

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
DELTA COLLEGE BOARD ROOM  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman

**MEMBERS ABSENT** T. Lane

**OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, B. Baker, J. Bissonnette, W. Childs, L. Govitz, P. Graves, T. Grunow, D. Halog, A. Hill, R. Holtman J. Knochel, D. Lutz, D. Masud, C. Morley, L. Myles-Sanders, J. Miller, M. Mosqueda, K. Randolph, D. Redman, D. Salinas, J. Sclba, T. Stitt, M. Tobias, A. Ursuy, B. Webb

**PRESS PRESENT** A. Dodson (Bay City Times)

**CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for comments from the public.

Jody Bissonnette, a Delta College student from Bay County, said that he has concerns with the Fire Science Program that he does not feel have been adequately addressed. Board Chair Houston-Philpot asked the Administration to work with Mr. Bissonnette to resolve the issues.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting and Regular Meeting of September 8, 2009. K. Higgs made a motion to accept the minutes. J. MacKenzie seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** D. Lutz informed the Board that at the end of September, the College remains in a solid cash financial position. Enrollment and tuition and fees are 6.7% above budget. At this time there are no additional variances to report.

**PERSONNEL  
BA4793** It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Christopher L. Curtis as Chairperson of the Social Science Division to complete the remaining time of a three-year term commencing July 1, 2010 and end April 30, 2012. R. Stafford moved for approval of the recommendation with support from E. Selby. Motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCE  
BA4794** It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Broadcasting automation system replacement project and purchase to Crispin Corporation in the amount of \$137,775. E. Selby moved for approval of the recommendation with support from E. Wacksman. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE  
BA4795** It is the recommendation of the Delta College Board of Trustees Bylaws Committee that the Board of Trustees adopt the Bylaws as proposed at the September 8, 2009, regular meeting of the Board.

*Approved by the Board of Trustees at the November 2009  
Regular Meeting.*

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, R. Stafford made a motion to amend Article VI, Section 8 of the proposed Bylaws. Motion passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, R. Stafford made a motion to amend Article XIV, Indemnification, of the proposed Bylaws, as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

R. E. Selby made a motion that all places in the proposed Bylaws that refer to the hiring of faculty be changed to leave the power with the Board of Trustees. Motion failed with a vote of 2 in favor, 6 opposed.

R. Emrich made a motion to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the proposed Bylaws as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3.     A. Public comment  
       B. Response
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Consent agenda  
       A. Minutes
6. Board action items
7. President's Communication  
       A. Gifts to the College  
       B. Personnel
7. Trustee Comments
8. Chair Comments
9. Adjournment

E. Wacksman seconded the motion. K. Higgs made substitute motion to R. Emrich's motion suggesting that a statement that "any Board Member can add an agenda item to the consent agenda" be added to this section. The motion failed with a vote of 3 in favor, 4 in opposition.

R. Emrich made a motion that as recommended by K. Higgs, under consent agenda, the statement "Board action items of a routine nature, as determined by the Chair of the Board" be added. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 3 against.

The Board voted in favor of R. Emrich's previous amendment with a vote of 7 in favor, 1 against.

The amended Bylaws were adopted by the Delta College Board of Trustees with a vote of 6 in favor, 2 against. R. E. Selby and K. Lawrence-Webster voted against the recommendation.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-  
WHOLE  
BA4796**

It is the recommendation of the Delta College Board of Trustees Bylaws Committee that the Board of Trustees receive the first reading of the draft of the Delta College Board of Trustees Operating Parameters as proposed by the Bylaws Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS --PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT – GIFTS TO THE  
COLLEGE**

Gifts to the College for the month of September 2009

Delta College Foundation – \$32,304.00  
Delta Public Broadcasting - \$52,248.00  
Monthly combined total – \$84,552.00

**PRESIDENT'S  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- As of today, 11,299 students are enrolled for fall semester. This is an increase of 375 students from the fall 2008 semester.
- Jim Roznowski, Professor of Mathematics, has been elected as President-Elect of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC). Jim will assume the office of President-Elect after the AMATYC conference in mid-November. He will serve as President during 2012 and 2013 and Past President during 2014 and 2015. Congratulations Jim!
- The Teaching/Learning Center web site has won third place in the National College Learning Center Association and Learning Support Centers in Higher Education Web Site Excellence Awards Competition for 2009. Jim Valkenburg is the director of the Teaching/Learning Center and Elizabeth Dewey is the webmaster.
- On Thursday, October 15, the Delta College Office of Diversity and Inclusion participated in the Saginaw VA Hospital's Diversity Day Program. They set up a display highlighting Delta's Diversity Program and were awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Paul Seidel has been named to the Automotive Training Manager Council's (ATMC) Board of Directors. Congratulations!
- In their folders for the evening, Board members received two articles. The first is a copy of the article that appeared in the July/August issue of the AARP Bulletin and features our Delta College Chemical Processing Program. The second is from the Wall Street Journal and discusses the opportunities that community colleges provide for students.
- Tickets for this year's Chocolate Affair are now available. The event will take place on Thursday, November 5, at the Valley Plaza Resort in Midland. Proceeds benefit Delta College's [Possible Dream Program](#), which began in 1991. The mission of the program is to help bright, but at-risk 6th -12th graders stay in school, and to believe that college is a "possible dream" for them. For more information, contact Mary Harding at (989) 686-9226.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

R. Stafford said that he had the opportunity to attend the MCCA Board of Directors Meeting on October 2-3, 2009. He said that it was a good meeting and that many of the topics on the agenda centered around legislative issues.

R. E. Selby said that the ACCT Leadership Congress was an excellent conference. Highlights of the conference included presentations by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Under Secretary of Education, Martha Kanter. He noted that Dr. Kanter has a background in community colleges, most recently as Chancellor at Foothill De-Anza.

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**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Board Chair Houston-Philpot said ACCT will be hosting the annual Legislative Summit in Washington DC and added that the 2010 Leadership Congress will take place in Toronto. She encouraged Trustees to consider participating in these valuable board development opportunities.

Board Chair Houston-Philpot said that Trustee Tom Lane received Purdue University's 2009 Outstanding Alumni Award.

Board Chair Houston-Philpot thanked Trustees for their thoughts and comments regarding the Bylaws.

**CLOSED SESSION**

K. Lawrence-Webster made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of considering written legal opinion of counsel with support from R. Emrich.

The vote was 8-0 to go into closed session with a roll call vote as follows:

- R. Emrich - Yes
- K. Houston-Philpot – Yes
- K. Higgs - Yes
- T. Lane - Absent
- K. Lawrence-Webster - Yes
- J. MacKenzie – Yes
- R. E. Selby - Yes
- R. Stafford - Yes
- E. Wacksman - Yes

The closed session ended at 10:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Houston-Philpot adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

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Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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