

Springfield Technical Community College
Special Meeting of the Committee of Ways & Means Report
May 17, 2021

Present: Trustees MacArthur Starks, Jr., Marikate Murren, Jeffrey Sattler and Maurice Lindsay.
Also present: Dr. Cook; O'Connor & Drew, P.C. Auditing Team - Lisa DiGiusto, Michael Cosgrove and Nelia Kruger

The special meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair MacArthur Starks, Jr. at 5:02 p.m.

Consideration of FY 2022 Budget

Vice President/CFO Andrea Nathanson presented a final draft and spending plan for the FY 2022 budget. The baseline budget has a deficit of \$5.1M, which will be offset by allowable uses of Federal COVID Relief Funding. The expectation is that this budget will be revisited in Fall Semester 2021, when enrollment is known. Trustee Sattler commented on the \$3.1M Facilities funding and the \$1.7M IT funding, and his willingness to be a liaison between the college and Trustees on these important projects, and with essential planning.

Motion – FY 2022 Budget

Trustee Murren moved that the Springfield Technical Community College Committee on Ways and Means, pursuant to the provision of Section 22, Chapter 15A, recommends the approval of the FY 2022 College Spending Plan and the FY 2022 Trust Fund Budgets, and further authorizes the President of the College and/or his designee(s) to take any and all prudent steps necessary to award contracts for capital projects. A roll call vote was taken and, the vote in support was unanimous.

Federal COVID Relief Funding

Ms. Nathanson shared a recommendation/approach specific to STCC use of federal COVID funding, including how the approach for FY 2021 meets allocation regulations and auditing standards. The recommended approach developed by STCC carries specific principles described by CFO Nathanson, and is clear about timing (i.e. use now of federal funding is clear; use in future fiscal years given the receding of COVID is far less clear). STCC is able to maximize federal funding, while simultaneously saving college revenue with a surplus (multiple millions) in FY 2021 that would go to reserves.

Nelia Kruger, part of the auditing team from O'Connor & Drew, P.C. validated the appropriateness of the strategy, and shared that federal law/regulation supports the approach described to the Committee. Per Ms. Kruger, while the College is showing a surplus for FY 2021, separate is the consideration for how and when STCC draws down COVID Federal funding based upon the lost revenue and other allowable expenses experienced in FY 2021. Ms. Kruger offered clarity that the proposed methodology is sound. Committee Chair Starks shared appreciation for the opportunity to hear directly from the STCC auditing team, and expressed his comfort with the fiscal management approach brought forward by the college. This outlook was similarly expressed and articulated by other members of the Ways & Means Committee.

Adjournment: A roll call vote was taken to adjourn at 5:50 p.m; vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by: Carolyn deliefde