

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Health Technologies Center Auditorium and Virtual

Call to Order

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

The Board met in-person with a virtual option, as allowed by state law. The state legislature granted temporary authority (House Bill 51, 134th General Assembly) allowing public boards to meet remotely under the Ohio Open Meetings Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Chair Tim Anderson, Vice Chair Roxane Somerlot, Mr. Kit Fogle, Dr. Justin Hamper, Ms. Vidya Iyengar, and Mr. Don Plotts. Ms. Jude Foulk and Ms. Nicolle Wampler joined the meeting virtually.

Mr. Greg Moon was absent.

Introduction of Guests

Guests present included Ohio Association of Community Colleges' President Jack Hershey and MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Dr. Amy Adams, Dr. Bob Haas, Ms. Christy Culver, Mr. Mike Stuckey, and Ms. Laura Woughter.

Major Discussion Topic

Mr. Hershey, President of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, presented to the Board on the state of higher education and community colleges in Ohio, first highlighting the focus on community college funding. Additionally, he shared information on a future requested, Accelerate 2022, to request federal pandemic relief funds from the state to fund workforce-backed capital projects for the state. Several higher education focused bills have been introduced in the legislature that would be significantly impactful to operations, including HB 327 which prohibits the teaching of divisive concepts in education settings. Mr. Hershey also reviewed three higher education specific audits likely to be completed in 2022: co-located campuses, higher education facilities, and College Credit Plus. The commitment by Intel to locate microchip production facilities in Licking County, Ohio has also changed the legislative landscape and

economic development across the state. The initial two facilities will employ 10,000 employees, but additional employment will come through further facility development and contract employees. Another immediate issue facing the state is the lack of agreed upon legislative maps for redistricting through the Ohio Redistricting Commission; four sets of maps have been rejected by the Ohio Supreme Court, leaving the May primary in question and an early August primary possible for only legislative districts. The delay caused by the lack of legislative maps has paused progress on other legislation, including the FY23-24 capital budget. On the federal level, priorities for community colleges include allowing Pell grants for short term certificate programs (COMPETES Act), and the passage of the CHIPS Act to support funding for projects like Intel is crucial for Ohio. Mr. Hershey also shared the work of the Success Center for Ohio Community Colleges for data and research, as well as professional development like Student Success Leadership Institute (SSLI), Leadership Academy, and Equity Champions Network.

Mr. Plotts asked for additional information on legislation related to weighting of advanced placement and College Credit Plus. Mr. Hershey shared that some K-12 districts were weighting AP courses to push students towards those courses and not CCP. There is a push to restore authority to local districts, since authority had been given to the state to disallow the unfair weighting.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes (March 15, 2022 and March 23, 2022)

Mr. Fogle motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Ms. Iyengar seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

President's Report

Dr. McCall highlighted the following from his President's Report:

- The Beta Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently attended the International Catalyst conference in Denver. The chapter's officer team and several students received awards and scholarship funds. Additionally, Andrew Schoppelrei campaigned and won an international officer position that will serve 368 chapters on the east coast; he is one of only two students from Ohio ever to be an international officer. He will be an ambassador for PTK, travel to chapters in his region, and receive many trainings and opportunities throughout his term.
- Marion Tech was selected to participate in the National Center for Inquiry and Improvement's Rural Guided Pathways program, one of sixteen participants. The program, throughout six sessions (2022-2024), will receive intensive coaching from

national experts to allow the College to implement best practices related to guided pathways.

- The MTC Foundation is hosting its first golf outing on May 25th at Kings Mill Golf Club, with 20 teams already registered for the 30 team event. Fahey Bank is the gold sponsor, OhioHealth is the silver sponsor, and Alluvial Private Wealth, Airable Research Lab, Sakamura USA, and United Church Homes are bronze sponsors. Additionally, twenty-nine groups have sponsored course holes. The event has raised over \$20,000.
- The College completed its first study abroad trip to London and Paris during spring break; the trip was initially scheduled for March 2020. The opportunity to provide this type of experience to students allows them to grow and expand their knowledge and understanding.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.5 Financial Condition

Dr. McCall reviewed the following items in the written report:

- The College's free summer tuition initiative has had a positive impact on enrollment, with general student headcount up 16% and credit hours up 22% year over year. The initiative is funded by HEERF dollars.
- Expenses are tracking close to budget projections.
- The College is anticipating a small surplus at the end of the year, which will be impacted by the use of HEERF for lost revenue and summer tuition.
- The College made a \$1,000,000 payment to OSUM for an outstanding balance in June 2021. The College is still negotiating with OSUM on repayment for the remaining \$4,500,000 balance, which is held in cash reserves.

Ms. Iyengar asked why the College owed a \$4,500,000 balance to OSUM, and Dr. McCall noted a significant change in the campus cost-share was made after he started in 2016; the prior cost-share was heavily focused on enrollment. In the meantime, small payments were made to OSUM before the model was complete; in the same time frame, the College was not receiving invoices. Since the new model has been completed (including an emphasis on performance), the costs have been recalculated. The College has all the while accrued the anticipated cost and holds it in cash reserves, but does not want to expend the balance at one time for concern of accounting ratio impacts (e.g., Senate Bill 6 score, etc.).

Mr. Plotts moved to approve the monitoring reports and Dr. Hamper seconded the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote, the report was approved.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

Ends 1.2 Student Success

Dr. Hamper reviewed the policy with the Board, which emphasizes career success and pathways to it for students, and the meaningful data and evidence in the most recent report. Dr. Hamper felt student success is a primary focus of the College as evidenced by the report, and requested no changes to the policy.

Informational Items

The College's drive-thru graduation will be held on May 13th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The Aspire program graduation is May 6th.

Dr. McCall presented Dr. Hamper with a plaque commemorating his service to the Marion Technical College Board of Trustees, as this meeting was his last. Dr. Hamper served the Board between 2015 – 2022.

Executive Session

Dr. Hamper motioned to convene to executive session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes. Mr. Fogle seconded the motion. Chair Anderson – aye, Vice Chair Somerlot – aye, Mr. Fogle – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Dr. Hamper – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye, Ms. Wampler – aye.

Mr. Plotts motioned to return to open session and Vice Chair Somerlot seconded the motion. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:58 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Fogle motioned to adjourn and Vice Chair Somerlot seconded the motion. The Board adjourned at 6:59 p.m.