

MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Whitman Center Room 8/9  
7777 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI  
7:00 p.m., April 28, 2014

Members present: William J. Bacarella Jr., William H. Braunlich, James DeVries, Marjorie A. Kreps, Linda S. Lauer, and Mary Kay Thayer

Members absent: Joseph N. Bellino Jr.

Also present: Deborah Beagle, Jack Burns, Peter Coomar, Valerie Culler, Randell Daniels, Jamie DeLeeuw, Alice Dewey, Penny Dorcey-Naber (recording secretary), Rachel Eagle, Tom Flowers, Jean Ford, Nicole Garner, Mark Hall, Judith Hamburg, Dan Hamman, Paul Hedeem, Shaun Huchinson, John Joy, Barry Kinsey, Paul Knollman, Brian Lay, Denice Lewis, Mark Luetke, Vinnie Maltese, Barbara McNamee, Denise Robinson, Jim Ross, Dan Shaw, Kojo Quartey, Mariah Tevepaugh - Agora staff reporter, Joe Verkennes, Tracy Vogt, Dave Waggoner, Bonnie Welniak, Suzanne Wetzal, Jon Whitman, Connie Zarb, and Grace Yackee

1. Chair Bacarella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Ms. Lauer asked for discussion on the fact that the March Board meeting minutes were not complete in regard to the Federal Awards Audit Report. Chairman Bacarella asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. No specific corrections or additions were offered.

*It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2014 be approved as presented.*

The motion carried.

3. Jon Whitman raised concern regarding a special request to amend an existing special use on the property across the street from the Whitman Center for use as a truck driving school. The Bedford Township Planning Commission has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m., in which the truck driving school will petition the Planning Commission for a special use to allow them to open a school in this area. Those wishing to speak to this issue can attend the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Board received notice regarding the truck driving school April 21, 2014.

- B. 3. a. (1) 4. *It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Braunlich that the Board authorizes the President to enter into a contract with Michigan New Jobs Training Program with the following two companies: HANWHA L & C and Unique Tool and Manufacturing.*

The motion carried.

- B. 3. a. (2) 5. *It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that the following resolution of commendation for John A. Joy be adopted:*

*“WHEREAS, Mr. John A. Joy has decided to retire from his position as Dean of Corporate and Community Services at Monroe County Community College, effective May 31, 2014, and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Joy has been an outstanding member of the Monroe County Community College for 30 years during which time he served in numerous positions with escalating impact on staff, students, and the community, and*

*WHEREAS, he has performed his duties and responsibilities with integrity, fairness, and steadfast dedication to the College, and*

*WHEREAS, he has procured and efficiently managed hundreds of thousands of grant dollars to support workforce development projects and programs, resulting*

*in the betterment of thousands of students and community members, as well as, Monroe County Community College at large, and*

*WHEREAS, he has demonstrated a high level of professionalism and dedication to the College both on and off campus, and*

*WHEREAS, he has effectively and flawlessly served as the conduit between local and regional business and industry and the College in an effort to secure and maintain ongoing, mutually beneficial partnerships, and*

*WHEREAS, he has willingly and optimistically gone above and beyond the call of duty by accepting the lead on projects and programs for the betterment of the community, such as the Monroe County Learning Bank Network*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognize Mr. John A. Joy for his dedicated service and contributions to the College, its students, and the community, and*

*THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its very best wishes for his continued success, well-being and happiness on this Monday, April 28, 2014.*

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (3) 6.

*It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Braunlich that the Following resolution of commendation for Alumnus of the Year be adopted:*

*“WHEREAS, Mr. Paul W. Smith is an avid supporter of Monroe County Community College, exhibiting outstanding community leadership, exemplary service to the College, and distinction in his chosen field, and*

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*WHEREAS, he is a 1973 graduate of Monroe County Community College and continued his education earning a bachelor’s degree from The University of Michigan, and*

*WHEREAS, he has hosted the morning show on the Great Voice of the Great Lakes WJR-AM 760 in Detroit since 1996, and*

*WHEREAS, he was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2013 and was recently dubbed by The Wall Street Journal as “The King of Talk Radio in Detroit,” and*

*WHEREAS, he has been a generous supporter of Monroe County Community College delivering the keynote address at the 1987 MCCC Commencement Ceremony, serving as the Master of Ceremonies at the Career Technology Center Ribbon Cutting, and sharing his talent as the voice of the Realizing the Vision Capital Campaign video and the Shirley A. Meyer tribute video, and*

*WHEREAS, since 2007 he has broadcast live from the La-Z-Boy Center his award-winning show – The Paul W. Smith Show – to kick off his annual summer Pure Michigan Tour and he will host a special broadcast on May 23, 2014, in celebration of the College’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and*

*WHEREAS, he is a tireless community volunteer who gives generously of his time and talent to the Think Detroit PAL, a partnership with the Detroit Police Department and community volunteers that works to build*

*character in young people through athletic, academic and leadership development programs, and*

*WHEREAS, he has been a host on the ABC Radio Network and the former Financial News Network in New York and has also hosted morning shows on both radio and television in Toledo, Ohio, on radio stations WABC and WMCA in New York, on CKLW-AM in Windsor, Ontario, and on WWDB-FM in Philadelphia, and*

*WHEREAS, he is a man of great character and integrity who exemplifies the best of Monroe County Community College.*

*THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees recognizes and congratulates Mr. Paul W. Smith on his accomplishments and awards, and*

*That it Be Further Resolved, that the Board of Trustees honor him with the 2014 Monroe County Community College Alumnus of the Year Award and expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation on this Monday, April 28, 2014.”*

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (4) 7.

*It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that the following resolution of commendation for College Supporter of the Year be adopted.*

*“WHEREAS, Mr. Michael R. Meyer is an avid supporter of Monroe County Community College, demonstrating a vision for the future that begins with an educational foundation, and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Meyer is a strong advocate for the value and worth of higher education and is a staunch supporter of MCCC, taking every opportunity to promote the important role the College plays in building a stronger community for future generations, and*

*WHEREAS, he served three consecutive six-year terms as an elected trustee on the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees, spanning the years 1994 to 2012, and served as vice chairman of the Board from 1996-2003, and*

*WHEREAS, as a college trustee, he championed the initiative to create a foundation dedicated to the educational, cultural, and financial enhancement of the college and has served as its board chairman since its incorporation in 1998, and*

*WHEREAS, his tenacious leadership and unwavering spirit has led The Foundation through two successful capital campaigns, while growing resources to include a \$2.3 million endowed scholarship portfolio, a \$1.1 million cultural enrichment endowment, and the development of a grants office which has secured over \$8.3 million, and*

*WHEREAS, he was appointed to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Board and served as a designated representative of Michigan’s community colleges from March of 1998 until March of 2006, and*

*WHEREAS, Monroe County Community College is indeed fortunate to have a community leader who is so committed to helping individuals pursue their educational goals and career aspirations and who is committed to improving the quality of life for the residents of Monroe County.*

*THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees recognizes Mr. Meyer for his continued support of Monroe County Community College, and its students and public, and*

*That it be further resolved, that the Board of Trustees expresses its sincere gratitude on this Monday, April 28, 2014.”*

The motion carried.

- B. 3. a. (5) 8. *It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Dr. DeVries 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 events which will be held as indicated:*

*All-Grad Reunion – June 21, 2014  
 President's Fall Bow Tie Reception – September 12, 2014  
 Jim Brickman – October 17, 2014  
 The Highway Men – November 22, 2014  
 Davina & The Vagabonds – December 6, 2014  
 Classic Albums Live – January 17, 2015  
 Marshall Tucker Band – February 6, 2015  
 Gilbert Gottfried – March 7, 2015*

The motion carried.

- C. 3. a. (1) 10. President Quartey reported on the following staff appointments and retirement:

Staff Appointments

Penny Dorcey-Naber, Executive Assistant to the President and Sec. to the Board of Trustees, effective April 21, 2014

Janel Boss, Administrative Assistant to the Manager of Information Systems, effective April 28, 2014

Retirement

John Joy, Dean of Corporate and Community Services, effective May 30, 2014

- C. 3. a. (2) 11. The Board received the Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2014. Deborah Beagle, Director of Financial Services, reported that through the end of February, \$11.3 million has been collected in property tax revenue which is ahead of last year. Principal on the \$3,000,000 tax anticipation note has been paid. Interest is being calculated and will be paid shortly.
- C. 3. a. (3) 12. The Board received a note of appreciation from Kelli Plumb for the floral arrangement in honor of the birth of her daughter.
- C. 3. a. (4) 13. The Board received a note of appreciation from Jeff and Gail VanSlambrouck for the memorial sent at the passing of Jeff's mother.
- C. 3. a. (5) 14. The Board received a note of appreciation from Barry and Kelly Kinsey for the memorial sent at the passing of Kelly's mother.
- C. 3. b. (1) 15. President Quartey reported that he attended the AACC President's Training in Washington DC in March. Vice President Joe Biden was the keynote speaker. His blog and television show both continue. Chef Kevin Thomas and Chef Vickie LaValle were recent guests on the show. Work continues on the Strategic Plan, Enrollment Management Plan, and SUPER Monroe.

A new initiative, "Students Matter: Conversations with the President," has begun. This initiative gives students a forum in which to ask questions, voice concerns, and interact with the president. The 50/50/50 anniversary initiative is ongoing.

Conversations continue between the College and Monroe County Intermediate School District regarding the expansion of the Monroe County Middle College. There will be 50 new MCMC students in the fall. A new pilot program, Direct College, will offer classes at Monroe High School. A task force made up of faculty, staff, and administrators is working on this initiative. Faculty are developing a STEM website. P. Coomar and his faculty are working on scholarships for girls in the area of robotics. Dr. Quartey said not all students have access to these opportunities so the College is taking the opportunities to them.

- C. 3. b. (2) 16. Kimberly Lindquist, Dean of Health Sciences reported on the recent nursing accreditation visit. The Nursing Program needed to address concerns in three standards. Earning continued, maximum accreditation took a whole campus community effort to ensure the program was compliant with all standards. The nursing department did a complete program revision over two years. The department is grateful for the support of the Board and the campus community. The Nursing Program now has new student outcomes at both the program- and course-level. They are working to make sure they can continue to evaluate and maintain the accreditation. Dean Lindquist gave special thanks to Dr. Yackee, Dr. Cynthia Roman, Rachel Riffle, Dr. Paul Hedeem, and the nursing faculty. Other colleges are now borrowing MCCC's curriculum for their programs. The next evaluation is scheduled for 2021. Nursing faculty Nicole Garner thanked Dean Lindquist for her strong leadership and hard work.
- C. 3. b. (3) 17. Mark Luetke of FLS Group, presented an overview of what is involved in running a successful millage campaign. FLS Group is located on Alexis Road in Toledo, Ohio. FLS has worked on ballot issues for the last 30 years and has been involved with over 200 ballot issues during that time. They have 90 percent success rate. November is expected to be the second best turnout in the election cycle. The first step in this process is to poll the community to determine the feasibility of a successful levy request. The poll can include either 400 or 600 residents. Polling 600 people would give us the most detailed data. MCCC has strong community support. The polling results will help the College to make an informed decision.
- C. 3. b. (4) 18. Barry Kinsey, Director of Workforce Development, presented the Graduate Follow-up Survey for 2012-2013. Over 20 percent of graduates responded to the survey. Respondents were asked if they achieved their goals when they initially enrolled at MCCC and 85 percent said they did. Problem solving/critical thinking skills, enhancement of decision-making skills, and relevance of classes and coursework were among the top services and programs cited among graduate respondents. This year, 34 employers of MCCC graduates were mailed a survey asking for opinions related to the preparation, education, and training received by the employee. Of the 32 percent who responded, over 54 percent were "Very Satisfied" with their employee's training or preparation.
- C. 3. b. (5) 19. Barry Kinsey, Director of Workforce Development, presented the 2014 Career & Opportunity Expo summary. This year 82 employers participated, which is the largest group we have had thus far. Additionally, 14 educational and veteran service providers were represented. Two hundred sixty-nine job seekers attended the expo. Of those, 214 were Monroe County residents. MCCC can use this information to help with recruitment of employers for next year's expo.
- C. 3. b. (6) 20. Dr. Grace Yackee and Dr. Jamie DeLeeuw presented the Whitman Center Student Survey Results. During the Fall 2013 semester, Whitman Center instructors who taught credit classes were asked to administer surveys to their students regarding satisfaction with the Whitman Center. The response rate included 74.6 percent of instructors who returned the survey, totaling 406 respondents. Half of the students who took classes at the Whitman Center in the fall also took classes on main campus. Many comments were tied to how close students lived to each campus. Students think of the Whitman Center as convenient, affordable, and small, while they think of main campus as far, affordable, and away. When compared, the demographic profiles of 2013 Whitman Center students and 2014 Whitman Center students appear to be similar. Students thought that there was room for improvement in the advising and tutoring areas at the Whitman Center. Over all, the results were very positive. Of the students who chose the main campus for classes, 80 percent indicated the campus felt more like a college. Transportation to main campus was cited as a concern. The city buses do not run after 5:00 p.m. and do not run between campuses. Having our own shuttle service might be more a more cost effective approach to this problem.
- C. 3. b. (7) 21. Suzanne Wetzel reported on The Foundation Board of Director's meeting which last was held on April 4. The April Buffet was very successful. Eric Slough reported that the One Book, One Community Celebrity Waiter night was a huge success and brought in \$2,800. The Foundation has two new scholarships; one annual and one endowed scholarship. Victor

Bellestri gave the financial report as of March 32, 2014 mentioning total gifts of \$348, 903.61, and fundraising and interest and earnings of \$20,952.41, for total revenue of \$369,856.02. Expenses and distributions for the fiscal year total \$364,325.42 . The Foundation allocated \$20,000 toward the 2014 Enhancement Grants Program. These monies will be distributed tomorrow at 12:30 p.m., in the La-Z-Boy Center Atrium. The Board allocated a transfer of \$30,000 to Campus and Community Events auxiliary activities fund for programming of future events. Molly McCutchan gave a presentation on the Diversity Series and Current Affairs Series. The April 23 Finance Committee meeting has been moved to May 21. The Ninth Annual Strikes, Spares & Scholarships is scheduled for Friday, May 16, at Nortel Lanes. Eric Slough reported out on grant applications and activities. At the March 17 Alumni Board meeting, Ramona Fisher mentioned that six new Board members have joined the Board.

- C. 3. b. (8) 22. President Quartey reported that the Current Events Speaker Series has included presentations on the Ukraine crises and the Monroe County heroine epidemic, as well as other relevant topics. He also attended the April 24 Whitman Advisory Board meeting. Recruitment in South County was among the topics discussed. The next meeting is May 22. President Quartey reported on the renovations taking place at the Whitman Center. He commended Rachel Eagle for doing an outstanding job. Having the Whitman Center open spring and summer would be optimal. Trustee Lauer read an excerpt from a 1990 HLC report and noted that the HLC thinks of the Whitman Center as positive part of the College.
- C. 3. b. (9) 23. Trustee Braunlich commented on the need to allow the FLS Group the freedom to poll 600 residents rather than 400.
- C. 4. b. (1) 24. The Board Study Meeting will take place on May 28, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room.
- C. 4. b. (2) 25. The Financial Update held on April 24 is posted on the College website at <http://www.monroecc.edu/media.htm>
- C. 4. b. (3) 26. Chair Bacarella noted the upcoming events.
27. *It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mr. Braunlich that the meeting be adjourned.*

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella Jr.  
Chair

Linda Lauer  
Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the May 19, 2014 Board of Trustee meeting.