

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #512  
COUNTIES OF COOK, KANE, LAKE, AND McHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Wednesday, October 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chair Bill Kelley on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in of the Wojcik Conference Center, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Greg Dowell, Herb Johnson, Bill Kelley, Walt Mundt, Nancy Robb, Pat Stack and Student Member Kei Smith.

Absent: Member Diane Hill

Also present:

Dr. Yolonda Barnes, Dean, Business Social Sciences; Dr. Mike Bates, Associate Provost Curriculum and Instruction; Laura Brown, Chief Advancement Officer; Tony Butler, Director of Risk Management; Orlando Cabrera, Tech Support Specialist; Dr. Scott Cashman, Senior Manager, Community, Career and Corporate Education; Meg Coney, Administrative Coordinator; Dr. Maria Coons, Vice President and Board Liaison; Dr. Kathy Coy, Director, Institutional Research; Megan Dallianis, Interim Associate Provost-Student Success; Amanda Duval, Chief Human Resources Officer; Rob Galick, EVP Finance and Administrative Services; Bob Grapenthien, Controller; Rita Gura, Interim Dean of Health Careers; Erika Hartman, Administrative Coordinator; Dr. Joanne Ivory, Dean, Career and Technical Programs; Jeff Julian, Chief of Staff; Rick Kellerman, Specialist Network; Christopher Maxwell, Associate Dean of Students; Nancy Medina, Executive Director Facilities Management; Bob Parzy, Associate Provost, Enrollment Services; Kim Pohl, Director of Communications; Kimberley Polly, Dean of Math and Science; Dr. Avis Proctor, President; Sharon Rainbolt, Manager Dual Credit; Jaime Riewerts, Dean, Liberal Arts; Dr. Ruth Williams, Provost; Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director-Foundation and Major Gifts.

Guests: Martha Bell, Decennial Committee member; Norm Bemis, Palatine Fire Department; Shahara Byford, Byford Construction; Jim Creath, Pepper Construction; Donelda Danz, Palatine Park District; Olivia Gould, Student; Lane Moyer, Decennial Committee member; Kimberly Perez, Student; Larry Schroth, Village of Palatine; Eric Schwab, Pepper Construction; Maximo Perez, citizen

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION OF  
FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Bob Grapenthien presented the FY2024 budget update. He stated revenues are trending higher than budgeted expenses. Tuition bearing enrollment is up over last year. Investment revenue is projected to be \$1.5 million over budget. He estimates a \$7.5 million year-end surplus at this point.

Laura Brown presented the MacKenzie Scott Philanthropic Gift – Year 2 Report. All programs and services designed with this funding aligned with Scott’s priorities of closing racial and ethnic wealth gaps. The main components of the funding were:

- Igniting Paths to Success Scholarship - Reaching students from communities that have been chronically underserved. Full tuition scholarships, fees and books are provided with this scholarship. Data from Fall 2021-Summer 2023:
  - 1,514 unduplicated students served
  - Total \$6,369,498 in scholarship support
  - Higher GPA and persistence than peers not receiving the scholarship
  - Top demographics
    - 68% first generation
    - 37.96% Hispanic or Latinx
    - 17.69% Asian
    - 28.08 White

Ms. Brown introduced two students who received the Igniting Paths scholarships.

Student Kimberly Perez is a first-year student studying nursing. She plans on getting both an associate and bachelor’s degree. She thanked the donor for providing this opportunity, otherwise she would have taken out loans. She is now able to pursue her goal of studying nursing without having a huge financial burden.

Student Olivia Gould is a first-year student attending part-time while working part-time at the Buffalo Grove Mutual Ace Hardware. She is the second child in her family to attend Harper. Receiving the scholarship has provided her with a sense of worth and financial support. She is very grateful for this opportunity.

- Community Innovation Fund Grant - Supporting non-profit organizations in the community with missions aligned to support equity, diversity and economic mobility.
  - Year 1 (FY2022-2023) \$100,00 available:
    - Partners for Our Community – Skyward Bound \$50,000
    - GiGi’s Playhouse – Math and Literacy one-on-one program \$15,000
    - WINGS- Rapid Rehousing Program \$15,000

- Fellowship Housing Corporate – Transition Housing Wrap around services \$10,000
- Barrington Area Development – InZone for Sunny Hills School \$10,000
- Year 2 (FY2023-2024) \$50,000 available:
  - Partners for Our Community – Skyward Bound \$10,000
  - WINGS- Rapid Rehousing Program \$10,000
  - Fellowship Housing Corporate – Transition Housing Wrap around services \$10,000
  - Family Forward – Debt reduction program \$10,000
  - Barrington Area Council on Aging – Comprehensive Care \$5,000
  - Special Gifts Theater – Inclusive theater \$5,000

Ms. Brown presented the recommendation to place the balance of the Ignite Paths to Success Scholarship of \$5,654,576 into a quasi-endowment with the Educational Foundation. Provost Ruth Williams and the academic team will review and evaluate the current student success initiatives and will provide a future recommendation for projects to scale up for the largest impact. Anticipate a recommendation after June 2024.

Dr. Maria Coons reviewed the October Board packet.

The Board then commenced the Decennial Committee. Minutes are recorded separately.

#### FORMAL ACTIONS

Member Dowell motioned, Member Mundt seconded to enter closed session to discuss personnel and collective negotiating matters at 6:56 p.m. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Dowell motioned, Member Stack seconded to adjourn the closed session and re-enter the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Member Johnson moved, Member Stack seconded, adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

In a voice vote, motion carried.

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Chair

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Secretary