

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Friday, May 12, 2023
Marion Area Chamber of Commerce

Call to Order

Vice Chair Fogle called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Vice Chair Kit Fogle, Mr. Tim Anderson, Ms. Vidya Iyengar, Dr. Michael McCleese, Mr. Greg Moon, and Mr. Don Plotts.

Chair Roxane Somerlot and Ms. Jude Foulk were absence.

Oath of Office

Judge Larry Heiser, Marion Family Court, delivered the oath of office for Dr. McCleese. Dr. McCleese's term is from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025. The previous term was held by Dr. Justin Hamper, OhioHealth – Marion General Hospital. Dr. McCleese is an Internal Medicine Physician with OhioHealth Physician Group.

Introduction of Guests

Guests present included MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Ms. Rhonda Ward, Dr. Amy Adams, Dr. Bob Haas, and Ms. Laura Woughter.

Judge Larry Heiser, Marion Family Court, was also in attendance.

Major Discussion Topic

Dr. McCall shared there is interest from the Ohio Legislature in revising how trustees at public institutions of higher education are selected. For governor appointed trustees, the Senate is proposing to set terms to four years for all. For technical colleges, there has also been discussion in changing how local trustees are appointed. The Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) will be lobbying to affect the change for the appointing authority for local trustees.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes

Ms. Iyengar motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Anderson 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 Nursing students presented their research at the Evidence-Based Practice poster presentation. This provided students the opportunity to display their research and answer questions from those in attendance.
- Graduation will be held the evening of May 12th. A total of 374 students received a degree or certificate. This includes students receiving both. Further, there will be 22 CCP and nine veteran students graduating. The age range of graduates is 17 to 85, and students graduating hail from 27 Ohio counties.
- Marion Tech is working closely with State Senator Bill Reineke to discuss proposed changes to the state budget, which is being considered in the Ohio Senate, including more support for wrap around services at community colleges, support for SSI, and more.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.2 Strategic Plan

Dr. McCall highlighted the new goals on the updated strategic plan, including budget forecasting, preparing for the HLC quality improvement project, and assess rapid entry interventions and identify gaps. Dr. McCall also noted interest in completing another community perception survey in advance of a rewrite of the strategic plan, with the last being completed in 2016.

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

EL 4.5 Financial Condition

Ms. Ward highlighted the following items from her full report:

- Overall tuition revenue is exceeding expectations and budget projections.
- Investment income is up significantly, including funds held by Star Ohio.

- Expenses year to year are comparable.
- HEERF spending is down and grant spending is up compared to FY22.
- All student HEERF funds have been expended, and the remaining institutional funds will be spent by the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Moon moved to approve the financial report and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote, the report was approved.

EL 4.9 Treatment of Students

Due to a delay in receiving Noel Levitz Satisfaction Survey results for students, the report will be pushed to the June 20th meeting.

EL 4.10 Treatment of Employees

Dr. McCall discussed the importance of supporting employees in the workplace, and highlighted the following evidence: reviewing and updating College policies, updates to job descriptions, revising the standing committee structure to improve efficacy through the President's Cabinet, information sharing and decision making via the President's Cabinet and College Leadership Council, and professional development opportunities (e.g., tuition reimbursement, travel, etc.). The College also conducted a Noel Levitz Satisfaction Survey for employees, and noted that the College still exceeded satisfaction of its peers in the comparison group. Dr. McCall noted that areas for improvement included pay increases, communication, and others. The survey response rate was about 75%.

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

EL 4.12 Conflict of Interest

The report emphasized the responsibility to follow Ohio ethics law, Board policy, or College policies. Evidence included Dr. McCall's requirement to file an annual financial disclosure statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission.

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

Policy Review/Governance Issues

EL 4.5 Financial Condition

Mr. Plotts reviewed the policy with the Board, including evidence from prior reports. Mr. Plotts noted the College's fiscal position is strong, and commended Dr. McCall and Ms. Ward. No further changes to the policy were recommended.

Informational Items

Mr. Plotts was reappointed by Governor DeWine. His term is April 30, 2023 to April 29, 2026.

Executive Session

Vice Chair Fogle motioned to convene to executive session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss matters regarding the compensation of a public employee and to discuss pending or imminent court action. Mr. Plotts seconded the motion. Vice Chair Fogle – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Dr. McCleese – aye, Mr. Moon – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye.

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:20 p.m.

President's Contract

The Board voted to accept Dr. McCall's contract: Vice Chair Fogle – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Dr. McCleese – aye, Mr. Moon – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. McCleese motioned to adjourn and Mr. Anderson seconded. The Board adjourned at 5:23 p.m.