

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, May 10, 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, May 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in of the Wojcik Conference Center, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Greg Dowell, Diane Hill, Herb Johnson, Bill Kelley, Walt Mundt, Nancy Robb, Pat Stack, and Student Member Kei Smith (arrived 5:03 p.m.)

Absent: none

Also present:

Mike Barzacchini, Director of Marketing Services; Michael Bates, Associate Provost, Curriculum and Instruction; Tony Butler, Director of Risk Management; Orlando Cabrera, Tech Support Specialist; 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; Amanda Duval, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Diane Duin, Interim Dean, Health Careers; Rob Galick, EVP Finance and Administrative Services; Bob Grapenthien, Controller; Mary Kay Harton, Dean of Students; Dr. Joanne Ivory, Dean, Career and Technical Programs; Dr. MaryAnn Janosik, Provost; Jeff Julian, Chief of Staff; Nancy Medina, Executive Director Facilities Management; Steve Petersen, Campus Architect; Dr. Avis Proctor, President; Jaime Riewerts, Dean, Liberal Arts; Darlene Schlenbecker, Vice President of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness; Darice Trout, Interim Dean, Business and Social Science; Riaz Yusuff, Chief Information Officer; Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director-Foundation and Major Gifts.

Guests: Scott Britton, Cook County Commissioner; Andrew Mellman, Scientific Verdicts; Sig Saltz, Comiskey Research.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION OF
FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton spoke to express his appreciation for Harper College in supporting the Cook County United Against Hate initiative. The organization aims to disrupt discrimination and stand up against all forms of hate through education by creating a network of supporters and resources. Cook County is seeking

community organizations such as Harper College to sign the Cook County United Against Hate pledge and become allies to unite against hate. To date two dozen organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, have signed the pledge.

Dr. Kathy Coy introduced the consultants who performed Harper's Community Scan survey to district residents and employers and provided a high-level overview. The scan is conducted every three years but was delayed one year due to the pandemic. Sig Saltz and Andrew Mellman provided the background, objectives, and methodologies of the survey process. This study utilized stratified random sampling to ensure that all sectors of the Harper College district were represented proportionate to Harper's district population.

The purpose of the Community Scan is to assess the degree to which Harper is meeting the needs of district residents and businesses. The results were derived from interviews with 500 residents and 277 businesses. Key findings include:

- A 30% increase in residents' overall awareness of Harper College. 77% of residents mentioned Harper first when asked about colleges and universities in the area (up from 45% in 2019).
- When residents were asked What Harper is best known for, academic reputation, transfer to 4-year college, and affordable were among the most frequently mentioned attributes.
- Approximately 75% of businesses had a positive awareness of Harper College citing academic reputation and offerings as Harper's most notable attributes.
- Nine recommendations (four from the resident survey and five from the business survey) were identified which will help Harper to continue improve its standing within the community.

Bob Grapenthien presented the semi-annual FY2023 budget update.

Rob Galick presented FY2024 budget assumptions. He reviewed the revenue assumptions from property taxes, State revenue, and tuition and fees; and the expenditure assumptions with wage escalation, benefits inflation, and other expenditures. Galick explained that retirements/resignations are creating an opportunity to re-think the organization - serving students in a more holistic way with the expanding needs and further strengthening the student experience and workforce resilience. He reviewed new personnel and budget exception requests from the FY23 surplus. The preliminary budget will be presented at the June COW, with the public hearing and adoption of the FY2024 budget in August. He mentioned the Adjunct Faculty and Pro-Tech contracts will be up for negotiation in spring.

Dr. Maria Coons reviewed the May Board Packet.

FORMAL ACTIONS

No formal actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Hill moved, Member Johnson seconded, adjournment at 6:20 p.m.

In a voice vote, motion carried.

Chair

Secretary