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Harford Community College

Minutes of Open Meeting

February 11, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Harford Community College met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Edgewood Hall, James F. LaCalle Conference Room 132.

Trustees present: Ms. Laura L. Henninger; Dr. Judy Holloway; Rev. Cordell Hunter, Sr.; Mr. Steve Linkous; Dr. James W. McCauley; Mr. Christopher Payne; Dr. Richard P. Streett, III; Mr. Brian Walker; and Dr. Jacqueline Jackson as Secretary-Treasurer

Trustees absent: None

Staff present: T. Abramovitz, T. Alcide, S. Allen, E. Augustitus, M. Bodrick, L. Claypoole, S. Clifford, E. Cochran, W. Dietz, K. Doan, D. Dregier, N. Dysard, P. Elliott, C. Fisk, M. Hamilton, R. Hartwell, T. Idowu, T. Jackson, K. Koerner, S. Massoni, E. Mosser, B. Napfel, L. Preston, J. Rafalko, K. Rege, S. Schaeffer, B. Sulzbach, C. Swain, J. Towner, M. VanBuskirk, E. Vasquez, and T. Wohlers.

Others present: David Anderson (the *Aegis*)

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. C. Hunter called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

A. K. Doan called the roll.

B. A quorum was present.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. By consensus, the Board approved the consent agenda. Items included:

- i. Agenda for the February 11, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting
- ii. Minutes from the January 14, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting
- iii. Minutes from the January 18, 2020 Special Session
- iv. Minutes from the February 5, 2020 Special Session

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No one addressed the Board during the public comment period.

V. BOARD REPORTS

A. Chair's Report

- i. C. Hunter read from the following statement:
Good evening. I'd like to take a moment to address some recent events at the College. As you probably know, Dr. Dianna Phillips has resigned as president of Harford Community College after three and a half years in that role. During her tenure, Dr. Phillips

facilitated an inclusive strategic planning process, strengthened the College's partnership with Harford County Public Schools, and fostered an optimal learning experience for students. The Board wishes her well in her future endeavors. We will be conducting a national search to identify our next president.

The past several months have presented some challenges to the College—but we remain committed to our mission to foster growth and achievement among our students, our employees, and all of Harford County. The work of the College will continue, uninterrupted, using our new strategic plan as a guide. The Board has complete and total confidence in our faculty, staff, and administrators—and in our interim president, Dr. Jacqueline Jackson, who will lead our campus community in its important work. Dr. Jackson has been with the College since 2017, serving as Vice President for Student Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness.

As always, the Board remains committed to maintaining the highest levels of institutional integrity, and takes seriously its role as a steward of the College's resources. We will continue to ensure Harford Community College fulfills its public duty as the anchor institution for higher education in Harford County. The Board thanks you all for your understanding and support; we are honored to serve the people of the College and the greater community.

B. Finance and Audit Committee Report

- i. L. Henninger, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee and vice-chair of the Board, reported that the Finance and Audit Committee met on January 29, 2020. There were no action items at that meeting, but there were several presentations; these included a report on authorizations between \$50,000 and \$75,000, a review of second-quarter financials, an update on auxiliaries, and a review of change orders for the Fallston Hall renovation project.

C. Foundation Report

- i. J. Holloway, trustee liaison to the HCC Foundation, reported on the following:
 - a. Susan Muaddi-Darraj, Associate Professor in the Arts & Humanities division, has been confirmed as the keynote speaker at the ATHENA Leadership Award Breakfast, which will be held on Friday, March 6 at the Richlin Ballroom.
 - b. The Crab Crawl fundraiser will be held on May 2 on the HCC campus quad. Sponsorship opportunities that include tickets are available. See Denise Dregier, Director of College and Alumni Development, for more information.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Monthly Update

- i. J. Jackson read from the following statement:

Good evening. I'd like to take a moment to address all of you who have joined us this evening.

First, let me just say that I am honored to serve as the interim president of Harford Community College. I've been at HCC for about three years now, and this campus is like home to me. I suspect many of you in this room tonight feel the same way. Our goal is to make this campus feel just as welcoming to our students, our visitors, and our community partners.

This College is resilient. We have certainly faced some challenges in the past few months, but they will not distract us from our mission. Above all else, we are here to support student success. Throughout this period of transition, our faculty, staff, and administrators will care for each other—so that we can continue to care for our students.

Our leadership team appreciates its role, which is to maintain stability and ensure our work continues, uninterrupted. That means we're pressing forward with implementing our new strategic plan; it means we are continuing to work with Harford County Public Schools on the North Star program. Most importantly, it means that we will continue to innovate: to make the academic and operational improvements needed to best serve the needs of our students.

I'll say it again: Above all else, we are here to support student success. That will remain our focus. I am so fortunate for our campus community—our faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees—and look forward to working with you all in the coming months to keep our College strong, and to provide our students with the resources they need to grow, achieve, inspire, and contribute.

B. Personnel Update

- i. The following employees were introduced to the Board:
 - a. Ijeoma Ozed-Williams, Assistant Professor
 - b. JoAnn Hathazi, Senior Student Account Associate
 - c. Danielle Anderson, ACCESS Planning Project Lead
 - d. Dr. Timothy Sherwood, Vice President for Academic Affairs

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. C. Hunter announced that the Board wished to move into closed session to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with Article §3 305(b)(1) of the General Provisions article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- B. *Motion made by R. Streett III and seconded by J. McCauley to move into closed session.*

C. *Vote: Unanimously adopted*

D. The Board moved into closed session at 6:17 p.m.

VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A. C. Hunter announced that the Board wished to return to open session and called for a motion.

B. *Motion made by S. Linkous and seconded by J. McCauley to return to open session.*

C. *Vote: Unanimously adopted*

D. The Board returned to open session at 7:39 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. C. Hunter announced that the Board wished to adjourn and called for a motion.

B. Motion made by C. Payne and seconded by B. Walker. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

C. The Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Jacqueline Jackson

Jacqueline Jackson (Apr 8, 2020)

Dr. Jacqueline Jackson,
Secretary-Treasurer

Cordell E. Hunter, Sr

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Reverend Cordell E. Hunter, Sr.
Chair