

**Board of Trustees**  
Washtenaw Community College

**ACTION**

4800 E. Huron River Drive  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105-4800

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Subject  
Approval of Minutes

Date  
September 22, 2020

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the July 28<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting as submitted.

**A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN**

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Prepared by: Vanessa Brooks  
Title: Chief of Staff and Director of  
President and Board Affairs

Recommended by: *Rose B. Bellanca, Ed. D.*  
Rose B. Bellanca, President

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**MINUTES**  
**WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Monthly Meeting of the WCC Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Christina Fleming on July 28, 2020 at 1:09 p.m. virtually per [Executive Order 2020-154](#) issued on July 17, 2020 by Governor Whitmer.

**Present:** Chair Christina Fleming, Vice Chair Bill Milliken (*arrived at 1:15 due to technical issues*), Treasurer Angela Davis (*departed at 2:15 p.m.*), Secretary David DeVarti, Trustee Ruth Hatcher, Trustee Richard J. Landau and Trustee Diana McKnight-Morton

**Approval of Agenda (Action)**

It was moved by Trustee McKnight-Morton and seconded by Treasurer Davis that the Board approve the agenda for the July 28<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting as submitted.

A roll call vote was taken: Chair Fleming; yes, Treasurer Davis; yes, Secretary DeVarti; yes, Trustee Hatcher; yes, Trustee Landau; yes, and Trustee McKnight-Morton; yes. The motion was adopted.

**Approval of Minutes (Action)**

It was moved by Treasurer Davis and seconded by Trustee Hatcher that the Board approve the minutes of June 23<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Meeting and July 15<sup>th</sup> Special meeting as submitted.

A roll call vote was taken: Chair Fleming; yes, Vice Chair Milliken; yes, Treasurer Davis; yes, Secretary DeVarti; yes, Trustee Hatcher; yes, Trustee Landau; yes, and Trustee McKnight-Morton; yes. The motion was adopted.

**CITIZEN PARTICPATION**

**WCC Education Association**

Ms. Julie Kissel, English and College Readiness faculty member and WCEA President informed the Board that preparation for fall semester has picked up speed since the last Board Meeting. She also extended congratulations to the Office Professional/Technical Association on the ratification of their contract. Lastly, she wished Jim Egan, Phil Geyer, and others well in their next adventure of retirement.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Gary Marquardt, Executive Chef submitted a public comment on the teach-out plan and closure of the Culinary Arts Program.

Mr. Thomas, Culinary Dean, Baker College submitted a public comment on the teach-out plan and closure of the Culinary Arts Program.

Ms. Nana Kubo, WCC Culinary Student submitted a public comment on the teach-out plan and closure of the Culinary Arts Program.

**Call to order**

**Approval of Agenda (Action)**

**Approval of Minutes (Action)**

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**Public Comments**

Mr. Leopold Chen, WCC Alumni submitted a public comment on the teach-out plan and closure of the Culinary Arts Program.

Public Comments  
(cont.)

Mr. Jake Konner, WCC Alumni submitted a public comment on the teach-out plan and closure of the Culinary Arts Program.

Ms. Emily Clark, WCC Culinary Student submitted a public comment on the teach-out plan and closure of the Culinary Arts Program.

Ms. Samantha Evens, WCC Culinary Student submitted a public comment on the teach-out plan and closure of the Culinary Arts Program.

Written Communications

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There were nine public comments received.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

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Ellucian Update

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Mr. David Buck, Ellucian General Manger provided the Board with a review of the first year of Ellucian managed services which included and focused on IT Operations and Process Updates. He also briefly spoke about the current and future efforts. Lastly, Mr. Todd Kreuger, WCC CIO, Ellucian, provided the Board with a brief overview about the strategic plan and focus of IT moving forward.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

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**Personnel Recommendations (Action)**

**Personnel**  
**Recommendations**

It was moved by Trustee Hatcher and seconded by Vice Chair Milliken that the Board approve the personnel recommendations as submitted.

A roll call vote was taken: Chair Fleming; yes, Vice Chair Milliken; yes, Secretary DeVarti; yes, Trustee Hatcher; yes, Trustee Landau; yes, and Trustee McKnight-Morton; yes. The motion was adopted.

Facilities Development Report

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Report

Mr. William Johnson, Executive Vice President and CFO informed the Board that facilities is taking advantage of the small amount of people on campus and have about 45 active projects going in preparation for if and when employees return to campus.

**REMARKS**

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Remarks from Members of the Board of Trustees

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Secretary DeVarti stated his appreciation on the comments on the closure of the Culinary Department. He also thanked Letitia Simmons, John Lucchesi, Nana Kubo, Angi Olson, James Eastman and anonymous statement about the Culinary Department.

Trustee McKnight-Morton suggested that the Trustees reach out to the President to get an understanding of the history of the Culinary Department.

Trustee Hatcher agreed that the names of those who sent written comments should be named in the minutes.

Chair Fleming stated that program closures are never taken lightly and appreciated the comments received.

President's Remarks

President Bellanca asked Vice President Hurns to share with the Board a few details on the future of the Culinary Arts Program. Vice President Hurns stated that the College maintains their commitment to all current students. Vice President Hurns informed the Board that the teach-out plan included individual learning plans for every student as well as access to foundation scholarships for students who qualify. Lastly, Vice President Hurns stated that the College will continue to provide education and prepare career paths in the hospitality industry based on the skills and competencies that are in demand and defined by industries.

President Bellanca reminded the Board that WCC is ranked among the top 50 best online community colleges in the country by AC Online, the top 10 online colleges in Michigan by Best Value Schools, the 8th best for online certificate programs in the country by Intelligent.com, and the #1 best community college in Michigan by Schools.com. Lastly, she thanked Vice President Hurns, the academic deans, Pete Baccile and his staff, and all our faculty who have worked so hard to make WCC a leader in online education.

Lastly, President Bellanca shared a video that she received from Joyce VanMeter, Senior Director of Public Safety and Service Training. The video featured thanks from Police Academy Cadets. Before the video was played President Bellanca thanked Joyce and her team and Patrick Downey and his team for making sure our cadets are safe while training to become Police Officers.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Gunder Myran Building HVAC Controls Upgrade Project (Action)**

It was moved by Trustee Hatcher and seconded by Trustee McKnight-Morton that the Board approve a contract with Siemens in the amount not to exceed \$199,691.00 to replace the existing Gunder Myran HVAC controls systems.

A roll call vote was taken: Chair Fleming; yes, Vice Chair Milliken; yes, Secretary DeVarti; yes, Trustee Hatcher; yes, Trustee Landau; yes, and Trustee McKnight-Morton; yes. The motion was adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MLB Retention Pond Restoration Contract**

It was moved by Trustee McKnight-Morton and seconded by Secretary DeVarti that the Board approve a construction contract with Dragline Works in the amount not to exceed \$225,000.

Remarks from  
Members of the Board  
of Trustees (cont.)

President's Remarks

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**Motion to Adjourn Monthly Meeting (Action)**

It was moved by Trustee McKnight-Morton and seconded by Trustee Hatcher that the Board move to adjourn the Monthly Meeting. A roll call vote was taken: Chair Fleming; yes, Vice Chair Milliken; yes, Secretary DeVarti; yes, Trustee Hatcher; yes, Trustee Landau; yes, and Trustee McKnight-Morton; yes. The motion was adopted. The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David DeVarti

Secretary

Christina Fleming

Chair

MLB Retention Pond  
Restoration Contract  
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**Motion to Adjourn  
Monthly Meeting  
(Action)**