

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**  
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The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees  
In compliance with Act No. 228, Public Acts of 2020 (SB1108)  
the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
on February 10, 2021 was held VIRTUALLY at 6:00 p.m.  
All interested in the public meeting accessed the meeting through Zoom.

**Board of Trustees Special VIRTUAL Meeting**  
**February 10, 2021**

**MINUTES**

<b>Members Present</b>	<p>Dillon Breen, Brian Broderick, Bill Erwin, Joan Gebhardt, Terry Gilligan, Carol Strom.</p> <p>Board Members gathered in person in JC 228 unless otherwise noted.</p>
<b>Call to Order for Special Meeting</b>	<p>Chair Gebhardt called the February 10, 2021 Special Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.</p>
<b>Introduction of Guests and Comments from the Audience</b>	<p>Over 15 guests were in attendance via Zoom including: Ben Bolstrum, Char Baringhaus, Kathleen Lomako, Paul Michalsen, Alec Thomson, Jeff Borton, Mike Shesterkin, Melissa Schultz, Jerome Lavis, Van Nguyen, Stephanie Edwin, Greg Coppola, Laurie-Kattuah Snyder and more.</p> <p>The interview candidates attended the meeting in person: William Irving, James Baringhaus, Brett Gierak.</p>
<b>Comments from the Trustees</b>	<p>Trustee Gebhardt wished everyone a Happy International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Trustee Strom and Chair Gebhardt are members of American Association of University Women and they always honor the girls that are going into STEM, while that is not happening this year she saw this day was highlighted on SEMCOG's Twitter account.</p>
<b>Interview Procedure</b>	<p>All candidates were allowed to send in letters of recommendation by end of business on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. One letter was received later and was not sent out. Chair Gebhardt will be utilizing a timer for the opening and closing comments of two minutes.</p>
<b>Questions for Trustee Candidate, William Irving</b>	<p>The Board of Trustees and William Irving gathered in JC 228. The other candidates watched onsite in a separate room via Zoom due to COVID-19 protocols.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each Board Member took turns asking the candidate questions.</li><li>• The same questions were asked of every candidate.</li><li>• The questions were sent to all candidates 24 hours before the meeting.</li><li>• Each question was asked by the same Trustee.</li><li>• Each candidate was asked six questions.</li></ul>

- Each candidate was allowed a two-minute opening statement and a two-minute closing statement with a chance to ask questions of the Board.

**Questions for Trustee Candidate, James Baringhaus**

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- The questions were sent to all candidates 24 hours before the meeting.
- Each question was asked by the same Trustee.
- Each candidate was asked six questions.
- Each candidate was allowed a two-minute opening statement and a two-minute closing statement with a chance to ask questions of the Board.

**Questions for Trustee Candidate, Brett Gierak**

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- Each question was asked by the same Trustee.
- Each candidate was asked six questions.
- Each candidate was allowed a two-minute opening statement and a two-minute closing statement with a chance to ask questions of the Board.

**Discussion of Candidates**

All of the Trustees were impressed by the experience, the amount of research, and the dedication each of the candidates presented during the interviews. All agreed that each of the candidates would bring valuable and different assets to the College should they be appointed.

Chair Gebhardt stated that she hopes whichever candidates do not get appointed that they would remain involved with the College in the many different avenues such as the Foundation Board and the Strategic Planning meetings.

Trustee Gilligan echoed Chair Gebhardt's comment to encourage the other two candidates to continue to stay involved in the College as there are many other opportunities.

**Appointment of Trustee for Vacant Trustee Seat**      **2021-15**      Moved by Trustee Broderick, seconded by Trustee Gilligan that the Board of Trustees will appoint Brett Gierak to the vacant Trustee seat on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.  
Ayes:      Breen, Broderick, Erwin, Gebhardt, Gilligan, Strom  
Nays:      None

**(Roll Call Vote)**      Motion carried.

**Comments from Trustees**      All of the Trustees congratulated Trustee Brett Gierak on his appointment to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

**Adjournment**      Chair Gebhardt adjourned the meeting at 7:24p.m.

  
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Elizabeth LaForest, Associate  
Secretary

  
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Joan Gebhardt, Chair

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**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the approved minutes of the Special Board meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
Elizabeth LaForest, Associate Secretary  
Board of Trustees