

**DELTA COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
Board Room  
Thursday, October 10, 2013  
8:00 a.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, M. Rowley, E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman
- BOARD ABSENT** K. Houston-Philpot, M. Nash
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, P. Clark, E. Crane, Dr. R. Frierson, L. Govitz, B. Granderson, R. Hayes, M. Kelley, W. Ketchum, A. Khalil, Smith Group JJR – D. Kozma, W. Jackson, D. Lutz, Paulien & Associates - F. Markley, M. McCray, C. McNair, Rev. C. Merrill, D. Peruski, L. Ramseyer, A. Samuels, K. Schuler, W. Smith, T. Stitt, M. Sullivan, B. Terry, A. Ursuy, Smith Group JJR - T. Wang, K. Wilson
- PRESS PRESENT** J. Becker (Midland News), A. Villalta (Delta Collegiate)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair, R. Stafford, called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Board Chair Stafford called for approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved without objection.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair Stafford called for public comments.
- PRESENTATION BY SMITH GROUP JJR AND THE PAULIEN GROUP** J. Goodnow said that the Centers Project has been part of the Capital Outlay Master Plan for about 10 years. The purpose of today’s meeting is to introduce Smith Group JJR and the Paulien Group. These two firms will be working with Delta College to conduct a strategic evaluation of our centers. Examples of the information that their evaluation will provide includes an assessment of the needs in each of our three communities, demographic data, development of criteria for use in evaluating potential sites and specific recommendations on programs to offer at the sites. Today’s meeting is just the first of many. The next meetings that will take place in November will provide an opportunity for community input.
- L. Ramseyer added that today’s meeting will provide an overview of the study that Smith Group JJR and Paulien Group will be conducting.
- L. Ramseyer introduced Doug Kozma, Smith Group JJR; Teng Teng Wang, Smith Group JJR; and Frank Markley, Paulien Group.
- D. Kozma and Frank Markley gave an overview of the work that they will be doing on the Centers Project. They said that there will be three phases of this work. The first phase is analysis, the second is alignment, and the third is documentation.

D. Kozma noted that the College is providing several pieces of data to assist in the analysis phase. Some of the information that is being looked at includes occupational trends, geodemography, physical asset mapping, assessment of programs, and space planning.

D. Kozma asked that the Board think about and provide insight in the following areas:

- Strategic Thinking
- The Learning Environment and Space Needs
- Connectivity, Mobility, and Circulation
- The Student Experience
- A Sustainable Future and Resources
- Image and Identity
- The Community and Partnerships

Several members of the Saginaw Community provided input regarding the positive impact that the Ricker Center has had on the citizens of Saginaw by providing access to a quality higher education. Dr. Wilson Smith said that the Ricker Center has been a constant over the years. He added that Delta College is a place where students do not fall through the cracks. He said that it is a place where you “can pull yourself up by your boot straps.” Ms. Kelly stated that Saginaw is a faith-based community and suggested that more be done to communicate with area churches.

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COMMENTS**

R. Emrich said that, until now, the approach to Centers at Delta College has been hap-hazard. He said that he commends the President for her leadership in creating a cohesive approach that will result in being able to make the best decisions possible for the future of the Centers.

K. Lawrence-Webster said that she hopes that this process will be transparent. She added that she is trusting that the Board will ensure the Centers are positioned to serve a diverse community and that this process will involve the community.

J. MacKenzie said that this is a chance for us to improve the persona of our Centers.

R. E. Selby said that the purpose of this project is not to decide if we have a Saginaw Center. It is to assess what we have been doing and find a way to make it better. He added that we will have a Saginaw Center.

M. Rowley said that he appreciates that this process will be based on data-driven decisions and strong community input.

E. Wacksman said that this is a great way to start this important project.

**CHAIRS  
COMMENTS**

R. Stafford said that he is extremely thankful for the input that the community provided today. In order for this project to be successful, we will need to make sure that the community is behind us.

He thanked all for their candid comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Stafford adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary