Board of Trustees Special VIRTUAL Meeting  
February 3, 2021

MINUTES

Members Present  
Dillon Breen, Brian Broderick, Bill Erwin, Joan Gebhardt, Terry Gilligan, Carol Strom.

Board Members gathered in person in JC 228 unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order for Special Meeting  
Chair Gebhardt called the February 3, 2021 Special Board Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Introduction of Guests and Comments from the Audience  
Over 15 guests were in attendance via Zoom including: Ben Bolstrum, Lisa Jackson, Melissa Schultz, Mark Huston, Jerome Lavis, Van Nguyen, Sheri Queen, Patrick Williams, James Baringhaus, William Irving, Brett Gierak and more.

Questions for Trustee Candidate, Sheri Queen  
The Board of Trustees gathered in JC 228. The candidate, Sheri Queen, attended via Zoom.
  • Each Board Member took turns asking the candidate questions. The same questions were asked of every candidate.
  • Each question was asked by the same Trustee.
  • Each candidate was asked six questions.
  • Each candidate was allowed a one-minute opening statement and a one-minute closing statement with a chance to ask questions of the Board.

Questions for Trustee Candidate, Patrick Williams  
The Board of Trustees gathered in JC 228. The candidate, Patrick Williams, attended via Zoom.
  • Each Board Member took turns asking the candidate questions. The same questions were asked of every candidate.
  • Each question was asked by the same Trustee.
  • Each candidate was asked six questions.
  • Each candidate was allowed a one-minute opening statement and a one-minute closing statement with a chance to ask questions of the Board.
Recess

At 6:27 p.m. the Board of Trustees took a recess.

Reconvene

Chair Gebhardt reconvened the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Questions for Trustee Candidate, James Baringhaus

The Board of Trustees gathered in JC 228. The candidate, James Baringhaus, attended via Zoom.

- Each Board Member took turns asking the candidate questions. The same questions were asked of every candidate.
- Each question was asked by the same Trustee.
- Each candidate was asked six questions.
- Each candidate was allowed a one-minute opening statement and a one-minute closing statement with a chance to ask questions of the Board.

Questions for Trustee Candidate, William Irving

The Board of Trustees gathered in JC 228. The candidate, William Irving, attended via Zoom.

- Each Board Member took turns asking the candidate questions. The same questions were asked of every candidate.
- Each question was asked by the same Trustee.
- Each candidate was asked six questions.
- Each candidate was allowed a one-minute opening statement and a one-minute closing statement with a chance to ask questions of the Board.

Recess

At 7:38 p.m. the Board of Trustees took a recess.

Reconvene

Chair Gebhardt reconvened the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Questions for Trustee Candidate, Brett Gierak

The Board of Trustees gathered in JC 228. The candidate, Brett Gierak, attended via Zoom.

- Each Board Member took turns asking the candidate questions. The same questions were asked of every candidate.
- Each question was asked by the same Trustee.
- Each candidate was asked six questions.
- Each candidate was allowed a one minute opening statement and a one minute closing statement with a chance to ask questions of the Board.

Discussion of the Voting Procedure

Trustee Gebhardt explained that each Trustee will be rating the applicants on a scale from one to five – one being the most preferred candidate and five being the least. Each Trustee will write these on a piece of blank paper, with their name on it and turn it in to Beth LaForest.

Beth LaForest will then announce each Trustees top three, tally the scores, and announce the finalists.
The top three finalists were Brett Gierak, James Baringhaus, and William Irving.

It was decided that just the score for the last round of interviews will be accounted for in the final vote. The Trustees will keep the first set of questions in mind during the voting.

The opening and closing statements will be lengthened to two minutes each, the candidates will be called in order to schedule their interview time, the interviews will be 25 minutes in length, and will be in person.

Chair Gebhardt asked Beth LaForest to contact the finalists to schedule to their interviews as well as contacting the other two candidates, thanking them for their support of Schoolcraft College.

### Selection of Applicants for Final Interview for Vacant Trustee Seat 2021-15

Moved by Trustee Broderick, seconded by Trustee Strom, that the Board of Trustees will extend an invitation for a final interview for the vacant trustee seat to the following candidates: Brett Gierak, James Baringhaus, and William Irving.

- **Ayes:** Breen, Broderick, Erwin, Gebhardt, Gilligan, Strom
- **Nays:** None

Motion carried.

### Comments from Trustees

Trustee Breen wanted to personally thank all of the candidates for submitting their names. They all brought various skills that would have been positive attributes to the College and thank you for taking the time to submit your name. Please continue to be involved in Schoolcraft College, there are many opportunities to be involved in our ocelot community.

Chair Gebhardt thanked Trustee Breen for voicing what all the Trustees feel. All of the Trustees agreed.

### Adjournment

Chair Gebhardt adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.
CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the approved minutes of the Special Board meeting held on the 3rd day of February, 2021, and that said minutes have been available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice of said meeting from and after the 24th day of February, 2021.

Elizabeth LaForest, Associate Secretary
Board of Trustees