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Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Downtown Bay City Center
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.

- BOARD PRESENT** A. Baldwin, A. Clark, S. Gannon, D. Middleton, M. Rowley, M. Thomas
- BOARD ABSENT** B. Handley-Miller, M. Nash, M. Wood
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Ashton, L. Brown, T. Brown, P. Clark, R. Curry, S. DuFresne, J. Foco, M. Garcia, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, J. Harned, M. Haswell, D. Hopkins, S. List, M. Murray, S. Raube, P. Ross McClain, K. Schuler, A. Ursuy, J. Young
- PRESS PRESENT** B. Jodway, Midland Daily News
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Board Chair Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
M. Rowley made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Clark seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Board Chair Thomas called for public comment.
- TREASURER’S REPORT** S. DuFresne said that the Board packet includes financials as of June 30, 2023. The financials presented are a very early close. This means accruals and year-end entries are still being made and will likely be finalized in September. S. DuFresne said that she has no material variances to report and said the College will finish the year in the black.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Board Chair Thomas called for approval of the consent agenda.
D. Middleton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. M. Rowley seconded the motion. The Board voted to unanimously approve the consent agenda resulting in:
A. Acceptance of Minutes:
1. Board Special Meeting, Evaluation and Compensation Committee, June 12, 2023
2. Board Dinner Meeting, June 13, 2023
3. Board Budget Hearing, June 13, 2023
4. Board Regular Meeting, June 13, 2023
5. Board Special Meeting, June 19, 2023
- ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - BEDI UPDATE** Dr. Pam Ross McClain, Chief Officer of Culture, Belonging, and Community Building gave an update on BEDI work at the College. BEDI stands for “belonging, equity, diversity, and inclusion.” She discussed the work that’s been done in the last year, including a new BEDI Services Division to be housed in the lower west courtyard. Dr. Ross McClain said that the new division includes two new positions and several existing positions that have been realigned to create a department that will focus on creating a safe learning space

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for all. She said she sees that team as student resource navigators, but to be successful, and to truly make BEDI part of the culture it has to be “all of our work.”

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – STUDENT SUCCESS – PLANETARIUM UPDATE

Mike Murray, Astronomer and Planetarium Manager gave an overview about the planetarium. He highlighted the fact that in 2022-23 the planetarium attained the highest revenue and attendance since its opening year. He attributed this achievement to teamwork, as well as the availability of stellar programming.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Enrollment Report

The Spring/Summer 2023 semester ends on August 17. Delta projected 22,954 contact hours for the semester and came in at 107% of budgeted projection, with 24,658 contact hours.

Registration is underway for the Fall 2023 semester. As of today, 6,810 students have registered. Delta projected 71,884 contact hours for the fall semester and we are currently at 98% (70,403 contact hours) of projection. Fall classes begin on August 26.

Information Sharing

- Congratulations to Thomas Boudrot, Associate Professor in Political Science, who was awarded a one-semester sabbatical for 2024-2025. His project is to complete a DEI Certificate from Cornell University and develop professional development modules for Delta faculty and staff.
- A special board meeting was held on June 19 for professional development. Dr. Jill Wakefield, from the Association of Community College Trustees facilitated. A presentation on parliamentary procedures by Dr. Roslyn McQueen was also part of the session.
- In other professional development news, 25 Delta faculty and staff participated in Adult Mental Health First Aid Certification Training. The training was conducted by Dr. Matt Samocki, Executive Director of Bay Region Mental Health Partnership, and Rob Vallentine, National Trainer for National Council for Mental Wellbeing.
- The Michigan Community College Association’s summer conference was held July 26-28. Thanks to all the trustees who were able to attend.
- The Great Lakes Bay Regional Chamber Summit was held today. Trustee Middleton, thank you for your leadership in the community to make this event possible.

Upcoming Events

- Fall Learning Days, August 21-23
 - President’s Breakfast is August 22 beginning at 7:45am in the Pioneer Gym.
 - President’s Fall Address follows at 8:45am. To allow all employees to participate that morning, college offices will be closed from 8am-noon.
 - One of the day’s sessions will be facilitated by TowerPinkster to gather input from across campus to inform their recommendations for Delta’s current and future space needs.

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- A special board meeting will be scheduled in September with transfer as the topic.
- NAACP Saginaw Branch Freedom Fund Banquet, September 24 at 5pm, Horizons Conference Center
- Board meeting, September 12, main campus

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

D. Middleton congratulated Dr. Gavin on his appointment as Chair of the MCCA Student Success Committee. She commented on the number of transfers and promotions in the report for June and said that it is great to see that employees have the opportunity to advance at Delta.

D. Middleton said that the MCCA Conference was fantastic and the progress the College is making on BEDI work is outstanding.

D. Middleton congratulated the Planetarium on an outstanding season. She said she enjoys being at various campus locations for Board meetings.

M. Rowley thanked Dr. Gavin for providing him with a copy of the cybersecurity presentation from the June meeting as he was unable to attend. He said that he would like to know more about encryption and how advanced we are at the College.

M. Rowley said that he had the opportunity to participate in the "Under the Radar" program that was hosted by Broadcasting. He congratulated Pam Clark and her staff for a "very cool event."

M. Rowley said that as the MCCA representative for the College he is monitoring the situation with the new oversight agency that Governor Whitmer is proposing. He said that the Michigan Board of Education is taking the position that this agency may violate the Michigan Constitution.

S. Gannon said that the MCCA Summer Institute was wonderful. She congratulated P. Ross McClain (the BEDI Jedi) on the progress that is being made. S. Gannon also thanked M. Murray for an excellent presentation.

A. Baldwin said that she enjoys the presentations at each meeting. They demonstrate the passion that our students, faculty, and staff have for the work they are doing.

A. Clark said he likes having meetings in the community.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Thomas said that the MCCA Summer Institute was a great time to network and learn together. She said that Delta College's Board is collaborative and works together for the good of the College.

Chair Thomas congratulated M. Rowley on the years of service award he received from the MCCA. She also congratulated Dr. Gavin for being named the Chair of the MCCA Student Success Committee.

Chair Thomas reminded the Board and community that the Saginaw African Cultural Festival is this weekend. She said that there is a need for leaders to read to the youth on Sunday and encouraged participation.

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Chair Thomas also said that she thinks that we might want to have additional conversations on cybersecurity following the discussions at MCCA.

She closed her comments by noting there is a lot of work that the Board members can do to be more visible in the community (not just by having meetings at Centers).

Chair Thomas said she is pleased with the BEDI work that is happening at the College. She encouraged the Administration to let the community know about it.

**VOTE TO GO INTO
CLOSED SESSION TO
DISCUSS TRIAL
AND/OR SETTLEMENT
STRATEGY IN THE
SPECIFIC PENDING
LITIGATION: EDWARD
BARTOSZEK V. DELTA
COLLEGE CASE NO.
1:21-CV-11923,
MICHIGAN EASTERN
DISTRICT COURT**

A. Baldwin made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss with the College's attorney trial and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit *Edward Bartoszek v. Delta College* Case No. 1:21-cv-11923 pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) as a discussion on the open record would be detrimental to our position, and also to discuss material exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243(1)(g) and MCL 15.268(h).

M. Rowley seconded the motion.

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

- A. Baldwin – Yes
- A. Clark – Yes
- S. Gannon – Yes
- D. Middleton – Yes
- M. Rowley – Yes
- M. Thomas – Yes

The result of the roll call vote was six (6) in favor, zero (0) opposed.

The Board moved to room 114 for the closed session at 8:10 p.m.

The closed session ended and the Board resumed open session at 9:16 p.m.

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M. Rowley made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the settlement agreement in the case of *Edward Bartoszek v. Delta College* (Case No. 1:21-cv-11923) and that the College President be directed to execute the agreement on behalf of Delta College.

A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary