

**SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2020
Remote: Via Conference Call
5:00 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Present at Roll Call: Marikate Murren, Chair
Frank Quigley, Vice Chair
Jynai McDonald, Secretary
Yanira Aviles, Student Trustee
Vicky Crouse, Trustee
MacArthur Starks, Jr., Trustee
Steve Grande, Trustee
Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito, Trustee
Eric Hagopian, Trustee
Jeff Sattler - Trustee
William Johnson, Trustee

Also Present: Dr. John B. Cook, President

I. Call to Order

Chair, Marikate Murren called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll called with the full board in attendance.

III. Approval of Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – March 23, 2020

Trustee Eric Hagopian moved to approve the minutes from March 23, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Sposito, and unanimously approved through roll call.

IV. Trustee Committee Reports

Committee on Ways and Means– Monday, April 13, 2020

Committee on Ways and Means Chair Mac Starks referred to the April 13 meeting report to update the board on cash flow projections, FY revenue spending reports through March 2020, FY 2020 facilities projects, 2nd FY 2021 preliminary draft budget, and the 5 year facilities/capital plan updates. Given Covid-19, a cash flow projection was presented in accordance. The projection included one way to address the need would be with a reserve fund authorization by Trustees. Also informed that STCC will be receiving \$3,845,054 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES)

Act. The first 50% of the funds are to be disbursed specifically for students' needs and cannot be used for tuition reimbursement. Committee Chair Starks noted the need to continue discussing CARES Act as the impact of Covid-19 unfolds.

Committee Chair Starks, called for a motion to approve the April 13, 2020, Committee on Ways and Means meeting report. Motion moved by Trustee Vicky Crouse, seconded by Trustee Eric Hagopian, and unanimously approved through roll call.

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business – None

a) 2020-2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar – The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the 2020-2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar.

b) Use of Zoom for May/June Trustee Meetings – Dr. Cook inquired about Trustee interest in the use of Zoom for future meetings. Trustees, President Cook, President's Cabinet, and Clerk to the Board, will attend the meeting via zoom. To comply with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, meetings will be live streamed via the STCC YouTube Channel. Nanette will offer zoom practice sessions with Trustees to test technology.

VII. President's Perspective – Dr. John B. Cook

a) MOTION 2020-06 – Tenure Promotions

Trustee Eric Hagopian moved that the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees, pursuant to the provision of Section 22 (c), Chapter 15A, approve the Granting of Tenure as listed on Appendix A; motion seconded by Trustee Elizabeth Sposito, and unanimously approved through roll call.

President Cook proceeded to introduce Matt Noyes, Director of Trustees and Governance Relations, who offered brief greetings. President Cook added that the Department of Higher Education (DHE) and the Board of Higher Education (BHE) is engaged in communications with Community Colleges. The Chair of BHE, Chris Gabrieli recently met with Presidents, and is committed to the mission of Community Colleges.

President Cook discussed the exponential increase of communications in communication across the college, including with groups such as All-Unit Congress (AUC) Leadership, Department Chairs, Student Leadership, Staff, and Faculty, via School meetings. In addition, President Cook will host an All-College Town Hall on May 28. In May, STCC also launched a virtual Employee Excellence Awards celebration, acknowledging Staff Employee Excellence Awardees and Faculty Endowed Chair recipients.

STCC contingency planning continues; for summer, and with Fall considerations that include re-opening planning, and the cost of converting courses to online.

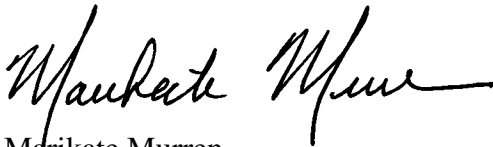
b) Federal CARES Act/COVID-19 Impact Update – A copy of the CARES Certification included in the meeting packet. President Cook reiterated that the first 50% of the funding is required to be used for student needs.

VIII. Chair’s Report – Marikate Murren

Chair Marikate Murren solicited volunteers to assist with the Presidential Evaluation. Dr. Cook will prepare his self-assessment. Please email Chair Murren at her personal email address. Nanette will assist with setting up an Ad Hoc Presidential Evaluation Committee in compliance with the Open Meeting law.

IX. Date of next Board of Trustees meeting – Monday, May 18, 2020

X. Adjournment – Meeting called to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. moved by Trustee Eric Hagopian, seconded by Trustee Bill Johnson and unanimously approved through roll call.



Marikate Murren
Chair, STCC Board of Trustees