

**Delta College**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**Delta College Downtown Midland Center**  
**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** M. Benecke, R. Emrich, S. Gannon, M. Rowley, M. Thomas, M. Wood
- BOARD ABSENT** A. Baldwin, D. Middleton, M. Nash
- OTHERS PRESENT** S. Archer, R. Battinkoff, L. Brown, S. Brown, T. Brown, P. Buchholz, P. Clark, S. De Clerck-Szilagyi, S. Deford, J. Diaz Perez, S. DuFresne, J. Foco, J. Garn, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, S. Gregory, W. Harness, M. Haswell, C. Inabinet, B. Johnson, K. Katzer, D. McQuiston, K. Nelson, B. Ostash, S. Raube, P. Ross McClain, L. Ryden, K. Schuler, C. Shears, E. Suniga, J. Szilagyi, A. Trabalka, A. Ursuy, A. Williams, E. Yaworski, J. Young
- PRESS PRESENT** None
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Vice Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Board Vice Chair Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda.  
R. Emrich made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Benecke seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** M. Thomas called for public comment.  
Christina Szilagyi, Delta College adjunct instructor, made comments regarding adjunct unionization with the MEA and the consent election.
- TREASURER’S REPORT** S. DuFresne said that the Board has received the College financial statements as of September 30, 2022. At this time, the College has no significant variances to report. The audit is wrapping up and will be presented at the November Board Meeting.
- CONSENT AGENDA** M. Thomas called for approval of the consent agenda.  
M. Benecke made a motion to approve the consent agenda. M. Wood seconded the motion.  
The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:  
**A. Acceptance of Minutes:**  
1. Board Special Meeting, Audit Committee, August 30, 2022  
2. Board Dinner Meeting, September 13, 2022  
3. Board Regular Meeting, September 13, 2022  
**B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes:**  
1. September 13, 2022, Regular Meeting

**APPROVAL OF DELTA  
COLLEGE FIVE-YEAR  
CAPITAL OUTLAY  
MASTER PLAN  
(BA5463)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Delta College Five-Year Capital Outlay Master Plan for the State of Michigan's 2024 fiscal year as required by the State Budget Office.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. R. Emrich seconded the motion.

M. Wood thanked the Administration for the detail that was put into the recommendation.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
SELECTION OF AUDIT  
FIRM  
(BA5464)**

R. Emrich said it is the recommendation of the Board of Trustees Audit Committee that the proposal from the CPA firm Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC be accepted, and the firm be retained to perform the annual audit of the College's financial statements for the years ending June 30, 2023 thru June 30, 2027, for the annual cost of \$62,500 for the first three years and \$63,600 for the last two years. Per Board Policy 4.001 Audit Rotation, Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC will rotate the audit partner in charge beginning with June 30, 2023 audit. S. Gannon seconded the motion.

M. Rowley said that, as a member of the Board Audit Committee, he fully supports the recommendation.

M. Thomas thanked the committee as well as S. DuFresne and her team.

Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:  
THE DOWNTOWN  
MIDLAND CENTER**

The Student Success Report was given by Kristy Nelson, director of downtown centers, and Wendy Harness, assistant director of sustainability and the Midland center, entitled "You Belong Here – the Downtown Midland Center." They discussed efforts to engage with students and the local community. Chloe Shears, a second-year student working toward her associate of arts degree, noted how the Downtown Midland Center helped her overcome her anxiety about attending college. The center has 443 students enrolled for fall semester. Program offerings include: associate of arts, associate of science, Michigan transfer agreement, certified nursing assistant and health foundations.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Enrollment Report**

The College projected 73,850 contact hours for the fall semester and is currently at 99 percent of that goal (73,095 contact hours).

**Information Sharing**

- Delta has a new articulation agreement with Olivet College for a bachelor of science in nursing, and an articulation with Western Michigan University for a bachelor of science in public health.
- Beginning this fall, Delta is offering non-credit Google career certificates and CompTIA career credentials. These offerings are designed to ladder into existing academic degree and certificate programs.
- Dr. Gavin highlighted several noteworthy events:

- The NAACP Saginaw Branch held their annual freedom fund banquet on September 25.
  - Delta’s Political Forum Series “Post Roe v. Wade: Implications for Michigan” was held on September 27.
  - “The Trophy” a new piece for Delta’s Sculpture Walk was dedicated on October 5.
  - Dr. Jelani Cobb spoke and interacted with students on October 6 as part of the President’s Speaker Series.
  - Representative Ben Frederick toured Delta on October 7.
  - Our Mission, Vision and Values Summit will be held on October 14 from 8:30am-12pm.
  - The ACCT Leadership Congress is October 26-29.
  - A Chocolate Affair is November 3.
  - As a reminder, our next regular board meeting will be held at the Downtown Saginaw Center on November 1.
- The Michigan Community College Association’s (MCCA) President, Brandy Johnson, was introduced to the group and spoke about the MCCA’s goal to be the unified advocate for Michigan’s community colleges.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

S. Gannon gave kudos to Chloe Shears. She thanked the team for their dinner meeting presentation. She also recognized Brandy Johnson from MCCA.

M. Wood thanked all for the presentation and reminded the group to buy *A Chocolate Affair* tickets to support the Possible Dream program.

M. Benecke said she loved the presentations, but loves the collaboration behind them even more.

M. Rowley said we are lucky to have such a dynamic CEO at MCCA and said he is glad the College is a member.

R. Emrich agreed saying that MCCA is a vital organization to Michigan’s community colleges.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Thomas said she also appreciated both presentations. She thanked Chloe for sharing her story this evening.

Vice Chair Thomas said she would like to see kiosks at the centers for students to buy Delta gear.

**VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 (H) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT**

M. Thomas made a motion that the Board vote to go into closed session pursuant to section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal Statute - a written legal opinion.

M. Rowley seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote to go into closed session are as follows:

**FROM DISCUSSION  
OR DISCLOSURE BY  
STATE OR FEDERAL  
STATUTE - A WRITTEN  
LEGAL OPINION**

M. Benecke – Yes  
R. Emrich – Yes  
S. Gannon – Yes  
M. Rowley – Yes  
M. Thomas – Yes  
M. Wood – Yes

The Board went into closed session at 8:04 p.m.

The Board went back into open session at 8:44 p.m.

**ADJUNCT CONSENT  
ELECTION –  
UNIONIZATION  
(BA5465)**

M. Rowley made a motion that the Board approve a consent election for all adjunct faculty employed by Delta College with at least a total of six or more credit hours over the two most recent consecutive academic years at Delta, excluding supervisory or administrative personnel, full-time faculty and all other employees.

R. Emrich seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Vice Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary