



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Retreat/Meeting

Minutes

July 14, 2022

A retreat/meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022, by Mr. Jerry Dasti, Chair, in the Conference Center and via Webex.

Call to Order

The announcement of public meeting was made by Mrs. Connie Bello in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975. Notice of this meeting was publicized through a resolution adopted at the November 2021 reorganization meeting and distributed as required by law. Also, given the current healthcare crisis, a notice was publicized on July 8, 2022, 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. Dasti, Mrs. Linda Novak, Mr. Stephen Leone, Mr. Frank Dupignac, Mr. Robert Fall, Mr. Charles Muller, Mrs. Joanne Pehlivanian, Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Mr. Steven Zabarsky, Mr. Jack Sahradnik, Dr. Jon Larson, and Mrs. Connie Bello. Also, in attendance were Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Executive Director, Institutional Planning, Ms. Heidi Sheridan, Interim Executive and Artistic Director, Grunin Center, and Mr. James Marshall, Assistant Director of Assessment.

Attendance

Dr. Larson introduced Dr. Beshara-Blauth, who explained the Board self-assessment launched on April 11, 2022, with a closure date of April 25. All eleven trustees participated, representing a 100% response rate. The results of the assessment were shared by Dr. Beshara-Blauth with the trustees; they indicate that the Board functions well and works well together. It also highlights the effectiveness and dedication of the Board, the open communications with the administration, and the student-centered focus of the College.

Dr. Beshara-Blauth recommended that the Executive Committee meet to discuss the strengths and opportunities for development to determine any appropriate course of action.

Following the results of the self-assessment, it was suggested that the Investment Subcommittee provide more frequent general updates to the trustees so they are assured the College's resources are secure.

Dr. Larson congratulated Dr. Beshara-Blauth for her excellent management of this process. He noted there are few, if any, other college Boards that work together as well as OCC's Board.

Dr. Beshara-Blauth, Mr. Marshall, and Ms. Sheridan then shared an update on the Self-Study process and provided a brief review and explained next steps. The final Self-Study document will be shared with the campus community in January 2023 and the MSCHE visit is scheduled for April 2-5, 2023.

Fall Colloquium will include sessions regarding the Self-Study process and poster sessions to highlight the seven standards and goals. In addition, one of the seven standards will be highlighted and reviewed at each of the upcoming Board meetings.

Dr. Larson and the trustees commended Dr. Beshara-Blauth for keeping the team well organized and prepared.

With no public comments forthcoming, the trustees moved into closed session at 12:55 p.m. At 1:00 p.m., the trustees adjourned the meeting. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone
Secretary

Jodi Heitmann
Special Assistant to the President