

MINUTES OF THE SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Monroe County Community College
The Whitman Center
7777 Lewis Avenue
Temperance MI 48182
5:30 p.m., April 22, 2024

Present: Julie M. Edwards, Nicole R. Goodman, Krista K. Lambrix, Arron Mason (chair), Joel A. Spotts, Mary Kay Thayer

Present Virtually: Lynette M. Dowler, Lady Lake Florida

Also Present: Scott Behrens, Philip Borawski, Barry Buschmann, Jack Burns Jr., Peter Coomar, Kevin Cooper, Curtis Creagh, Lucie Fortin (Mannik & Smith), Rebecca Fournier, Alex Gerweck, Ann Gerweck, Greg Gerweck, Samuel Gonzales, Amanda Gregory (virtual), Kelly Heinzerling, Barry Kinsey, Leon Letter, Sarah Mason, Gerald McCarty, Joshua Myers, Katie Navock, Gerald McCarty, Katie Navock, Kojo Quartey, Helen Stripling, Linda Torbet, Quri Wygonik, John Wyrabkiewicz, Grace Yackee, Penny Dorcey (recording secretary)

1. Chair Aaron Mason called the meeting at 5:32 p.m. He noted that all the Trustees are physically present with the exception of Trustee Lynette Dowler. Mr. Mason ask Ms. Dowler to state her location.

Ms. Dowler indicated that she was joining the meeting via Microsoft Teams from Lady Lake Florida.

2. There were no delegations present.

- B. 2. a. (1) 3. *It was moved by Ms. Thayer and supported by Ms. Edwards that the to approve the minutes with the correction to Trustee Nicole Goodman's middle initial.*

B. 2. a. (1) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2024

The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. Item C. 2. a. (1), Monroe Loop Trail, was moved forward in the agenda by unanimous consent

- C. 2. a. (1) 7. Lucie Fortin from Mannik & Smith presented on the progress of the Monroe Loop Bike Trail.

She noted that loop trail project commenced around 2009. The trail will connect the city to the College.

Ms. Fortin recognized the many project partners and stakeholders, which includes the Ralph C. Wilson Jr., Foundation; SEMCOG; MDOT, Monroe County Community College, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Monroe County Library system; Michigan's Cornerstone. The City of Monroe, Frenchtown Charter Township, Monroe Charter Township, the Community Foundation of Monroe County; DTE; and the Monroe County Road Commission.

Ms. Fortin's presentation which includes a map of the proposed trail is part of The official Board packet and can be obtained from the President's office.

4. Item C. 3. B. (7), CRM Presentation, was moved forward in the agenda by unanimous consent.

- C. 3. b. (7) 5. The Board received an overview from Amanda Gregory, CRM Design Manger, of what the College Resource Management (CRM) looks like now and what is planned for the future.

Ms. Gregory reported that the biggest change in the CRM is Target X and Sales

Force, which are all changeable terms for the same system. The biggest change is with the application process. She stated that the general application has already been up and live in the CRM for a couple of years now. The application for the Criminal Justice and the Honors programs are now active. At the beginning of this month the Health Sciences program, including the LPN to RN bridge program was launched as well. Ms. Gregory noted that currently, she is setting up the new application review tool in the background, that allows for those applications to be reviewed and scored live in the app so that staff can look at the application information that he stated that this will make a big difference in the application process, especially for areas like the health sciences where counselors need to streamline information in more detail than what is achieved through manual input into the system

Ms. Gregory also mentioned that there is also a faculty early alert that is automatically generated when courses are loaded. All faculty members get a special faculty alert that they can use throughout the semester if they have any concerns about a student, so they can refer that student to Amanda Althouse, Coordinator of Student Success, to meet with her student success team. The form Ms. Gregory showed as an example was custom made for her, but she said that if a faculty did not have a custom form, they could always choose a single student early alert form. In her sample course, the information is automatically uploaded into the system and then she can select various student from that course. For example. If a faculty had three students not coming to class, the faculty could submit early alerts for all three of those students at the same time in the form. Ms. Gregory went on to what Ms. Althouse’s team sees in the back ground when an alert is submitted, such as the answers to all the questions the faculty has submitted for example 1) These are my concerns about the student, 2) This is what I did to address it, 3) This is what I recommend might be the next best steps. Amanda Althouse’s team can then follow up with that student and provide them with resources, and they can also follow up automatically with the faculty from within the early alert.

Ms. Gregory explained that when a student applies and registers for classes, they automatically get a page in the background. She showed the Board an example of a screen said the both Katie Novak, Director of Enrollment, and Ms. Althouse’s teams receive on each student that has many benefits, such as tracking each student through the application process, who the student’s advisor is, any emails that have been sent from the email tool within the app, so if a student says they did not know their application was incomplete, they can tell the student when the email was sent, what it said and whether or not the student viewed the email, or they can see that in fact, the student did not receive the email and then remedy the issue. The system also keeps a lot of information about the student which allows the staff to tailor who sees what in the system to ensure that any user in the system is getting a streamlined view f the data that they need and that individuals are not viewing information to which they should not have access. For instance, the social security number is blank for almost all users.

Ms. Gregory showed the event portal where staff can track attendance and various events. For instance, in the health sciences, students have required session they must attend. So, a student can put in their application what they attended and staff can very quickly verify that record.

- B. 4. a. (1) 8. *It was moved by Ms. Edwards and Supported by Mr. Spotts that the Board of Trustees go into Closed Session to discuss a matter a matter exempt from disclosure under Section 8(d) and (f) of the Open Meetings Act.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes [6] Nicole R. Goodman, Mary Kay Thayer, Aaron N. Mason, Krista K. Lambrix, Joel A. Spotts

No [0] None

The motion carried unanimously and the Board moved into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

The board moved into open session at 6:38 p.m.

- 3. Old Business
None

- B. 4. a. (2) 9. *It was moved by Ms. Lambrix and supported by Ms. Edwards that the following*

resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the current design for the Monroe Area Loop Trail project will require construction beyond the existing road right-of-way at the Monroe County Community College (MCCC) parcel no. 12-220-069-00, and parcel no. 12-220-072-00, and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Road Commission (MCRC) has formally requested a permanent trail easement, and

WHEREAS, a valuation of area properties was performed by Affinity Valuation Group, LLC, and for the requested easement on the MCCC parcel, the value has been placed at \$24,700.00, and

WHEREAS, MCCC is waiving its right to an appraisal and will donate said property and forego receipt of any funds in consideration of value received in the form of improvements to be made to the Trail Easement Area by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Monroe (Grantee),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Community College District of Monroe County, through its Board of Trustees, authorizes the Trail Easement/Donation of the parcel no. 12-220-069-00, valued at \$24,700, and parcel no. 12-220-072-00, valued at \$3,200 to the MCRC. The President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees are authorized to execute Trail Easement/Donation Agreement and pertinent legal documents.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. Item C. 3. B. (3), Winter 2024 Enriching Lives Award, was moved forward by unanimous consent.
- C. 3. b. (3) 12. Dr. Grace Yackee, Vice President of Instruction, presented the Winter 2024 Enriching Lives Award.

Dr. Yackee explained that the college acknowledges the importance of its employees and welcomes the opportunity to recognize their extraordinary achievements. Employees are recognized for this award based on their commitment and examples of how they incorporate MCCC’s Mission, Vision and Values into their daily work. Members of the Committee are Linda Marsh, Human Resources Specialist; Joe Verkennes, Director of Marketing and Communication; Barry Kinsey, Director of Workforce Development; Dr. Beverly Tomek, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences; Amanda Gregory, CRM Design Manager; Penny Dorcey, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees; and Dr. Grace Yackee, Vice President of Instruction. The committee is devoted to honoring the employee whose actions create a positive change on campus. Nominations are accepted during the mid-point of the semester and the individual selected is recognized at the board meeting closest to the end of the semester.

Dr. Yackee read a list of nominees for the Winter 2024 Enriching Lives Award: Rebecca Fournier, Administrative Assistant of Lifelong Learning; Alex Gerweck, Educational Advocate, Health Sciences; Melissa Grey, Professor of Psychology; Janice Hylinski, Digital Services Assistant, Library; and Paula Wilgocki, Adjunct Clinical Instructor of Nursing. Dr. Yackee announced that the recipient of the Winter 2024 Enriching Lives Award is Alex Gerweck.

Dr. Yackee announced the recipient of the 2024 Enriching Lives Award, Alex Gerweck. Dr. Yackee read a few statements about Alex from their nominators.

“Alex has and continues to go above and beyond for all of our students as an Educational Advocate for our students.”

Alex has “met with students to address barriers beyond the application process, ensuring students have housing, food and transportation to school,” and “is compassionate and always connects students to the resources they need in order to become a student, [thus] increasing educational accessibility.”

“We have many students who are interested in the Nursing program, and every application cycle, Alex is the one who receives all of those applications.”

Alex is a “collaborative team member and has been working with the division to move to an online application to ease the process for staff and students.”

“I am thankful to know Alex as they are a wonderful human being, and bring so much to the [Office of] Admissions.”

- B. 4. a. (2) 5. *It was moved by Ms. Thayer and supported by Mr. Spotts that the Board authorizes the President to execute a first-year probationary administrative contract to:*

*Frank Thomas, Director of Financial Services
First-Year Probationary Administrative Contract
Effective May 6, 2024 through June 20, 2025.”*

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 4. a. (3) 6. *It was moved by Ms. Thayer and Supported by Ms. Lambrix that the Board approve the following resolution of commendation for Mr. David Larkins:*

WHEREAS, David Larkins is a native of Monroe County and began painting at the age of 7, receiving his first “Best of Show” award at the age of 16, and

WHEREAS, he began his formal art education at Monroe County Community College under the guidance of art faculty members Gary Wilson and Ted Vassar, graduating in 1980, and

WHEREAS, he continued his education and earned a bachelor of industrial management degree from Baker College in Flint, where he graduated magna cum laude, and

WHEREAS, he spent 34 years as a graphic illustrator for Ford Motor Company, while also refining and expanding his artistic talents, and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized internationally, nationally and locally for his exceptional work and has collectors of his original work throughout the United States, Japan and Europe, and

WHEREAS, his work has been featured at many solo exhibitions in Michigan and Ohio, and he has been featured in various juried exhibitions including seven years in “The Best of America Exhibit,” the Toledo Museum of Art and the Butler Institute of American Art, and

WHEREAS, The Artist Magazine presented him with two awards in the 2002 “Best of Art” competition, and he holds the prestigious Signature Membership in the National Watercolor Society and National Oil and Acrylic Painter Society, and

WHEREAS, he generously gives back to the region by sharing his talent and passion for art in numerous ways, such as his willingness to help others learn to paint, appreciate art and develop their own style as an artist; his support of MCCC art students in their desire to learn by offering his time and expertise to periodically conduct lectures, workshops and demonstrations at the college, and his involvement via his art in the Downriver and Monroe Art leagues, the Humane Society of Monroe County and other area events and businesses, and

WHEREAS, his work was exhibited in the Campbell Academic Center as the featured artist in this year’s MCCC Visiting Artist Series, and

WHEREAS, he also has exhibited at many fine art fairs, such as the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair and the Krasl Art on the Bluff, is an honorary Lifetime member of the Monroe Art League and a former member of the Monroe Fine Art Fair committee, and

WHEREAS, he is held in high regard in the community and by his peers, and his success in both his professional career and as an artist exemplifies student success and MCCC’s role in preparing students for their futures, and

WHEREAS, he credits MCCC with providing the strong foundation and encouragement he needed to continue developing his talent and skills to become the

successful artist he is today, and

WHEREAS, he is a man of great character and integrity who exemplifies the best of Monroe County Community College.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes and congratulates Mr. David Larkins on his accomplishments and accolades, and

THAT IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees honor him with the 2024 Monroe County Community College Alumnus of the Year Award and expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation on this Monday, April 22, 2024.

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 4. a. (5) 7. *It was moved by Ms. Edwards and supported by Ms. Goodman that Mrs. Rosemarie and Dr. Richard Walker be selected as the 2023-24 College Supporter of the Year.*

Trustee Krista Lambrix read the following comments from the nominator:

“Rose and her husband Rich are longtime and ardent supporters of MCCC. Rose was one of the first Directors nominated to The Foundation Board, and she served for several years on the executive committee as the Board Secretary. She currently serves on The Foundation's finance committee.

Rose and Rich began working to endow a scholarship in 2003, and they successfully attained full endowed status in 2016. The Walkers were one of the first donors to endow a programmatic fund through The Foundation (endowed programmatic funds provide a perpetual stream of non-scholarship revenue to support programs and initiatives). The Walker's extreme generosity has resulted in cumulative lifetime gifts exceeding \$130,000 to The Foundation over the past 25 consecutive years.

Rose is dedicated, engaged, enthusiastic, and passionate. She embodies an unwavering commitment to our students and MCCC.”

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 4. a. (6) 8. *It was moved by Ms. Thayer and supported by Mr. Spotts that the Board approve Policy 3.00, Admissions Policy, as presented.*

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 4. a. (7) 9. *It was moved by Ms. Thayer and supported by Ms. Lambrix that the Board approve Policy 1.72, Anti-Bullying Policy, as presented.*
Linda Torbet, Executive Director of Human Resources, commented that the former policy combined both policy and procedure. The procedures have been removed from the new policy and will become a separate document.

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 4. a. (8) 10. *It was moved by Mr. Spotts and supported by Ms. Lambrix that the Board approve Policy 1.65, Policy Statement on Illegal Discrimination and Sexual Harassment, as presented.*

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 4 a. (9) 11. *It was moved by Ms. Lambrix and supported by Ms. Edwards that the Board approve Policy 4.02, Parallel and Career Programs, as presented.*

Dr. Grace Yackee explained that this is a regular approval process. Each year she brings an update to the Board of programs, activated programs, and new programs. Dr. Yackee highlighted several new programs such as the Virtual Design and Construction certificate; Data Analytics, Digital Marketing and Communication, and the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate which will eventually run later as we develop paramedic and potential for a bridge to nursing programs. Students can also choose from two tracks if they are going toward an applied science degree, or they transfer to a four-year institution and onto number of degrees there as well. Dr. Yackee also pointed out the Mechatronics certificate out of the ASET Division, and the

Paralegal program as well. Amanda Gregory, the CRM Design Manager who spoke earlier in the meeting, was recently hired as the full-time faculty for the paralegal program.

All of the programs, with the exception of the EMT certificate and the Paralegal program, were developed out of existing curriculum so they do not require Higher Learning Commission approval. The EMT certificate and Paralegal program are new curriculum and require approval by the HLC. The HLC is especially weighing in on our action today. So, they will review those programs through a screening process and once the board approves that, it goes to our accreditor for approval as well.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Information and Proposals

1. Delegation

2. Non-staff Communications and Reports

C. 2. a. (1) 16. This item was discussed earlier in the agenda.

C. 3. a. (1) 17. Dr. Quartey announced the following first-year probationary administrative contract, retirement, and resignation.

1st Year Probationary Administrative Contract 5/6/2024 – 6/30/2025:

Frank Thomas, Director of Financial Services, effective May 6, 2024, (replacing Dana Blair)

Retirement:

Jeff VanSlambrouck, Assistant Director of Campus Planning and Facilities, effective June 28, 2024

Resignation:

Jeff Rubley, Academic Skills Coordinator – Upward Bound, effective March 19, 2024

C. 3. a. (2) 18. Curtis Creagh, Vice President of Finance and Administration, gave the Board an update on the General Fund Revenues and Expenses and other changes for the period ending March 31, 2024.

Mr. Creagh reported that the College has a revenues and expenses budget of \$28.7 million, and revenues of \$26.2 million. Looking at year over-year, revenues are at 23. million. Total revenue is \$26.21 million, but yearly revenue is at \$23.1 million. Mr. Creagh said that state appropriations have increased slightly year-over-year. Tuition and fees are on track at 100.48 percent.

Mr. Creagh announced that expenses year-over-year, this year we are at 61 percent compared to 63 percent last year.

C. 3. a. (3) 19. Curtis Creagh led the Board in a discussion regarding their tuition data request from the March meeting.

Mr. Creagh noted that at the March 25, 2024 regular meeting of the Board, The Trustees requested some additional information related to Tuition and Fees.

Mr. Creagh went over four tuition comparison scenarios showing the outcomes of no increase, a 3 percent increase, a 4 percent increase, and a 4.5 percent increase. The scenarios show net tuition variances of enrollment and tuition rates.

Mr. Creagh showed the Board a historical revenue comparison, which included operating and nonoperating revenue, that spanned FY19 through FY 23. He also presented a history of the Annual Cost of Attendance (COA) rates at MCCC, as well as the projected 2025 billable contact hour calculations.

Next, Mr. Creagh showed the Board financial aid comparisons for Fall 2022 through the summer 2023. During this time period, total awards were \$9.7 million; total tuition and fees billed to students were \$6.5 million; and total awards

over/(under) were \$3.2 million. For Fall 2022 though Winter 2024 total awards are \$6.9 million; tuitions a fees billed are just under \$7 million; and total awards over/(under) is \$65,100.

Mr. Creagh gave the Board a tuition comparison between MCCC and area schools, including Bowling Green University, Lourdes University, Owens Community College, and University of Toledo, as follows:

Name	MCCC	Bowling Green State University	Lourdes University	Owens Comm College	University of Toledo
Profile	2-yr, Public	4-yr, public	4-yr, private	2-yr, Public	4-yr, Public
Location	Monroe, MI	Bowling Green OH	Sylvania, OH	Perrysburg, OH	Toledo, OH
Distance from MCCC		Approx. 46 miles	Approx. 28 miles	Approx. 33 miles	Approx. 24 miles
FA2024-25					
Resident	\$129.52	\$449.00		\$177.50	
Non-Resident	\$221.26				
Out-of-State	\$246.48	\$876.00		\$355.00	
<i>Undifferentiated rate</i>			\$1,488.33		
FA2023-24					
Resident	\$124.54	\$484.00		\$172.50	\$348.83
Non-Resident	\$221.26				
Out-of-State	\$246.48	\$838.00		\$345.00	\$349.83
<i>Undifferentiated rate</i>			\$1,445.00		

A schedule of Michigan Community College Tuition Rates. Comparing MCCC to the colleges who have set their tuition for the upcoming year, ranks MCCC 17 out of the 28 community colleges in the state, in terms of tuitions costs.

Mr. Creagh’s spreadsheets are part of the official Board file and can be obtained from the President’s office.

- C. 3. b. (3) 20. Katie Navock, Director of Enrollment Management, updated the Board on the recent Dissection and Career Day event held for ninth grade high school students.

Ms. Navock reported that a couple weeks ago, she and her team invited 140 eighth graders from Ida and Jefferson middle schools to MCCC to participate in the dissection of a pig heat and lung, and to learn more about various careers. Joshua Myers, Executive Director of The Foundation. introduced them to legislative actions, that focuses on whether or not they should ban crayons. Leon Letter, Dean of Business, introduced the students to gaming. Dr. Maria El-Amin gave a session on physics and astronomy, focusing on gravity. The students also met and learned about all the jobs that are involved in crime scene investigation. The students were presented with a crime scene and then had to figure out who committed the crime. Dr. Kevin Cooper, Dean of Science and Mathematics gave the students a session on weather. On Friday, April 19th, Dundee Schools brought 40 fourth graders to campus for a college tour and a session on careers. Ms. Navock and her team gave a session on “What to do with Your Future. The students played charades and had to act out the career that they chose. The students were very engaged and excited. The day ended with an ice cream social.

Ms. Navock commented that events like these, help build a pipeline for future students and let people know we are here.

- C. 3. b. (1) 22. President Quartey summarized his reports to the Trustees, which he sends every other week.

Dr. Quartey led the Board in a discussion about the posting of their public email addresses. He reported that a survey of sister institutions indicates that about half have it and half do not. A couple have a “Board Liaison” who then forwards the emails to the Board members. Several other options were suggested. Dr. Quartey will follow up on the liaison model with Jackson College. Ms. Dowler cautioned the Trustees about speaking individually to

rather than as one Board.

So far, there have been three community meetings concerning the Whitman Center; the Blue-Ribbon Committee meeting and the Community Conversation/Input meeting. The next meeting will involve a SWOT analysis, which will occur on May 6, 7 or 9, 2024.

The Maintenance Union has given notice of their intent to negotiate the contract for next year.

Capital day is Wednesday, April 24th. Dr. Quartey, Joshua Myers, Executive Director of The Foundation, and Trustees Thayer, Goodman and Spotts will be Attending.

The state budget indicates that MCCC will receive a 3.5% increase in funding this year.

On April 16th, the College had a virtual Perkins visit. Perkins is a state program that funds programs in our ASET, Business, and Health Divisions, and also provides funding for our “special population” students – those with disabilities and other challenges. The visit was a positive one. Special thanks to Parmeshwar Coomar, Dean of Applied Science and Engineering Technology; Dr. Quri Wygonik, Director Institutional Research, Planning & Accreditation; Dr. Grace Yackee, Vice President of Instruction; Penny Dorsey, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, and all those who facilitated the process.

President Quartey presented at the AACC conference in Louisville Kentucky on April 7th. Dr. Scott Behrens, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success, and Gerald McCarty, Dean of Students also presented.

President Quartey met with GSA and was accompanied by Dr. Yackee and Linda Torbet. The two groups had good interactions, and are making progress.

In terms of the Climate Survey, Dr. Quartey gave the Board a copy of the initial plan.

Dr. Quartey mentioned that a complaint was recently submitted to Human Resources. This will be discussed at a later date.

C. 3. b. (2) 23. The President’s Goals and Measurable Objectives was postponed until the May 28th, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

C. 3. b. (3) 24. This item was discussed earlier in the agenda.

C. 3. b. (4) 25. Helen Stripling, Director of Respiratory Therapy and Administrator Council Chair, gave the Board an update on the activities of the Administrator Council. Since July 2023, the Administrator Council has held nine meetings. They have gone through many Information Items. Actions items considered include the College mission, vision, and values and the campus closure policy, which the group agreed should be investigated more. To achieve that goal a task force was created to be led by Curtis Creagh and involving all major stake holders.

Ms. Stripling noted that a few recommendations have come through the Council such as, reevaluating the wage structure for administrative and professional staff. Most recently at the April meeting they agreed to consider a Student Advocacy Committee, which was brought forward by a couple of faculty members, but thought a better solution might be an ombudsman program, so that they are a separate and not tied to any certain campus group, whether administrative or faculty. The group is also planning a retreat at end of May or early June.

C. 3. b. (5) 26. Wendy Wysocki, Professor of Business and Economics, and Chair of the Governance Evaluation Committee (GEC), gave an update on the activities of the GEC. She reported that the full group met twice during the 2023-24 academic year; once in the fall and once in the spring. Some of the topics discussed were the HLC report and comments they made related to governance and communication within the College community. The committee also discussed the

recent climate survey and the results. They also discussed improving communication and addressing some of the concerns that were expressed in the survey. Those discussions continue. Another topic was the new tracking system and electronic proposal form, as well as additional training opportunities for employees when they begin working at the college, and providing reviews for current employees. Recently, the committee discussed the Council Model Flow Chart graphic and the best way to communicate the process through that graphic. In addition, Ms. Wysocki and Penny met with Quri Wygonik and Brianna Pio in October to discuss and do some testing of the tracking system. Ms. Wysocki believes this will be a great system as we use it and work out some of the bugs along the way.

- C. 3. b. (6) 27. Joshua Myers, reported that The Foundation Board meeting was canceled again this month due to a lack of quorum. Large boards do not do very well with quorum. He noted that he is currently working on some strategies to resolve this issue.

Dr. Myers explained that the Early Alerts system they have heard about at other Board meetings is also a system that The Foundation uses to gather emergency requests from students. Those alerts go to Amanda Althouse and then routed to Amy Ockerman or Kris Gerlach. The team includes them Nickie Hampsher, Gerald McCarty, and Nancy Lucero. Dr. Myers talked about the relationships of our building to developing an ecosystem for students to enter and get all the support they need to overcome barriers to their education.

Dr. Myers reported that the Foundation earlier today, he and his team were able to help a student who was homeless. The student's rent increased by 40 percent in one year. The Foundation was able to get her into stable housing with a down payment today.

Dr. Myers mentioned a second item developed to eliminate barriers; the Huskey Shuttle. The shuttle provides free transportation to and from MCCC, to students with transportation barriers. This project is possible through a partnership with Lake Erie Transit.

- C. 3. b. (7) 28. This item was discussed earlier in the agenda.

- C. 4. b. (1) 29. Chair Mason announced that Muchmore Harrington Smalley and Associates (MHSA) have once again gifted tickets to the Board for a Detroit Tigers game, with use of the MHSA suite included. This year the game is at 6:40 p.m., August 28, 2024. Please let the President's office know if you would like tickets to the game and whether or not you plan to bring a guest.

- C. 4. b. (2) 29. Chair Mason noted the upcoming events.

- C. 4. b. (3) 30. *It was moved by Ms. Goodman and supported by Ms. Edwards that the meeting be adjourned.*

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron N. Mason
Chair

Nicole R. Goodman
Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the May 28, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees.