

Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room (B-151)
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
7:00 p.m.

- BOARD PRESENT** R. Emrich, S. Gannon, M. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, M. Wood
- BOARD ABSENT** A. Baldwin, M. Benecke, M. Thomas
- OTHERS PRESENT** D. Allen, L. Brown, T. Brown, P. Clark, A. Cramer, R. Curry, S. DuFresne, M. Evans, J. Foco, P. Fox, M. Garcia, J. Garn, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, J. Harned, C. Inabinet, E. Lazzari, D. McQuiston, A. Proux, S. Raube, S. Roche, P. Ross McClain, K. Schuler, E. Suniga, A. Ursuy, A. Williams, J. Young
- PRESS PRESENT** None
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair Nash called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Board Chair Nash asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
M. Rowley made a motion to approve the agenda. S. Gannon seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** M. Nash called for public comment.
- TREASURER’S REPORT** S. DuFresne said that the Board has received the College financial statements as of August 30, 2022. Two months into the fiscal year the College has no significant variances to report.
- CONSENT AGENDA** M. Nash called for approval of the consent agenda.
R. Emrich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. M. Wood seconded the motion.
The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:
A. Acceptance of Minutes:
1. Board Regular Meeting, August 9, 2022
- APPROVAL OF DELTA COLLEGE - STRATEGIC VALUE (BA5462)** It is the recommendation of the administration that the Delta College Board of Trustees certify to the State Budget Director that Delta College has met ALL 5 of the best practices in each of the 3 categories, thus exceeding the legislative requirements. This report will allow Delta College to comply with Public Act Number 144 of 2022, Section 230 (3), which was signed into effect on July 14, 2022.
M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. D. Middleton seconded the motion.

D. Middleton commented that this document is one of the most comprehensive summaries of what Delta College does in our community.

R. Emrich said it would be good to share with the public.

Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:
THE HUMANITIES
LEARNING CENTER**

The Student Success Report was given by Michael Evans, assistant professor of history, on the Humanities Learning Center (HLC). The HLC began in 2010 to promote the humanities at Delta and in the community. Among its many initiatives is the popular Brown Bag Talks series which highlights a humanities topic with a lunch-time speaker.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment

Classes for the Fall 2022 Semester began on August 27. As of today, 7,056 students are enrolled. The College projected 73,850 contact hours for the fall semester and are currently at 98.3% (72,643 contact hours) of goal.

Personnel

Dr. Gavin welcomed Chad Inabinet. Chad is the new VP of Student Empowerment and Success. He began in his role at Delta on August 29. Chad was formerly the Dean of Student Services at West Shore Community College.

Information Sharing

- Dr. Gavin said that Fall Learning Days was a success. As part of our strategic planning process, Dr. Connie Watson and Dr. David Baskind facilitated sessions with faculty and staff and collected ideas/themes that will be used as a foundation for the college-wide Mission, Vision, and Values Summit. Dr. Gavin thanked Board Chair Nash for attending the State of the College Address.
- On Friday, September 2, the Public Media Dedication and Ribbon Cutting took place. Dr. Gavin thanked Pam Clark and her team for planning the celebration. Thanks to Trustees Nash, Gannon, Middleton, Rowley and Wood for attending.
- NAACP Saginaw Branch will host the 51st Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Sunday, September 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is Vincent Evans, Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus. Trustees who would like to attend should let Kay Schuler know.
- As part of the President's Speaker Series Dr. Jelani Cobb, staff writer for The New Yorker, will discuss race, history, politics and culture in America. The event is Thursday, October 6, at 10am in the Delta College Lecture Theater (G160).
- The Mission, Vision and Values Summit will take place on Friday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Pioneer Gym.
- I'm pleased to report the Higher Learning Commission has received and accepted our Interim Report on Policies and Governance.

- As a reminder, the next Board Meeting will be held at the Downtown Midland Center on Tuesday, October 11.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

M. Wood said he attended the ribbon cutting for the Broadcasting wing. He said that it looks fantastic and it was nice to see a number of retirees and community members.

D. Middleton agreed that the Public Media Center is beautiful and an asset to the community. D. Middleton also welcomed our new employees.

R. Emrich asked for comment on the need for a mascot revision. He asked if we need a mascot. P. Clark said that it creates spirit when there is an identity. She added that the College will ask for community input.

M. Rowley said, in regard to the mascot, he will be open-minded to anything the College presents. He noted that he does not think there is an issue with “pioneer” and that sometimes costumes seem hokey.

M. Rowley said that the HLC monitoring report was excellent and thanked the team who worked on it.

M. Rowley said that he would be happy to volunteer to provide input on revisions to the application if needed.

S. Gannon echoed the comments about the Public Media Center. She also thanked M. Evans for his presentation on the Humanities Learning Center.

CHAIR COMMENTS

M. Nash pointed out that this is Dr. Emrich’s last on-campus meeting. Our next three Board meetings will be held at our downtown centers.

He said he appreciated this evening’s dinner meeting presentation.

M. Nash said he is looking forward to the summit.

**VOTE TO GO INTO
CLOSED SESSION TO
DISCUSS SPECIFIC
PENDING LITIGATION:
DAVIS V. DELTA
COLLEGE AND JEAN
GOODNOW**

M. Wood made a motion that the Board go into closed session to discuss specific pending litigation: Davis v. Delta College and Jean Goodnow.

D. Middleton seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote to go into closed session are as follows:

- R. Emrich – Yes
- S. Gannon – Yes
- D. Middleton – Yes
- M. Nash – Yes
- M. Rowley – Yes
- M. Wood – Yes

The Board went into closed session at 7:41 p.m.

The Board went back into open session at 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Nash adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary