

**Delta College**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**Delta College Board Room (B-151)**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

<b>BOARD PRESENT</b>	A. Clark, S. Gannon, B. Handley-Miller, M. Nash, M. Rowley, M. Thomas, M. Wood
<b>BOARD ABSENT</b>	A. Baldwin, D. Middleton
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	D. Allen, K. Baase, R. Battinkoff, T. Brown, J. Carroll, P. Clark, C. Corlew, A. Cramer, A. Cray, R. Curry, S. DuFresne, P. Fox, J. Garn, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, R. Henley, D. Hopkins, D. McQuiston, J. Perry, D. Petersen, W. Ramirez, S. Raube, S. Roche, P. Ross McClain, K. Schuler, A. Ursuy, A. Wingard, E. Yaworski
<b>PRESS PRESENT</b>	None
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Board Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>	Board Chair Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda.  M. Wood made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Clark seconded the motion.  Motion passed unanimously.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	Board Chair Thomas called for public comment.
<b>TREASURER’S REPORT</b>	S. DuFresne said that the Board packet includes financials as of August 31, 2023. At this time, because it is so early in the fiscal year, there are no variances to report.
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	Board Chair Thomas called for approval of the consent agenda.  M. Nash made a motion to approve the consent agenda. S. Gannon seconded the motion. The Board voted to unanimously approve the consent agenda resulting in:  A. Acceptance of Minutes: 1. Board Regular Meeting, August 8, 2023 B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes 1. August 8, 2023, Regular Meeting
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – STUDENT SUCCESS – DELTA COLLEGE ATHLETICS</b>	Shelly Raube introduced Andrew Wingard, Delta College Athletic Director who joined Delta in April of 2023.  Andrew gave a presentation on athletics and student success. He noted several program highlights including the top five national rankings of the soccer and volleyball teams and the many student and team national all-academic awards. Andrew said that his goal is to make Delta an “irresistible destination” for student athletes. Three students spoke of their Delta experiences: Arizona Cray, Sophomore studying Radiography; Kayla Baase, Sophomore in the Northwood 3+1 Program; and Colby Corlew, Sophomore pursuing his Associate of Science Degree.

When asked about adding new sports, Andrew stated that he wants to be fiscally responsible and make sure that all of the planning is in place before recommending additions to the program.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Enrollment Report**

Classes for the Fall 2023 Semester began on August 26. As of today, 7,637 students are enrolled (5,443 part-time, 2,194 full-time).

The College projected 71,884 contact hours for the fall semester and are currently at 107.2% (77,093 contact hours) of projection.

### **Personnel Report**

The complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the month of August can be found in Board packets this evening.

### **Information Sharing**

- Dr. Gavin announced that effective Fall 2023 we have a new articulation agreement with Central Michigan University in Teacher Education.
- Dr. Gavin also announced a new articulation agreement between Delta College and the Michigan State Police that will allow MSP program completers to articulate 30 credits toward completion of the AAA Criminal Justice Law Enforcement with Basic Police Training Program.
- Dr. Gavin congratulated Pam Clark, Leanne Govitz and team on a successful advertising campaign which has resulted in 6,456,308 people (includes duplication) seeing our ads.
- Fall Learning Days took place August 21-23, 2023. Dr. Gavin said he delivered his State of the College Address on August 22. He thanked Trustee Wood for attending.
- Dr. Gavin thanked Trustee Handley-Miller, Trustee Wood, and Trustee Thomas for attending the African Artwork Luncheon on August 25.
- The College held a Ready, Set, Go Event on August 26 on Main Campus. The event was open to help students kickstart their semester. All students were invited to tour, get books, register, etc. The event was organized by a cross-divisional team. Ninety-six students utilized services and the Bookstore reported 144 transactions during the event.
- Dr. Gavin said he will be in Lansing on Thursday, September 14 to testify before the Senate Committee on Economic & Community Development. The purpose is to encourage the extension of the Michigan New Jobs Training Program sunset and an adjustment to the wage requirement.
- The College will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 – October 15. Flyers were distributed to Trustees.
- The NAACP Saginaw Branch will host the 52nd Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Sunday, September 24 at Horizons Conference Center at 5:00 p.m. The theme is “Thriving Together.” The Keynote Speaker is Joe Tate, Michigan’s Speaker of the House. Dr. Gavin congratulated two recipients of the 2023 Young Professionals Award:
  - Trustee Arshen Baldwin
  - Brandell Adams – Second Chance Pell Coordinator / Student Success Advisor

- The ACCT Leadership Congress will take place October 9-12 in Las Vegas. Dr. Gavin said he will be attending and presenting with Board Chair Thomas and Vice Chair Gannon.
- The President’s Speaker Series welcomes Dr. Jean Twenge on October 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lecture Theater. Dr. Twenge will discuss latest research on mental health trends for teens and young adults.
- “A Chocolate Affair” will take place Thursday, November 2 at 6:00pm at Horizons Conference Center. Tickets are on sale.
- Dr. Gavin encouraged Trustees to review the Fantastic Faculty Newsletter and the latest edition of the Delta Collegiate.
- As a reminder, our next Regular Board and Dinner Meeting will be held at our Main Campus on Tuesday, October 3.
- In August, interim monitoring reports on assessment and program review were submitted to the Higher Learning Commission. We received a communication that HLC is very pleased with the progress we have made and the organized way in which we documented our work. No further monitoring is required and we will continue preparing for our upcoming accreditation review visit in 2024. Thanks to all who worked on the reports!

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

B. Handley-Miller thanked Reva Curry, Toni Clegg, and all who worked to document our assessment efforts for the HLC.

M. Rowley congratulated all for the HLC Interim Monitoring report results. He reported that last month he talked about MI Leap. He said that the attorney general said it doesn’t conflict at this time but gave a warning about not exceeding authority.

M. Rowley thanked Dr. Hopkins for an excellent dinner presentation and Andrew Wingard and the students for their wonderful presentation.

He also said he was in Oregon and noted the Oregon mascot is the ducks.

M. Nash thanked the presenters and the students for coming this evening.

M. Wood thanked Dr. Gavin and Dr. Hopkins for the transfer presentation this evening. He said he is overjoyed with Dr. Gavin’s report about the monitoring reports and the HLC. He thanked all involved in preparing the reports.

S. Gannon said that she is proud to listen to the success stories at this college. She also commented that she liked the excellent strategic planning brochure.

A. Clark thanked Andrew and the student athletes. He said he was at a recent soccer game and enjoyed it. He also said he stopped by the Saginaw Center and was very impressed with the interactions that Justin, an advisor, was having with students in the lobby area.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

M. Thomas thanked Dr. Hopkins for his excellent presentation. She also thanked Andrew Wingard and the student athletes who presented this evening.

She noted that she was looking forward to presenting with Dr. Gavin and Trustee Gannon at ACCT.

M. Thomas congratulated Trustee Baldwin and Brandell Adams on their NAACP awards.

M. Thomas noted that she wanted to follow-up on Trustee comments regarding broadcasting our meetings. She said that the Administration has researched this possibility. It is not in our best interest as it would require resources we do not have. She wanted to let the Trustees know that the Administration has done due diligence but it is not in the best interest of the College to move forward.

**VOTE TO GO INTO  
CLOSED SESSION TO  
DISCUSS TRIAL  
AND/OR SETTLEMENT  
STRATEGY IN THE  
SPECIFIC PENDING  
LITIGATION: *DAVIS V.  
DELTA COLLEGE AND  
JEAN GOODNOW  
CASE NO. 1:22-CV-  
12319, MICHIGAN  
EASTERN DISTRICT  
COURT***

M. Nash made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss trial and/or settlement strategy in the specific pending litigation: *Davis v. Delta College and Jean Goodnow Case No. 1:22-cv-12319*, Michigan Eastern District Court pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) as a discussion on the open record would be detrimental to our position and would not be in the College's best financial interests., and also to discuss material exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243(1)(g) and MCL 15.268(h).

M. Wood seconded the motion.

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

- A. Clark – Yes
- S. Gannon – Yes
- B. Handley-Miller – Yes
- M. Nash – Yes
- M. Rowley – Yes
- M. Thomas – Yes
- M. Wood – Yes

The result of the roll call vote was seven (7) in favor, zero (0) opposed.

The Board went into closed session at 7:55 p.m.

The closed session ended and the Board resumed open session at 8:56 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary