

**DELTA COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
Delta College Main Campus  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
4:30 p.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Houston-Philpot, D. Middleton, M. Morrissey, M. Nash, M. Rowley, E. Selby (arrived at 4:51 p.m.), E. Wacksman
- BOARD ABSENT** K. Lawrence-Webster
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, J. Badour, R. Battinkoff, T. Brown, T. Caylor, P. Clark, E. Crane, J. Fitzpatrick, L. Govitz, S. Lama, D. Lutz, S. Meade, N. Mik'El, L. Peters, K. Randolph, D. Redman, A. Rogers, K. Schuler, A. Ursuy
- PRESS PRESENT** M. Balmes (TV 5), J. Becker (Midland Daily News), A. Dodson (Bay City Times), G. Horner (Delta Collegiate)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair, M. Rowley, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Board Chair Rowley called for approval of the agenda. R. Emrich made a motion to approve the agenda with support from M. Nash. The motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair Rowley called for public comments.
- Andy Rogers of Bay City said that he feels that QTV is the face of Delta College. He said that he was happy to hear that MSU will not be participating in the auction, but instead expanding their offerings.
- He told the Trustees that he hopes that they choose to opt out of the FCC Spectrum Auction.
- Jane Fitzpatrick of Saginaw said that she works for a 14 county economic development region and in her opinion, QTV is an asset to our community. It contributes positively to our quality of life in this region. For some residents, it is the only quality programming that can be accessed. She asked that the Board does not choose to "go dark."
- VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS WITH COUNSEL A WRITTEN LEGAL OPINION** R. Emrich made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing a written legal opinion with legal counsel. K. Houston-Philpot seconded the motion. The results of the roll call vote to go into closed session are as follows:
- R. Emrich – Yes  
K. Houston-Philpot – Yes  
D. Middleton – Yes  
M. Morrissey – Yes  
M. Nash – Yes  
M. Rowley – Yes  
E. Wacksman - Yes

The results of the roll call vote were 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

The closed session began at 4:44 p.m.

The Board went back into open session at 5:20 p.m.

**BOARD ACTION FCC  
INCENTIVE  
SPECTRUM  
AUCTION  
(BA5125)**

M. Rowley made a motion to rescind the authority granted to President Goodnow, Board Chair Mike Rowley and Executive Director Pam Clark in Resolution BA-5124, adopted at the Board meeting held on December 8, 2015, to take all actions necessary to participate in the FCC Incentive Spectrum Auction and to implement the recommendations of legal counsel as set forth in their written legal opinions, on behalf of WDCQ-TV Channel 15. The Board further rescinds its direction of these individuals to consider: 1) exchanging Delta College's UHF channel for a VHF channel; or 2) relinquishing Delta College's television spectrum usage rights; and additionally rescinds that these individuals are to take all actions necessary to preserve the option of entering into a channel sharing agreement after the FCC Incentive Spectrum Auction.

R. Emrich supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD ACTION FCC  
SPECTRUM  
AUCTION  
RESOLUTION  
(BA5126)**

M. Rowley made a motion that the Board adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the public, through Delta College open forums, has overwhelmingly demonstrated its support of Delta College's public television broadcasting station, WDCQ-TV, and against Delta College's participation in the FCC's Incentive Spectrum Auction; and

Whereas, after careful consideration of the value of WDCQ-TV to the public versus the realistic potential gain to Delta College in the relinquishment of the station or its move to a High VHF channel;

Be it Resolved That,

Delta College will not participate in the FCC's Incentive Spectrum Auction.

M. Nash seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**TRUSTEE  
COMMENTS**

E. Wacksman said that she is happy with this decision.

K. Houston-Philpot thanked the citizens of our region for their input.

R. E. Selby thanked everyone for the comments they made.

M. Nash complimented the administration on the speed at which they moved to provide the Board with as much information as possible to make an informed decision.

R. Emrich said that he is also happy.

**PRESIDENT'S  
COMMENTS**

Dr. Goodnow said that there is tremendous support for the station within the Board, the College and in the community. She said that public opinion to stay on the air has been overwhelming.

Dr. Goodnow said that the College held two public forums, and also took comments by mail and email. We heard from very young children to people in their 90's about how important the station is in their lives. She said that one comment that stands out to her was from a grandmother who wrote, 'We ask that you consider keeping our PBS Station on the air for without you we will lose a very good friend.'

Dr. Goodnow added that the College has received hundreds of such pleas to keep the station on the air. She said that she is very pleased to tell our community, that's exactly what we're going to do.

Dr. Goodnow said how much she enjoys watching Q-TV and so many of the PBS programs they offer. She commended the staff working in our public broadcasting stations for their help in analyzing the information and for the great job they continue to do on a daily basis for the community.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Board Chair Rowley said that the Trustees all genuinely believed they needed to look into all opportunities with the station. They had a fiduciary responsibility to keep all the options open.

But, the Trustees received some additional information back that indicated those options weren't going to allow us to continue to serve the community in the quality way that we've done since 1964.

That's when it became evident that there really was only one option – to keep our 'gem' by not participating in the auction.

Board Chair Rowley said that the Trustees knew this was a complex process as soon as they heard about it back in November. He thanked his fellow Board members and the administration who worked to explore what the potential changes could mean for Delta College.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Board, Board Chair Rowley thanked the community for stepping forward to share their thoughts as well. He said that it has been very enlightening.

Board Chair Rowley and President Goodnow reminded the Trustees and the public that due to FCC Regulations regarding the auction, the Board and Administration will be unable to discuss the auction after 6:00 p.m. this evening. Penalties for doing so include the loss of the station license.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Rowley adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary