



# Maine Community College System

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## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Maine Community College System, Augusta

April 23, 2014

**Board Members Present:** Robert Clark, Chair; Joanna Jones, Vice Chair; William Cassidy, Patricia Duran, Jean Ginn Marvin, Laurence Grondin, Steven Howe, Kaitlyn Kinsey, Beth Ann Lorigan, David MacMahon, Jane Sexton

**Board Members Absent:** Commissioner Jeanne Paquette, Commissioner James Rier, Christopher McCormick, Shawn Moody

**Others Present:** John Fitzsimmons, Ellyn Chase, Scott Knapp, Lawrence Barrett, Richard Hopper, Timothy Crowley, Joseph Cassidy, Christopher Hall, David Daigler, Linda McGill, James McGowan, Helen Pelletier, Beth Shorr

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Chair Clark determined that a quorum of Trustees was present and that no one from the public wished to address the Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

#### **Resolution to accept Minutes of the January 22, 2014 Meeting**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Howe to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting. It was unanimously approved.

#### **Resolution to accept Minutes of the April 9, 2014 Meeting**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee Grondin to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting. It was unanimously approved.

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### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Chair Clark discussed the All-Maine Academic Team luncheon which had taken place the previous day, and the Student of the Year event which had taken place that morning. He spoke of all the moving struggles and inspiring stories, and recognized student Trustee Kaitlyn Kinsey as EMCC's Student of the Year.

Trustee Clark welcomed the new Board members and noted the upcoming orientation in May.

#### **Resolution to elect a Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cassidy and seconded by Trustee Grondin to elect Trustee Joanna Jones as Vice Chair. It was unanimously approved.

#### **Resolution to adopt Board By-Laws as amended**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee Kinsey to adopt the amended by-laws. It was unanimously approved.

Trustee Clark appointed a nominating committee to bring forward a slate of officers for the Chair and Vice-Chair posts for 2014/2015. Trustee Jean Ginn Marvin and Trustee William Cassidy will serve on that committee.

Chair Clark then introduced President John Fitzsimmons.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

#### **Resolution to authorize changes in Room and Board Rates effective Fall 2014**

President Fitzsimmons stated that every two years the MCCS reviews rates by comparing what the local (regional) universities charge. Those numbers are then brought before the Board for discussion. If approved, the college presidents also have authority to increase their own college's rates up to 10%. The MCCS tries to keep the residence hall rates at a break-even level for the colleges, with the college presidents charging an appropriate amount for their region without needing additional subsidies and without overburdening the students. The only anomaly this year is that USM dropped their rates, and thus SMCC has dropped theirs as well.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Ginn Marvin and seconded by Trustee Jones to approve the resolution. It was unanimously approved.

President Fitzsimmons thanked Dr. Hall, who is serving as Interim President at YCCC. Dr. Hall will be leaving that post to take a position in Dubai. President Fitzsimmons stated that Dr. Hall has done a wonderful job, and that all of the college presidents have enjoyed working with him. He added that Dr. Hall will be missed, and thanked him again.

Dr. Hall thanked President Fitzsimmons. He stated that he came here from a 4-year college background, and had not known what to expect. He stated that he was impressed at what this system does to change people's lives. Dr. Hall said that YCCC has a great future and great growth in front of it. He noted the recent hardships at YCCC, working through the passing of

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two sitting presidents. He discussed the new programs on the horizon, and the new President who has been appointed. YCCC, he concluded, will be one of the stars of the system.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Resolution to authorize implementation of an Advanced Certificate credential in Precision Machining Technology at CMCC**

Trustee Jones brought forth the new program approval, noting that there is an excellent standing PMT program there already, and that advanced certificate will provide additional opportunities for the students.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Kinsey to accept the resolution. It was unanimously approved

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **Resolution to Accept Interim Budget Amendments**

Trustee Ginn Marvin explained the need to adopt these budget amendments, stating that both the boys and girls basketball teams at CMCC won their championships, and needed travel money.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Ginn Marvin and seconded by Trustee Howe to accept the resolution. It was unanimously approved.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution to approve the Board Meeting and Events Calendar for 2014-2016**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee Grondin to approve the calendar with possible amendment to the dates of the Board Retreat.

#### **Resolution to accept gifts to the MCCS**

- ◆ *Central Maine Community College*
  - 2013 Ford Fiesta
  - 2012 Ford F-150
  - 2011 Ford F-350
- ◆ *Northern Maine Community College*
  - 2004 Mercury Sable
  - Dyer Mechanical Gages/Groove Gages
  - Cummins Fire Pump Engine
  - Misc. Electrical Supplies
  - Misc. Truck/Trailer Supplies
  - Misc. Truck/Trailer Parts

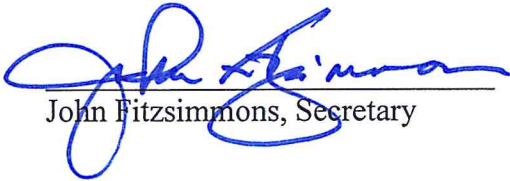


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A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Howe to accept the gifts. It was unanimously approved.

As there was no other business to be presented, Chair Clark requested adjournment. A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Howe. It was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.



John Fitzsimmons, Secretary



Robert P. Clark  
Chair of the Board of Trustees  
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