

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Minutes of the 704th Meeting
of the Board of Trustees
September 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristin Appelget at 7:06pm via Zoom conferencing. In addition to the Chair, the following members were in attendance: Julie Blake, Shannon Mason, Daryl Minus-Vincent, Lawrence Nespoli, Greg Puliti, and Deborah Preston (MCCC President). Also present was Perry Lattiboudere, College Counsel.

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A) FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Puliti led those attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

B) STATEMENT OF NOTIFICATION

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting its interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Trustees of Mercer County Community College has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, on the West Windsor Campus, at the James Kerney Campus, on the College's website homepage, and emailed to The Trentonian and The Times.

C) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Trustee Puliti moved to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Trustee Nespoli and adopted with Trustees Appelget, Blake, Mason, Minus-Vincent, Nespoli, and Puliti voting aye.

D) PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the attending public addressed the board at this time.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:09pm to discuss personnel and legal matters. Circumstances under which these discussions will be disclosed to the public when necessary actions are taken at public session.

The public session reconvened at 7:22pm.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Chair Appelget presented Resolution FY24-123. Trustee Mason moved to approve Resolution FY24-123, which was second by Trustee Puliti. The item passed with Trustees Appelget, Blake, Mason, Minus-Vincent, Nespoli, and Puliti voting aye.

RESOLUTION FY24-123 – SETTLEMENT OF VERIFIED COMPLAINT

WHEREAS, Mercer County Community College has been named in a verified complaint filed by Christopher Taylor filed with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights and identified as Docket No. E2022-000957; and

WHEREAS, the parties attended conciliation on August 3 and August 23, 2023, in an effort to resolve this matter without an admission of liability and/or the necessity for further proceedings, including a public hearing;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to accept the terms of the related of a consent order and decree; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the College Counsel is authorized to finalize attorney review of the consent order and decree and the President is authorized, on behalf of this Board, to sign and implement the terms of the same.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Nespoli moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mason and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah E. Preston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deborah E. Preston, Ph.D.
President
Mercer County Community College