

MINUTES
Approved 2.25.20

North Shore Community College
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
Friday, January 10, 2020, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Danvers Board Room

In Attendance

Alex Stone; Barbara Heinemann; Dr. J.D. LaRock; Jamie Perry; Joseph Riley; Maria Vega-Viera; Nicole Bluefort

Not In Attendance

Anh Dao Tran-Moseman; Dharma Cortes

Additional Attendees

Miranda Gualtieri, Patricia Gentile, Madeline Wallis, Janice Forsstrom, Laurie LaChappelle, Karen Hynick, Bill Hébert, Linda Brantley, Stephen Creamer, Ken Tashjy, Brian Falter, Joanne Sullivan, Andrea Defusco-Sullivan, Jane Levesque, Kim Odusami, Larry Davis, Donna Davis, Norene Gachignard, Anne O'Shea, Terri Whitney, Anne Sears

1. Public Comments

Chair LaRock opened the meeting asking for introductions as there were many additional attendees from the MCCC Union.

Chair LaRock indicated that the MCCC letter would be a formal agenda item at the February 25th Trustee Meeting, and then welcomed public comments.

Union members requested a timely written response to the MCCC letter of December 16, 2019 and concerns over communication and shared governance. They also requested that the faculty and staff be queried on the upcoming Presidential search.

2. Presidential Search

Chair LaRock opened the Presidential search agenda item by asking trustees for input as to their vision of the next President. Responses included a leader with a strong business acumen who is able to navigate through the various constituencies, a leader who will foster a culture that draws upon the experience of changing needs, and an Innovator who will go beyond traditional methods.

Chair LaRock then asked for discussion as to what the College means to this region.

Responses included opportunity, skilled employees and strong academic programs.

Madeline Wallis reviewed the Guidelines for the Presidential Search and Ken Tashjy reviewed Open Meeting Laws.

Next, there was discussion about the timing of the Presidential Search process. The pros and cons to the shorter vs. longer timeframe were compared. There was also discussion as to the College Community coming together to address the issues of NECHE and the MCCC letter in preparation for the process. There was general agreement among the Board to take a step back to address the issues within the College Community and incorporate them into the process.

Chair LaRock indicated that the remaining trustee meeting agendas will be revised to include discussion on NECHE and MCCC, and that an ad hoc committee within the college may be considered to help with the issues.

An interim President will be discussed at the February 25th meeting.

President Gentile will ask the BHE for a one year extension of the current Strategic Plan so that the new President can participate fully in the process.

Chair LaRock asked for a motion to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

Move: Barbara Heinemann Second: Joseph Riley Status: Passed