



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Public Retreat/Special Meeting

#### Minutes

March 9, 2021

A retreat/meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Chair, at 11:43 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, via Webex.	Call to Order
The announcement of public meeting was made by Mrs. Jodi Heitmann in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975. Notice of this meeting was publicized through a resolution adopted at the November 5, 2020, reorganization meeting and distributed as required by law. Also, given the current healthcare crisis, a notice was publicized on March 2, 2021, indicating this meeting would be held via Webex, as provided for by New Jersey Public Law 2020, Chapter 11, approved on March 20, 2020, for public bodies to conduct meetings by electronic means during periods of emergency.	Public Meeting Announcement
Those in attendance were: Mr. Thulin, Mrs. Linda Novak, Mr. Jerry Dasti (by phone), Mr. Stephan Leone, Mr. Charles Muller, Mrs. Joanne Pehlivanian, Dr. Jon Larson, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration Sara Winchester. Vice President Eileen Garcia, Vice President Joseph Konopka, Vice President Gerald Racioppi, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr. Heidi Sheridan, and Mrs. Connie Bello.	Attendance
Dr. Beshara Blauth introduced Dr. Ellie Fogarty, OCC's Vice President Liaison from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, who asked the Trustees to introduce themselves and provide information on their history with OCC.	Introduction of Dr. Ellie Fogarty
Dr. Fogarty then provided a detailed explanation of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education as well as its Self-Study and Accreditation process. She received in advance of this meeting a copy of the College's Self-Study Design; she found it to be comprehensive and inclusive, an excellent document that will serve the College well during the next two years of self-evaluation.	
Upon unanimous roll call vote, a resolution was adopted to provide for a closed meeting to be held on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel action, collective bargaining, and pending and anticipated litigation.	Resolution Adopted for Closed Meeting March 25, 2021

Dr. Larson thanked Dr. Fogarty and the Trustees for taking the time to participate today and commended the Trustees for their continued support.

With no further business or comments from the trustees or the public, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone  
Secretary

Jodi Heitmann  
Executive Assistant to the President