

**SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Special Meeting
Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Zoom / Live Streamed STCC YouTube Channel**

Minutes of Meeting

Present: Marikate Murren, Chair
Jynai McDonald, Vice-Chair
Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito, Secretary
Zoya Plunkett-Brown, Student Trustee
Laurie Martin, Alumni Trustee
Tonia Butler-Perez, Trustee
Bill Johnson, Trustee
Norman Roldan, Trustee

Unable to Attend: Samalid Hogan, Trustee
Jeff Sattler, Trustee
MacArthur Starks, Jr., Trustee

Also Present: Dr. John B. Cook, President
Nanette Flores, Executive Assistant to the President & Board Clerk

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Trustee Chair Marikate Murren called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

The following Trustees were present at roll call: Trustee Chair Marikate Murren, Trustee Vice Chair Jynai McDonald, Trustee Secretary Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito, Student Trustee Zoya Plunkett-Brown, Trustee Laurie Martin, Trustee Tonia Butler Pérez, Trustee Bill Johnson, and Trustee Norman Roldan. Eight Trustees present, constituting a quorum.

II. Major Capital Project (School of Health), Dr. John B. Cook, President; and Andrea Nathanson, Vice President/CFO

Dr. Cook introduced new Trustees present at today's meeting, Student Trustee Zoya Plunkett-Brown, and Alumni Trustee Laurie Martin. Also joining are Dr. Chris Thuot, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Lillian Ortiz, Interim Assistant Vice President of Advancement.

a) Brief Project History/Overview

Dr. Cook first provided a brief history and overview of Building 20, including the shift in location and rationale for how we are where we are. Included in the presentation was a brief overview of information specific to the STCC School of Health & Patient Simulation (SHPS) programs - enrollment, programs, community engagement via clinics, and a list of

notable community partners. The SHPS programs and clinics are located in Building 20, which as noted time and again, is an “unreliable building with a multitude of risks.” Also included is a timeline of efforts made/ steps taken towards the relocation of (SHPS)

b) Original/Revised Scope/Budget

VP/CFO Nathanson spoke about the original proposal (2021) with a total of project cost / funding of \$41.5M. This included a total of Trustee-approved STCC reserves of \$6.0M. Since the original proposal, architects and engineers have been working on establishing a via project including estimating costs, infrastructure deficiency needs, etc.. As described in a Memo from President Cook, STCC needed to pivot to Building 2 to ensure a viable project. The slide titled SHPS Project/Cost Modeling provided a comparison of costs of the Old and New approach, which includes the cost of deficiencies per approach (with a breakdown also by building). The new approach consolidates the move to one building, on campus, which limits deficiency costs.

c) Update & Revised Fiscal Outlook

Described for the Committee was the revised funding approach, and the revised total cost from \$41.5m to \$50m. The original budget included \$6m from college reserves approved by Trustees. The revised ask is for an additional \$5.5m (\$11.5m total). VP Nathanson explained that the additional \$5.5m is truly a shift from operational to capital, and will not impact operations. Described how in the last two years’ budgets and with active fiscal management by administration, STCC has, and will use less approved reserves than projected (which has been a helpful “safety net”), therefore, these reserves allocation is truly a “shift.”

d) Outlook from Members of Ways & Means Committee

Based on feedback and questions from members of Ways and Means, VP Nathanson spoke about risk considerations. For example: what if the cost of construction continues to go up, as noted in the presentation; response - DCAMM builds in a significant contingency into the project budget (standard markup of 140%). Also discussed value engineering, and how for example, Dental programs are high priority given the inability to move equipment/clinics in the event of an emergency.

Before moving to the motion, Board Chair Murren reiterated the importance of this vote, including on behalf of Ways and Means Committee Chair MacArthur, who was not able to attend today’s meeting.

III. Revised Trust Fund Reserves Authorization

[Motion 2024-01] Revised Use of Reserves – Building 20/School of Health Relocation

Trustee Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito moved: Upon the recommendation of the Ways & Means Committee, that the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees, pursuant to the provision of Section 22, Chapter 15A, approves use of \$11,500,000 from the General Education Trust Fund budget sources of funds and uses of funds, by utilizing Trust Fund reserves. The funds will be used

towards relocating the programs and offices currently located in Building 20
(School of Health and Patient Simulation).

Seconded by Trustee Jynai McDonald, and unanimously approved via roll call.

**IV. Date of Next Board Meeting – Monday, September 25, 2023 in-person, Location: Ira
Rubenzahl Student Learning Commons, B19/Forum**

V. Adjournment

At 5:55 p.m., Trustee Jynai McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Bill Johnson, and unanimously approved via roll call.


Merrickate Murren
Chair, STCC Board of Trustees


Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito
Secretary, STCC Board of Trustees