

MINUTES
WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting

February 3, 2021

In accordance with the Government Emergency Administration Act, Public Act 101-0640, and subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, Section 7 (e) (5 ILCS 120/7), the February 3, 2021 special board meeting was held remotely via audio conference call with Dr. Christine Sobek, President, physically present at the regular meeting location.

I. Convene Open Session

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Waubonsee Community College, Community College District 516, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, LaSalle, and Will Counties, IL, convened at 8:31 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, via remote audio conference call.

Roll call found the following board members present on the call: Jimmie Delgado; Armando Ferrer; Rick Guzman; Patrick Kelsey; James K. Michels, P.E.; Rebecca D. Oliver; and Tina Willson; board member absent on the call: Greg Thomas; and staff members confirmed present on the call: Dr. Christine J. Sobek, Douglas E. Minter, Dr. Diane Nyhammer, Dr. Jamal Scott, Dr. Melinda Tejada, Mary Baccheschi, Kim Caponi, Marc Dale, Jr., Amanda Geist, Dan Larsen, Bernard Little, Anita Moore-Bohannon, and Dr. Scott Peska.

II. Public Comment

A. General Public Comment

III. Institutional Reports

Dr. Christine Sobek, President, provided a brief review of the agenda for the day.

A. Student Equity and Success: Definition, Data, and Deliverables

1. Definition

Bernard Little, Chief Diversity Officer and Dean for Students, presented on equity, diversity, and inclusion and how these terms are defined at Waubonsee.

2. Data

Dr. Jamal Scott, Vice President of Strategy and Community Development, shared data related to student equity and showed how data is used to identify barriers, make informed decisions, track our progress, and measure effectiveness.

III. Institutional Reports (continued)

3. Deliverables

a. Student Onboarding Process

Dr. Scott Peska, Assistant Vice President of Student Services and Alumni Relations, and Mark Dale, Jr., Director of Registration and Records and Registrar, shared an update on the college's new student onboarding processes.

b. Developmental Education Reform

Anita Moore-Bohannon, Executive Dean for Academic Support, provided information on statewide reforms in developmental education and discussed programs in place at Waubensee to improve student persistence and completion with more accelerated options and increased support.

c. Online Course Navigators

Ms. Moore-Bohannon shared information on the college's new program to establish online course navigators to partner with faculty to assist students in online courses in an effort to help students stay enrolled and engaged with online learning.

B. Financial Strategies and FY2022 Tuition

Douglas Minter, Vice President of Finance and Administration, and Darla Cardine, Assistant Vice President of Finance, presented an update on financial strategies and FY2022 tuition. The board of trustees supported the Operating Fund net position guideline, the tuition pricing philosophy, not increasing the FY2022 in-district tuition and fee rate, and full abatement of the 2020 bond and interest tax levy. Maintaining the current in-district tuition and student fee rates for FY2022 and the abatement of the 2020 bond and interest tax levy will be presented to the board of trustees for approval at the February 17, 2021 board meeting.

C. Enrollments and Community Needs Assessment

Dr. Scott and Dr. Stacey Randall, Dean for Institutional Effectiveness and Title V Project Director, provided a mid-year enrollment update. In addition, strategic recommendations, considerations, and key findings were shared as a result of the Fall 2020 Community Needs Assessment survey.

D. Waubensee Community College Mission Statement

Dr. Sobek and Dr. Scott presented an overview of the current Waubensee Community College Mission Statement and discussed a review process to ensure that it is still relevant and accurately reflects the needs of our community. The board of trustees supported a review of Waubensee's Mission Statement in the upcoming months.

IV. Adjournment

The board, on a motion by Mr. Guzman and seconded by Mr. Kelsey, unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:57 p.m.



~~Patrick Kelsey 02/17/2021 19:34 CST~~ _____
Patrick Kelsey, Secretary
Waubonsee Community College
Board of Trustees