The College requested the approval of the expenditure of \$3,000 for Silver-level sponsorship for a table of 10.

Expenditure Approval: MIRA Coalition's Give Liberty a Hand Gala

The College requested the approval of the expenditure of \$500 for Friend-level sponsorship towards two tickets and a quarter-page ad.

Expenditure Approval: East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Art of Health Care Annual Reception

The College requested the approval of the expenditure of \$1,500 for Friend-level sponsorship which includes two tickets plus an additional five tickets.

ACTION: Moved by Young; Seconded by Rivero.

“To approve the expenditure approvals as requested above and reviewed at the Board of Trustees’ meeting.”

The Motion Passed unanimously.

Arming Campus Police

President Eddinger stated that the six-month long campus process to consider whether the College’s Police Officers should be armed was complete. It included study sessions for the Board, 5 public sessions at the College and a survey of faculty, staff and students. President Eddinger noted that North Shore Community College had voted last week to have their police officers armed.

ACTION: Moved by Klocke; Seconded by Melay.

“To Approve the arming of Campus Police with the provision of appropriate policies and procedures on safety and training to ensure efficacy of the new law enforcement protocol.”

During the discussion, President Eddinger detailed the number of open sessions held for the College community and for the Board of Trustees. She reported that 85% of those responding to the survey favored the arming of the campus police officers. Chief of Police Robert Barrows and Chief of the Chelsea Police Brian Keyes spoke about the types of training the officers would undergo including bias, judgment and use of arms. The presence of armed officers should bring a level of comfort and security to everyone on campus; the response time in the event of an incident would be much faster. President Eddinger noted the potential liability issue for the Trustees if they are viewed as not having done their due diligence to ensure that students, faculty, staff and others are protected. Chief Barrows stated that the officers would receive their weapons training with the Chelsea Police Department and would be using the same firearm, a Glock 23. Chief Barrows noted that Cape Cod Community College would be voting on this issue in May and that Mass Bay was in the discussion process. BHCC officers would receive 40 hours of training at Chelsea and firearms training twice per year. They would participate in simulation training one-on-one with an instructor.

The Motion Passed Unanimously.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: Moved by Rivero; Seconded by Klocke.

“To go into Closed Session to discuss the Presidential Service Award and the Trustees Service Award.”

The Motion Passed unanimously.

IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURN

ACTION: Moved by Melay; Seconded by Rivero.

“To reconvene in Open Session and adjourn the meeting.”

The Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Board of Trustees' meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Vega Barachowitz
Secretary

Molly B. Ambrose
Assistant Secretary