

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
(734) 242-7300, Ext. 4311

The Board Room, Z-203  
The La-Z-Boy Center  
Monroe County Community College  
Monday, September 18, 2023  
4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Lynette Dowler, Julie Edwards (arrived at 5:00), Nicole Goodman, Krista Lambrix, Aaron Mason, Mary Kay Thayer

Also Present: Scott Behrens, Curtis Creagh, Jacob Drew, Joshua Myers, Kojo Quartey, Linda Torbet and Janel Boss (recording secretary)

1. Chair Mason called the special meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. The meeting was called to conduct interviews with candidates for the vacancy on the Board of Trustees created by the resignation of Florence Buchanan.
2. *It was moved by L. Dowler and supported by K. Lambrix that Monroe County Community College, in accordance with MCCC Policy 6.21 and Procedure 6.21 (a), apply for a Special License from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to serve alcohol in conjunction with the following special event which will be held as indicated:*
  - 1) *Kevin Nealon – Saturday, October 21, 2023 – Meyer Theater*
  - 2) *The Skittle Bots – Saturday, January 6, 2024 – Meyer Theater*

The motion carried unanimously.

3. There were no delegations present.
4. Chair Mason distributed a document to be used as a tool to assist the Board of Trustees in linking back to MCCC's Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives when reviewing agendas and preparing for and navigating meetings.
5. The Board met with the following candidates: Dr. James Orwin, Joel Spotts, Gerald Williams and Laura Pippis. Candidates were asked the following eleven questions.
  1. Please take a few minutes to introduce yourself and tell us your reason for wanting to serve on the Board, and do you know of any potential conflict?
  2. The MCCC Board is a policy board; what does that mean to you and how do you see your role as Trustee?
  3. What do you think are the responsibilities of Trustees to the President and the responsibilities of the President to the Trustees?
  4. What do you see as the purpose of a community college?

5. What major strengths do you think you would bring to the Board of Trustees?
6. What are your familiarities with the budgeting process for a public educational institution such as MCCC, and do you have any opinions related to MCCC's Revenue and Expenses?
7. What is your position on the use of the Whitman Center and serving the needs of South County?
8. What improvements do you think could be made in the College, including any focus or strategic direction, within the next five years?
9. There are bound to be disagreements when serving on the board. How would you resolve a conflict during a meeting with the President or fellow Trustee, and do you have any such experience or examples?
10. The Board normally has eight or nine regular meetings, two study sessions, a number of committee meetings annually and there can also be occasions throughout each year where Special Meetings are necessary. Would meeting preparation and attendance be an issue for you?
11. Please take a brief minute to comment further on your previous answers and make any closing comments to the Board.

Each candidate was also given the opportunity to ask questions of the Board.

6. At the conclusion of the applicant interviews, Board members expressed appreciation for the excellent slate of candidates that indicated an interest in serving on the Board. Following, they nominated a candidate to fill the vacancy.

*It was moved by J. Edwards and supported by N. Goodman that Joel Spotts be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Florence Buchanan.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yay [6] Lynette Dowler, Julie Edwards, Nicole R. Goodman, Krista K. Lambrix, Aaron N. Mason, Mary Kay Thayer

Nay [0]

7. *It was moved by L. Dowler and supported by J. Edwards that the meeting be adjourned.* The motion carried and the meeting ended at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron N. Mason  
Chair

Krista K. Lambrix  
Vice Chair