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# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

# MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Eastern Maine Community College

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Joyce Maker, Chair, Margaret Angell, Mark Fourre, Kossi Gamedah, Jean Ginn Marvin, Winnie LaRochelle, Elizabeth Neptune, Anne Roosevelt, and Kate Rush
Absent:	Peter DelGreco, Vice Chair, Jane Gilbert, Cherie Wendelken, Commissioner Pender Makin, and Commissioner Laura Fortman
<b>Others Present:</b>	David Daigler, President and Secretary, and Bonnie Brown, Clerk

Chair Joyce Maker determined that a quorum of Trustees was present and a list of citizens asking to address the Board of Trustees was provided. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Two citizens, employees of EMMC, requested to address the Board regarding the support staff contract. Debra Perro (Bangor) and Eric Clark (Bangor) addressed the board of trustees regarding concerns related to their employment and the ongoing negotiations with the MSEA Support Staff bargaining unit, and the desire to continue negotiating in good faith for to a positive outcome. the current wages.

# **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

# **Resolution to Approve Minutes of Meetings**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Board of Trustee minutes dated February 7, 2024. The motion was unanimously approved to accept the minutes as presented.

# MCCS SYSTEM PRESIDENT REPORT

President Daigler provided the trustees with an overview of some of the collaborations with the state of Maine and work being done with strategic plan and the State of Maine's 10 Year Strategic Vision.

MDIA – An update on the recent announcement at YCCC for the creation of the "Maine Defense Industry Alliance". The MDIA brings together all of the higher education community and it is an outgrowth of binding and tighten relationships with business and industries, including over 150 major manufacturing and 3 large defense contractors. Work will entail assuring we identify what the industries' needs are a how the higher education can best fill the identified needs, with short term workforce training to be the focus. The alliance includes the DOE, DECD, DOL as well as engagement with CTE's. Senator Collins office and the entire delegation participated in the process.

Harold Alfond - President Daigler updated the trustees on a recent presentation to Harold Alfond Foundation for a request of \$75 million to support sustainability, replacing funding from state that will diminish.

## **Bylaw Amendment**

The trustees were presented with a first read of a bylaw amendment which reflects changes to the nominating committee. The bylaws will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **Education Committee**

Trustee Anne Roosevelt reported the program reviews were completed acknowledging the work done at the colleges to ensure the programs are meeting needs of students. The following program changes were reviewed, and the committee recommended the program changes be approved as presented:

# **Resolution to Approve Program Changes**

New Certificate (303.1)				
	Metal Fabrication A.A.S.	CMCC		
Program Discontinuation (303.2)				
	Early Childhood Certificate	EMCC		
	Precision Machining Technology A.A.S.	KVCC		
	Sustainable Construction A.A.S. & Certificate	KVCC		
	Phlebotomy Certificate	KVCC		
	Esports Management A.A.S.	CMCC		
Add Program Option (303.4)				
	Career Studies: Health Science Pathway A.A.S.	EMCC		
New Certificate (303.5)				
	Health Studies Certificate	YCCC		

A motion was made and seconded to approve the program changes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

# **Finance Committee**

Trustee Kate Rush reported the committee had reviewed the following items and further recommended the trustees approve as presented:

CMCC	\$12,400	Residence Halls, Hotel
EMCC	\$12,969	Residence Halls,
KVCC	\$11,800	Hotel
NMCC	\$10,300	Residence Halls, Suites, Apartments
SMCC	\$13,830	Residence Halls
		(SMCC agreement with USM
		Students will pay USM rate)
WCCC	\$9,595	Apartments and Board
YCCC	\$13,830	Hotel and Board

#### **Resolution to establish Room, Apartment and Board Rate Ranges**

All other terms and conditions of the Board's resolution for the same subject matter dated April 23, 2014, effective July 1, 2014, shall remain in effect.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the established Room, Apartment and Board Rate ranges effective Fall 2025 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee to update the authorized signatories for MCCS accounts with TD Bank and Bangor Savings was presented.

#### **Resolution - TD Bank and Bangor Savings Resolutions** -

A motion was made and seconded to update the authorized signers for accounts with TD Bank and Bangor Savings, as indicated in the attached resolutions. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Strategic Planning**

Trustee Margaret Angell reported the committee had completed its update and review of the MCCS Strategic Plan and further recommended the board accept the plan as presented.

#### **Resolution to Accept Strategic Plan 2024**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Strategic Plan 2024 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

# Workforce Development Committee

Trustee Kossi Gamedah provided an overview of the meeting today, noting further updates will be provided in the future as they become available regarding funding. The MJRP deployment and student profiles were presented to the committee. A presentation was provided by EMCC's workforce team.

# Nominating Committee

Chair Maker selected the Trustee Roosevelt and Trustee Neptune to serve on the nominating committee, noting one additional member will be selected by the chair to serve on the Nominating Committee. The committee will present nominees at the June BOT meeting for the Chair and Vice Chair.

# Policy

President Daigler presented the policy amendments to the trustees and a recommendation was made to accept the amendments as presented.

## **Resolutions to Approve Policy Amendments**

MCCS Policy 504 – Student Affairs – Special Conditions of Admissions, Enrollment and Participation (Amendment)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

MCCS Policy 709 – Financial Affairs – Student Debts, Student Emergency Loans and Student Activity Funds (Amendment)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

# Gifts

# **Resolution to Authorize Gift Acceptance**

Per MCCS Policy 711, Financial Affairs, the following gifts were presented to the Board of Trustees:

CMCC – Ford Motor Company Donation – 2023 Lincoln Aviator - \$92,225 CMCC – Dead River Donation – Equipment \$60,000 EMCC – Subaru Donation – 2023 Subaru Forester - \$27,481 SMCC – Subaru of American Donation – 2023 Subaru Outback - \$27,189 NMCC – Mary Smith Donation – Childcare Center - \$1,469,352

A motion was made and seconded to authorize President Daigler to accept the gifts as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

# **Resolution to Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement**

President Daigler presented to the Board for approval the collective bargaining agreement between Maine Education Association Administrators and the Maine Community College System for the period from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.

A motion was made and seconded to ratify the collective bargaining agreement as presented for the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025, with the Maine Education Association Administrators. The motion was unanimously approved as presented.

## Other

President Daigler recommended the following to the trustees for approval:

## **Resolution to Confer Faculty Emeritus**

A motion was made and seconded to confer onto Gary Rattray (CMCC) the title of Faculty Emeritus. The motion was unanimously passed.

## **Resolution to Approve WCCC Mission Statement Amendment**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the WCCC Mission Statement as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Elizabeth Russell, EMCC President, provided an overview of EMCC and introduced three EMCC students who shared their experiences at Eastern Maine Community College.

There being no further business to be addressed by the Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

David Daigler President & Secretary Maine Community College System

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Joyce Maker Chair Maine Community College System