

Kellogg Community College
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 31, 2014

The special meeting of the Kellogg Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 31, 2014, in the Kellogg Room inside the Student Center, Kellogg Community College, 450 North Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49017.

Chairman Jonathan Byrd called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The roll reflected the following trustees present:

Chairman Jonathan Byrd	Trustee Matthew Davis
Trustee Jill Booth	Trustee Reba Harrington
Trustee Julie Camp Seifke	Trustee Steve Claywell
Trustee Brian Hice	

Attendance from President's Council included:

Mr. Eric Greene, Director, Public Information and Marketing
Dr. Jan Karazim, Dean Workforce Development
Dr. Kay Keck, Vice President, Student and Community Services
Ms. Becky Gallimore, Executive Assistant to the President
Mr. Mark O'Connell, Vice President, Administration and Finance
Dr. Kevin Rabineau, Dean Arts, Sciences and Regional Education
Mr. Bob Reynolds, Chief Information Officer
Ms. Ali Robertson, Human Resources Director
Ms. Terah Zaremba, Dean Student Services

Sixteen individuals sat in the gallery including Justin Hinkley, Battle Creek Enquirer reporter.

CLOSED SESSION

In a motion by Trustee Booth and supported by Trustee Davis, the Board agreed in a unanimous roll call vote to enter into closed session at 6:40 pm. The purpose of the closed session was for considering a confidential attorney-client privileged communication as permitted by Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

In a motion by Trustee Claywell and supported by Trustee Booth, the Board returned to public session at 8:52 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

In a motion by Trustee Harrington and supported by Trustee Davis, the Board ratified and approved the retention of legal services from Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as initiated by Chairperson Byrd on March 25, 2014.

In a motion by Trustee Booth and supported by Trustee Claywell, the Board ratified and approved the agreement for investigative services as proposed by Rehmann Corporate Investigative Services and signed by Chairperson Byrd on March 27, 2014.

On March 27, 2014, Chairperson Byrd notified President Dennis J. Bona that he had been placed on a non-disciplinary paid administrative leave of absence for the purpose of investigating concerns regarding his interactions with College personnel. In a motion by Trustee Davis and supported by Trustee Hice, the Board ratified and approved this leave of absence.

CITIZEN/STAFF COMMENTS

No questions or comments were made at this time.

BOARD STATEMENT

Jonathan Byrd, Chairman of the Kellogg Community College Board of Trustees provided the following statement:

Effective March 27, 2014, KCC President Dennis J. Bona was placed on a non-disciplinary paid administrative leave for the purpose of investigating concerns regarding his interactions with College personnel.

Tonight, the Kellogg Community College Board of Trustees has acted to ratify and approve the retention of legal and investigative services as well as formally approve Dr. Bona's administrative leave.

It is the Board's hope and expectation that the investigation move as quickly and fairly as possible. However, because the investigation is not yet concluded, because we respect Dr. Bona's rights, and because we need to protect the integrity of the investigation, it's not appropriate for trustees or college personnel to comment further at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned by Chairman Byrd at 9:03 pm.

Reba Harrington, Secretary

Jonathan Byrd, Chair