

LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 2, 2023 – 5:30 PM
Holden University Center Room 119
ZOOM Video Conferencing

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** The Lake County Community College District Board of Trustees regular meeting was called to order by Chair Jerrie Lee Rispoli at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mrs. Rispoli lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **ROLL CALL**

At the Chair’s request, roll was taken, and the following Trustees were present:

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| Mr. Jack Cornachio | Dr. Kathleen Malec |
| Mr. Matthew Hebebrand | Mr. Paul Rupert |
| Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler | Mrs. Beverly Vitaz (via Zoom) |
| Ms. Janet Majka (via Zoom) | Mrs. Jerrie Lee Rispoli |

Absent: Mr. Stephen Ellis

Also in attendance were: Dr. Morris Beverage Jr., president; Dr. Laura Barnard, executive vice president and provost; Mike Mayher, executive vice president for administrative services and treasurer; Dawn Plante, chief communications officer and vice president for community and college relations; Greg Sanders, vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of The Lakeland Foundation; Mike Fisher, vice president and general counsel; Tom Reynolds, associate vice president for business services & deputy treasurer; Jim Hackenberg, legal consultant, Leah Konopka, executive assistant to the president and special project lead, Amy Sabath, director for government relations and nonprofit center; and Pam Clark, office manager.

IV. **MINUTES**

Mrs. Rispoli called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 regular meeting. Dr. Malec moved to approve the minutes and Mrs. Kessler seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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| Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes | Mr. Paul Rupert - yes |
| Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes | Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes |
| Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes | Mrs. Jerrie Lee Rispoli - yes |
| Dr. Kathleen Malec - yes | |

Mrs. Rispoli called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023 special meeting. Dr. Malec moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Rupert seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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| Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes | Mr. Paul Rupert - yes |
| Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes | Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes |
| Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes | Mrs. Jerrie Lee Rispoli – yes |
| Dr. Kathleen Malec - yes | |

Ms. Majka entered the meeting after the minutes were approved.

V. PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC (30 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Mrs. Rispoli announced that public participants who signed in prior to the start of the meeting can address the board when their name is called. Public participants included: Susan Wadkowski, Michelle Smith, Meryl Soto-Schwartz, and Tobin Terry.

Public participants voiced their opposition regarding the formation of a special trustee-only committee to review the words diversity, equity, and inclusion language in the college's plans and policies citing that our accreditation depends on it and urged the Board to include other administrators, faculty, and student representatives who could provide insights that could prove valuable to this committee.

Dr. Soto-Schwartz proposed that Mr. Hebebrand be disqualified from serving on this committee as she believes he is using the committee to impose his political views. Mr. Hebebrand asked that the record note that he had stated in his first meeting that the words diversity, equity, and inclusion have become politically charged and that people in the public as well as our students might misrepresent what those words meant. He also remarked that following that statement President Beverage recommended a committee to review the language.

Mr. Terry followed by providing a list of upcoming Spring semester classes that the faculty would like to personally invite the Board to attend. He also urged the Board to change the structure of the special committee reviewing diversity, equity, and inclusion language to allow for representatives from Lakeland's students, faculty, and staff.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Beverage introduced Scott Barlow, director for athletics, who introduced the men's and women's basketball teams. Student athletes introduced themselves along with their position on the team and area of study.

VII. PLANNING & STUDENT SUCCESS

Mrs. Rispoli called on Mike Mayer who presented on the Veterans Center Relocation Project.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Rispoli noted that the Academic & Student Success Committee will meet on February 6 and the topic of discussion will be the Holden University Center Partnership Programs.

Finance, Audit, & Physical Plant

Mrs. Vitaz noted that the Finance Committee met on January 26 and the Board was provided minutes of the meeting for their review. She noted the Board had a closed session to review Plante Moran's audit of the college. The next meeting is tentatively set for February 23.

Report of Purchase Orders, Bids, and Expenditures

Mrs. Rispoli called on Mr. Reynolds who presented the Report of Purchase Orders, Bids, and Expenditures and noted there were no items for Board approval.

Human Resources

Mrs. Kessler noted that there was no report as the committee has not met and the next meeting date is tentatively set for March 13.

Personnel Report

Mrs. Rispoli called on Mr. Fisher who presented the Personnel Report and noted there were no items for Board approval.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 02-23 - A Resolution Authorizing Requests of the Advancement of Property Taxes From Lake County, Ohio

Dr. Beverage noted that Resolution 02-23 was recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee and that is considered a motion to adopt. The motion passed as follows:

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| Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes | Dr. Kathleen Malec - yes |
| Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes | Mr. Paul Rupert - yes |
| Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes | Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes |
| Ms. Janet Majka - yes | Mrs. Jerrie Lee Rispoli - yes |

Resolution 03-23 A Resolution Granting Trustee Emeritus Status To Duane H. Frager

Dr. Beverage introduced Resolution 03-23 and recommended its adoption. Mrs. Rispoli asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 03-23. Dr. Malec moved to adopt Resolution 03-23 and Mr. Cornachio seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

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| Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes | Dr. Kathleen Malec - yes |
| Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes | Mr. Paul Rupert - yes |
| Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes | Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes |
| Ms. Janet Majka - yes | Mrs. Jerrie Lee Rispoli - yes |

Mr. Hebebrand asked for a record of all trustee emeriti.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Rispoli appointed Mr. Hebebrand as chair of the special DEI Committee to review diversity, equity, and inclusion language and appointed Mr. Cornachio and herself as members.

XI. NEW BUSINESS There were no items of new business.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rispoli called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hebebrand moved and Mrs. Kessler seconded the motion which passed as follows:

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| Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes | Dr. Kathleen Malec - yes |
| Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes | Mr. Paul Rupert - yes |
| Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes | Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes |
| Ms. Janet Majka - yes | Mrs. Jerrie Lee Rispoli - yes |

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

March 2, 2023



 Board Chair

ATTEST:



 Board Secretary