

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
February 15, 2023
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- Members Present** Joan Gebhardt, Carol Strom, Brian Broderick, Terry Gillian, Angela Jaafar
- Members Absent** Dillon Breen, Brett Gierak
- Call to Order for Regular Meeting** Chair Gebhardt called the February Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- All members stood and took part in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- All members remained standing for a moment of silence for past president, Dr. Conway Jeffress.
- Introduction of Guests** 4 guests were in attendance including: Patrick Sturdy, Brad Stetson, Beth LaForest, and Madison Ling.
- Approval of the Minutes from the January 25, 2023 Regular Meeting** Chair Gebhardt stated that the minutes from January 25, 2023 Regular Meeting were approved as amended.
- On page 1, “warmly welcome” should be “warmly welcomed”
- On page 2, Senator Dayna Polehanki was appointed to the Chair of the Education Committee and Representative Matt Koleszar is chairing the House and was appointed to the newly formed House Policy Committee
- On page 2, “Wayne County Commissioner” should be added before “Terry Marecki”
- Communications to the Board** Chair Gebhardt stated that after President Cerny’s email announcing the passing of past President Dr. Conway Jeffress, her phone blew up with verbal and email communications from community members. Chair Gebhardt read the following messages:
- From Brandy Johnson as President of MCCA in response to Dr. Cerny’s email:
- “I recognize that Conway was such an instrumental player within MCCA, including serving as our Chair from 2008-2009. I personally had the pleasure of serving on Governor Snyder’s 21st Century Education Commission of 2016 and got to know him better. He was kind and wise. We are sending out love to Glenn and Joan – and all of the Schoolcraft Family today.”

Brandy Johnson, President of MCCA, sent a personal note to Chair Gebhardt as executive board representative of Trustees:

“My heart is breaking Joan! I’m here for you if you need ANYTHING.”

Mary Kay Thayer, Monroe County Community College Trustee:

“My heart is broken. Conway was one of my mentors as I joined the MCCA BODs. He was such an advocate for community college education. And a joy to travel to MCCA events.”

Kathleen Bruinsma, Washington DC Attorney Trustee and Grand Rapids Community College MCCA Trustee representative:

“I am thinking of you Joan and Board.”

John Crist, Jackson Community College MCCA Trustee representative and former MCCA Chair:

“This is very sad news. Dr. Conway Jeffress was one of the best.”

Rose Bellanca, President of Wayne County Community College and Chair of SEMCOG:

“Dear Joan, Schoolcraft College Trustees, Glenn, and fellow colleagues, please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of President Jeffress, your leader, close friend and our friend and colleague. Conway led the path for so many of us to follow. He was truly a great President and an inspiration. I am fortunate to be one of the Presidents that learned from Dr. Jeffress. His door was always open, and he was always ready to share, mentor, teach and counsel. I learned so much from him and am grateful.

He will truly be missed, but his memory and the lessons that I learned from him will remain with me for a lifetime.

Please extend my condolences to his family and his Schoolcraft family as well.”

James Sawyer, President of Maccomb Community College:

“Joan, Glenn,

Please accept my condolences for Conway passing away. He was a wonderful man and someone for whom I had great respect. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Schoolcraft family at this difficult time.”

Comments from Trustees

Vice Chair Carol Strom stated that Dr. Jeffress was president when she was Chair. He was a gentle man, always had his door open, and implored the College to reach out to the family with condolences and we will hopefully hold a service in the future.

Chair Gebhardt remarked her happiness that she and the SC Momentum Committee made the decision to have Professor Alec Thomson interview Dr. Jeffress. Chair Gebhardt stated that Alec does a wonderful job in the interview and captured the gist of Conway.

Chair Gebhardt thanked fellow trustees Brian Broderick and Angela Jaafar for accompanying her in Washington D.C. It was an intense but worthwhile trip.

Chair Gebhardt renamed the Board Compensation Committee to the Goals and Objectives Committee.

**Approval of
Purchase Order-
Robot training
Cart**

2023-11 Moved by Trustee Strom, seconded by Trustee Broderick, that the Board of Trustees awards a purchase order for one (1) Fanuc ER-4iA Material Handling Training Cart as defined in the specifications to Integrated Systems Technologies, Lexington, Ohio, at a total cost of forty-four thousand three hundred dollars (\$44,300).

Ayes: Broderick, Gebhardt, Gilligan, Jaafar, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Breen, Gierak

Motion carried.

**Approval of
Purchase Order-
Ultrasound
Simulator**

2023-12 Moved by Trustee Gilligan, seconded by Trustee Jaafar that the Board of Trustees awards a purchase order for one (1) CAE Vimedix OB/GYN simulator as defined in the specifications to CAE Healthcare, Incorporated, at a total cost of seventy-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars (\$75,879).

Ayes: Broderick, Gebhardt, Gilligan, Jaafar, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Breen, Gierak

Motion carried.

**Award of
Purchase Order-
Advanced
Pediatric and
Birthing
Simulator**

2023-13 Moved by Trustee Strom, seconded by Trustee Gilligan, that the Board of Trustees awards a purchase order for one (1) Advanced Pediatric HAL Simulator Package and one (1) Noelle Labor and Delivery Patient and Newborn Tory Simulator Package as noted in the specifications to Gaumard Scientific Company, Miami, Florida at a total cost of one hundred seventy-three thousand six hundred and forty-four dollars (\$173,644).

Ayes: Broderick, Gebhardt, Gilligan, Jaafar, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Breen, Gierak

Motion carried.

Approval – Non-Voting Bonds

2023-14 Moved by Trustee Broderick, seconded by Trustee Strom that the Board of Trustees adopts the Resolution for the Issuance of the Non-Voting Bonds, to take the place of the Comerica Loan, to complete the construction and renovations of the VistaTech 2.0 Project.

Ayes: Broderick, Gebhardt, Gilligan, Jaafar, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Breen, Gierak

Motion carried.

Comments from the Trustees

Vice Chair Strom stated that the response from the President’s Office concerning the MSU tragedy was necessary. As a board, they needed to acknowledge the concern for the students. Her granddaughter was on campus in East Lansing, and it was a very scary time.

Chair Gebhardt shared an anecdote from the interview between Alec Thomson and Dr. Jeffress regarding his relationship with the Board of Trustees. Alec Thomson asked, “What do you like most about working with the Board of Trustees?” Dr. Jeffress just smiled. Alec rephrased his question, “What did you learn?” Dr. Jeffress responded with, “Trustees don’t like surprises. I learned that the hard way.”

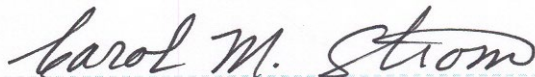
Dr. Cerny stated that the College is looking to hold a memorial service for Dr. Jeffress either March 7th or 9th from 2-4pm in the DiPonio room.

Adjournment

Chair Gebhardt adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Chelsea Willis,
Associate Secretary



Carol Strom, Chair