

Mid Michigan College Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

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The meeting took place in the Esther C. Conference Room, Harrison Campus.

Present: Michael Jankoviak, Vice Chair; Richard S. Allen Jr., Secretary; Thomas W. Metzger, Treasurer; George Gilmore, Trustee; Jane Zdrojewski, Trustee; Onita Oles, Trustee; Nate Weisenburger, Trustee

Absent: All Trustees Present

Agenda Item I: *CALL TO ORDER*

Vice Chair Mike Jankoviak called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Item II: *ELECTION OF OFFICERS*

In the absence of a Board Chair, President Hood facilitated nominations for the Board Chair seat. He reminded Trustees that the term of appointment to Board offices is for two years, meaning now until the end of December 2024. President Hood opened nominations for Board Chair. Motion by Trustee Oles to nominate Trustee Zdrojewski. Second by Trustee Jankoviak. Trustee Zdrojewski stated that she would accept the nomination of Board Chair.

Motion by Trustee Gilmore to close nominations for Board Chair. Second by Trustee Weisenburger. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Board with the exception of Trustee Zdrojewski who abstained. Motion Carried. Trustee Zdrojewski will serve as the Board Chair for a two year term.

Board Chair Zdrojewski opened nominations for the Vice Chair. Motion by Trustee Gilmore to nominate Trustee Jankoviak as Vice Chair. Second by Trustee Oles. Trustee Jankoviak stated that he would accept the nomination of Vice Chair.

Motion by Trustee Allen to close nominations for Vice Chair. Second by Trustee Metzger. All Ayes; Motion Carried. Trustee Jankoviak will serve as Vice Chair of the Board for a two year term.

Board Chair Zdrojewski opened nominations for Secretary. Motion by Trustee Metzger to nominate Trustee Allen as Secretary. Second by Trustee Gilmore. Trustee Allen stated that he would accept the nomination of Secretary.

Motion by Trustee Gilmore to close nominations for Secretary. Second by Trustee Jankoviak. All Ayes; Motion Carried. Trustee Allen will serve as Secretary of the Board for a two year term.

Board Chair Zdrojewski opened nominations for Treasurer. Motion by Trustee Jankoviak to nominate Trustee Metzger as Treasurer. Second by Trustee Allen. Trustee Metzger stated that he would accept the nomination of Treasurer.

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Motion by Trustee Gilmore to close nominations for Treasurer. Second by Trustee Weisenburger. All Ayes; Motion Carried. Trustee Metzger will serve as Treasurer of the Board for a two year term.

Agenda Item III: *APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

Motion by Trustee Jankoviak to approve the agenda. Second by Trustee Gilmore. A voice vote showed All Ayes; Motion Carried.

Agenda Item IV: *PUBLIC COMMENT*

Board Chair Zdrojewski asked for public comment, no one wished to comment.

Agenda Item V: *APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS*

Motion by Trustee Allen to approve the consent items as presented. Second by Trustee Metzger. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Trustees; Motion Carried.

Agenda Item VI-A: *WINTER ENROLLMENT REPORT*

Vice President of Student Services and Advancement Matt Miller presented the Board with the latest Winter Enrollment Report. A discussion took place regarding the effect of Baseball on enrollment.

Agenda Item VI-B: *DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) GRANT UPDATE*

Provost Scott Mertes presented the Board with information regarding DNR grants. Trustee Allen has spoken about the DNR grants in previous meetings. Grants at Mid have not always had a centralized home, and currently that home is with Provost Mertes. Provost Mertes mentioned that in order to be eligible for the DNR grants you must be a governmental unit, and Mid does not qualify as governmental unit. He also showed a list of previous DNR grant recipients, all of which are governmental units. An overview of the grants received for trail maintenance was presented to the Board. Trustee Oles asked about the possibility of partnering with specific governmental units to serve as the accepting body for grant funds, specifically for use on the college trail system for the public to use. Provost Mertes stated that he was not sure if that was a possibility, but something that can be looked into. Trustee Gilmore spoke about previous partnership projects with the DNR. Trustee Allen spoke about the potential for reciprocal grants and how that might allow grant application. Board Chair Zdrojewski reminded

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employees to check into the Gladwin County Community Foundation for potential grants. She also mentioned the desire to see upgrades to the trail system listed in the master plan and 5 year plan.

Agenda Item VII-A: *CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

President Hood congratulated the newly elected Board officers and welcomed Trustee Weisenburger to the Board. He spoke about a grant written by Biology faculty member Trish Finnerty to offset the costs of the upcoming Florida Keys study abroad trip. President Hood spoke about events that took place at the latest faculty Welcome Back Day.

President Hood read correspondence that Mid received from former Board Chair Terry Petrongelli and recently retired Coordinator of Physical Therapy Assistant Program Crystal Parker. On Saturday, January 28 from 3-5 PM on the Harrison Campus, potential students will be taking part in the Final Round of the Laker Distinction Scholarship. Information sessions regarding the upcoming Florida Keys Study Abroad trip are taking place on January 17 and February 7. More information can be found on Mid's website.

Mid is again hosting a Back to Campus BASH on each campus for students. One took place in Harrison January 10 and one will take place in Mt. Pleasant January 11. Thank you to everyone that worked together to coordinate this event. The Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) Summer Conference will be taking place at Grand Traverse Resort again this year July 26-28.

Agenda Item VII-B: *TRAIL NAMING OPPORTUNITIES*

Director of Community Relations/Executive Assistant to the President and Board Amy Lince presented a request pertaining to Board policy 305.01.02 to name the Red Bike Trail in honor of Steve Hoffman and the Green Bike Trail in honor of Ken Eddy.

Provost Scott Mertes spoke to the Board about the time and dedication that Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Eddy has put into the maintenance of our bike trail system and the coordination of bike races throughout the year. Without volunteers like them, our trail system would not be what it is and we are extremely grateful.

Motion by Trustee Weisenburger to approve the trail naming opportunities, Red Bike Trail in honor of Steve Hoffman and the Green Bike Trail in honor of Ken Eddy for their dedication to Mid, per Board policy 305.01.02. Second by Trustee Metzger. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Trustees; Motion Carried.

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Agenda Item VII-C: *CROSS COUNTY*

Trustee Gllmore brought up previous discussions pertaining to cross county meets on campus and his desire to see the Board take action.

Motion by Trustee Gilmore to make President Hood responsible for checking into pricing for potential updates and timeline to meet cross country standards, with information due back at the March Board meeting. Trustee Allen spoke about timing equipment that Shepherd has in place on their trail system. President Hood accepted the task presented by the Board and spoke about the potential for a task force pertaining to this subject.

Second by Trustee Oles. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Board; Motion Carried.

Agenda Item VII-D: *CLARE GLADWIN RESD*

President Hood spoke about a recent meeting between representatives of Mid and Clare Gladwin Regional Education Service District (CGRESD). He presented the Board with a letter from CGRESD Superintendent Tara Mager requesting that Mid consider an alternative to the current land lease. CGRESD is requesting the land lease be turned into a land deed, to ensure that the property enhancements paid for by CGRESD stay assets of CGRESD. CGRESD feels that the presence of a reverter clause in the current lease, does not allow for that security.

President Hood spoke about advice from legal counsel to potentially revise the current lease and remove the reverter clause that is currently in the lease. Thrun Law Firm represents both Mid and CGRESD, so they suggested bringing representatives from both parties together to work through a solution.

Vice Chair Jankoviak spoke about the direction suggested at the meeting with CGRESD and openness to other alternatives. He spoke about his appreciation for their concerns, but does not feel Mid should simply deed the property over to CGRESD. A discussion allowing for Trustees to express their concerns and potential suggestions took place. Board Chair Zdrojewski, Trustee Jankoviak and President Hood will convene how to proceed further.

Agenda Item VII-E: *BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS*

The recent election means the Board needed to appoint new Trustee representatives to appropriate committees throughout the college for a two year term ending December 2024. The Board had a discussion pertaining to the committee representatives needed and who may be willing to serve on those committees.

Motion by Trustee Gilmore to appoint Trustees Metzger, Allen and Jankoviak to the audit committee with Trustee Gilmore serving as the alternate. Second by Jankoviak. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Board; Motion Carried.

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Motion by Trustee Metzger to appoint Trustee Gilmore to serve on the Sabbatical committee with Trustee Jankoviak serving as the alternate. Second by Trustee Weisenburger. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Board; Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Jankoviak to appoint Trustee Weisenburger to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors. Second by Trustee Allen. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Board; Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Jankoviak to appoint Trustee Oles to serve on the TRIO Advisory Committee. Second by Trustee Weisenburger. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Board; Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Oles to appoint Trustee Weisenburger to serve as the Board liaison on the Foundation Board. Second by Trustee Jankoviak. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Board; Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Weisenburger to appoint Board Chair Zdrojewski to serve on the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) Board of Directors with Trustee Oles serving as the alternate. Second by Trustee Allen. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Board; Motion Carried.

Agenda Item VIII-A: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Chair Zdrojewski spoke about the irregularity in the date of the March meeting due to Spring Break and the April Board meeting taking place in Mt. Pleasant.

Feb 7	Board of Trustees Meeting, Esther C. Conference Room, Harrison Campus
Mar 14	Board of Trustees Meeting, Esther C. Conference Room, Harrison Campus
Apr 4	Board of Trustees Meeting, Community Room, Mt. Pleasant Campus
Apr 16	A Northern Tradition, 5:00-8:00 PM, Jay's Sporting Goods, Clare
May 2	Board of Trustees Meeting, Esther C. Conference Room, Harrison Campus
May 6	Commencement

Agenda Item VIII-B: OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Jankoviak spoke about the great start to the New Year that the Board seems to be on.

Trustee Allen spoke about articles that he sends out on a regular basis.

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Trustee Oles spoke about the renovation committee, including Board Chair Zdrojewski and Trustee Gilmore. Board Chair Zdrojewski will send an email to Director of Facilities Joe Myers to see when a meeting can be scheduled.

Trustee Weisenburger expressed positivity and his optimism for the Board.

Trustee Gilmore thanked Board Chair Zdrojewski for accepting the responsibility of Board Chair.

Board Chair Zdrojewski spoke about informational discussions versus items that need to be acted on. She also brought up the potential for a Board retreat in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Recording Secretary,

Amy Lince

Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

Jane Zdrojewski, Board Chair

Richard S. Allen, Jr., Board Secretary