

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Room 201
MINUTES – October 23, 2023

Board Chair Yvonne Reitemeyer called to order the meeting of the Warren County Community College Board of Trustees at 6:30PM. The meeting was held in room 201 at the College and was advertised on the College's website.

Mrs. Reitemeyer noted that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law, PL. 1975, Chapter 231, were satisfied as the date of the meeting had been published stating the place and manner as required by law.

The **Flag Salute** was conducted.

Roll Call:

Trustees present were Nancy Brown, Dr. Frank Gilly, Elizabeth Gittins, Chuck Haytaian, MaryBeth Maciag, Maria Maier, Peter Schmidt, Betti Singh, and Yvonne Reitemeyer.

Others present included Dr. Marianne Van Deursen, Acting President, Dr. William Austin, President (Sabbatical), Barbara Pratt, Internal Auditor/VP Finance and Operations, Douglas Steinhardt, College Attorney and Jean Vasko, Recording Secretary.

Chair Reitemeyer noted that, due to a change in the agenda, the Board will enter Executive Session at this time.

Executive Session

At 6:32pm, Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Maier, made a **motion to enter Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.**

At 8:08pm, Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Haytaian, made a **motion to exit Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business and Announcement

Mrs. Maier, seconded by Mrs. Brown, made a **motion to approve the Resolution on Presidential Transition as presented. Roll call:** Mrs. Brown, yes; Dr. Gilly, yes; Ms. Gittins, yes; Mr. Haytaian; yes; Mrs. Maier, yes; Ms. Maciag, yes; Mr. Schmidt, yes; Mrs. Reitemeyer, yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Hayataian, seconded by Mrs. Brown, made a **motion to Approve the revised Employment Agreement effective October 23, 2023 for Dr. William Austin as presented Exhibit ES #2. Roll call:** Mrs. Brown, yes; Dr. Gilly, yes; Ms. Gittins, yes; Mr. Haytaian; yes; Mrs. Maier, yes; Ms. Maciag, yes; Mr. Schmidt, yes; Mrs. Reitemeyer, yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Haytaian, made a **motion to Approve actions 1-5 as presented in Exhibit SM #2. Roll call:** Mrs. Brown, yes; Dr. Gilly, yes; Ms. Gittins, yes; Mr. Haytaian; yes; Mrs. Maier, yes; Ms. Maciag, yes; Mr. Schmidt, yes; Mrs. Reitemeyer, yes. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilly, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, made a **motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non- Fair and Open Contract to Censys Technologies for the purchase of a Casia Long Range Activation Software. Roll call:** Mrs. Brown, yes; Dr. Gilly, yes; Ms. Gittins, yes; Mr. Haytaian; yes; Mrs. Maier, yes; Ms. Maciag, yes; Mr. Schmidt, yes; Mrs. Reitemeyer, yes. The motion carried.

Attorney Steinhardt read a prepared statement detailing Dr. Austin's early return from his Presidential Sabbatical to reassume the presidency, the extension of the President's contract, and the Board's expression of gratitude to Dr. Van Deursen for her role as Acting President during Dr. Austin's Presidential Sabbatical.

Comments from the Public:

Faculty Union President Kerry Frabizio addressed the Board, noting that they believed the College did not provide access to the items on the Board Agenda in an appropriate time frame. Ms. Frabizio also noted that the Faculty Union would like copies of resolutions 48 hours prior to a scheduled Board meeting.

Lori King, Associate Professor of History, expressed her personal dismay regarding the Board's action to return Dr. Austin based on her personal complaint against Dr. Austin. She was reminded that her complaint was investigated by a separate legal firm and deemed unsubstantiated and without merit.

Attorney Steinhardt addressed Ms. King's comments, noting that that the Board takes all allegations seriously. Attorney Steinhardt dually noted Ms. King's comments.

Mr. Haytaian, seconded by Mrs. Singh, **made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Betti Singh, Board Secretary

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