

**MESALANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**March 15, 2022**

The Mesalands Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via Google Meet in Tucumcari, New Mexico.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Streetman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Streetman announced those attendance at the meeting, are the following:

- Mr. James Streetman
- Ms. Teresa Stephenson
- Mr. Tom Sidwell
- Mr. Jimmy Sandoval
- Dr. Gregory T. Busch
- Ms. Natalie Gillard
- Mr. Josh McVey
- Mr. Jim Morgan
- Dr. Mary Beth Busch
- Dr. Maria Haase
- Dr. Denise Hackett
- Mr. Gregory Stringer
- Dr. Duane Brooks
- Mr. Robert Whitmore
- Mr. Phillip Box
- Mr. James Munn
- Mr. Larry Wickham
- Ms. Margaret Ragland

**ROLL CALL**

The following board members were present: Ms. Teresa Stephenson, Mr. Tom Sidwell, Mr. Jimmy Sandoval, and Mr. James Streetman.

**LIST OF ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Approval of Consent Agendas
- 3) Approval of Executive Session
- 4) Approval of Reconvene from Executive Session
- 5) Approval of Action, if needed, based on Executive Session
- 6) Approval of Resolution to New Mexico Bank & Trust

- 7) Approval of Academic Calendar
- 8) Approval for Summer
- 9) Approval of February 2022 Financial Report
- 10) Approval of Purchase Requisition – CES/Parkhill
- 11) Approval of Purchase Requisition – Century Link

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION**

**ACTION** – Mr. Sidwell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting. Mr. Streetman, yes; Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes; and Ms. Stephenson, yes. The motion carried

## **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

As per Board Policy 2.3 Procedures for Addressing the Board: Any person wishing to speak to the agenda must register prior to the meeting and their comments are limited to five (5) minutes.

Mr. Streetman asked Ms. Ragland if she received any Public Comments. She responded that according to Mr. Larry Wickham, no Public Comments were received at this time.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION**

**ACTION** – Mr. Sandoval moved to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes dated February 15, 2022, and the Special Board meeting minutes dated February 22, 2022, as presented. Ms. Stephenson seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting, Mr. Sidwell, yes; Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Streetman, yes; and Mr. Sandoval, yes. The motion carried.

## **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORTS**

Mr. Streetman stated there was nothing to report at this time.

## **REPORTS**

### **President’s Report**

President’s – Dr. Gregory T. Busch, President

- Introduction of new employees
  - Dr. Duane Brooks, Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President
  - Dr. Denise Hackett, Chief Institutional Research Effectiveness and Accreditation Officer
  - Mr. Gregory Stringer, Executive Director of Admissions and Registrar
  - Mr. Robert Whitmore, Institutional Graphic Designer

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION - ACTION**

**ACTION** – Mr. Sidwell moved that the Board enter Executive Session for limited personnel matters as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (2), for litigation as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (7), and for real property and water rights as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (8). Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting; Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Streetman, yes; Mr. Sandoval, yes; and Mr. Sidwell, yes. The motion carried.

## **RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – ACTION**

**ACTION** – Ms. Stephenson moved that the Board Reconvene from Executive Session which was limited to discussions as stipulated above for limited personnel matters as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (2), for litigation as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (7), and for real property and water rights as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (8). Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting: Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes. Ms. Stephenson, yes; and Mr. Streetman, yes. The motion carried.

## **ACTION, IF NEEDED BASED ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Streetman stated there are two action items needed, based on Executive Session.

**ACTION** – Mr. Sidwell moved to approve the hiring of Mr. Warren Frost as the College legal counsel. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting, yes; Mr. Streetman, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes, Ms. Stephenson, yes; and: Mr. Sandoval. yes. The motion carried.

**ACTION** – Mr. Sandoval moved to approve the appointment by the Board of the new Board of Trustees member, Mr. Phillip Box to fill the vacancy for District 5. Ms. Stephenson seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes, Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Streetman, yes; and: Mr. Sandoval. yes. The motion carried.

## **February Report - Dr. Gregory Busch**

- Special thank you to Shannon Fries and Ms. Gillard for present the Nursing program to HED, Ms. Fries has also done a wonderful job in leading our Covid efforts.
- We are now a Pepsi school, shout out to Milan Rasic, he led the College in this as well as getting the NJCAA approval.
- The Rodeo team is doing very well, extremely proud of Cooper Felipek, he is first place in the Nation in bareback riding, and Shea Grogan, goat tying took first place on both rodeos this weekend.
- Graduation plans, live ceremonies on May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will invite the students from 2020 and 2021 to participate in the ceremony
- Contacted by a new Cabinet Department of New Mexico on child development, childcare, early childcare education.

- Challenges in our food and housing programs, food services and motels businesses, please contact the College to work with us to provide and grow our relationship.
- Great thanks to Dr. Hazel Rountree for bringing multi-culturalism and diversity to Mesalands Community College!

Tom Sidwell made the motion to send a card to Dr. Rountree to express our appreciation and gratitude. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting: Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes; Ms. Stephenson, yes; and Mr. Streetman, yes. The motion carried.

- Thank you to the Board of Trustees for the work being done on the President's house.
- Thank you to Mr. Paul Leonard, and Dr. Manny Encinias for overseeing the wild horses program.
- Serious housing shortage in our area, please contact Margaret if you have any housing availability, rental or for sale homes.
- Faculty and staff participating in more professional development
- "Friends of Mesalands" - working with our Alumni, Ms. Mary Beth Busch will be working with this program, this is a voluntary position, only reimbursed for expenses related to hosting activities, or representing and assisting the President with functions.

**ACTION** – Ms. Stephenson made the motion to approve the resolution # 2022-01 to oppose the closing of the New Mexico Bank and Trust in Logan, New Mexico. Mr. Sidwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting: Mr. Streetman, yes; Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes; and Ms. Stephenson, yes. The motion carried.

**ACTION** – Mr. Sandoval moved to approve on a temporary trial basis for one year the 4-day, 10 hours per day Academic Calendar for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Mr. Sidwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting: Mr. Sandoval, yes; Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Streetman, yes; and Mr. Sidwell, yes. The motion carried.

## **Academic Affairs**

- Ms. Natalie Gillard, Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - Follow-up on the Nursing program, on February 8 2021, the New Mexico Board of Nursing granted us approval for a Nursing program, this enabled us to seek the approval from HED that Dr. Busch referred to. A special thank you to Shannon Summers, Nursing Instructor that worked tirelessly getting this accomplished.
  - The first week of April, Clarendon Community College will be at Mesalands taking horseshoeing and spur making classes, thank you Mr. Eddy Mardis and Mr. Paul Leonard.

## **Student Affairs**

- Josh McVey, Vice President of Public Relations, Student Transfer Services, and Strategic Enrollment Management
  - Ecstatic about the new hires of wonderful professionals

- Strategic enrollment and planning will take our enrollment to new heights
- Stepping up marketing and getting information out to the public

-Dr. Maria Haase, Executive Director of Hispanic Outreach and Student Support

- Welcome all the new hires to Mesalands and the community.
- Hispanic outreach and student support
- We are looking at studies abroad in the far future, this is a unique experience. We are looking at policies and procedures.
- Working on syllabus for learning Spanish
- I took over the food pantry and project success. Looking at ideas on starting on a small scale.
- Working with student support and housing

### **Administrative Affairs**

-Mr. Jim Morgan, Vice President of Campus Affairs and Workforce Development

- CDL program has begun
- Quote from WWRC on renovation of building “A” is below the 1.2M appropriation
- Monthly Financial Report for February 2022 – **ACTION**

**ACTION** – Ms. Stephenson made the motion to approve the Financial Report for February 2022 as presented. Mr. Sidwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting: Mr. Streetman, yes; Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes; and Ms. Stephenson, yes. The motion carried.

- Purchase Requisition # 115276 to CES/Parkhill – **ACTION**

**ACTION** – Mr. Sidwell moved to approve the purchase requisition to CES/Parkhill. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting: Mr. Sandoval, yes; Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Streetman, yes; and Mr. Sidwell, yes. The motion carried.

- Purchase Requisition #115344 to Century Link – **ACTION**

**ACTION** – Mr. Sandoval moved to approve the purchase requisition to Century Link for high capacity, internet bandwidth to assist with Distance Education. Mr. Sidwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote taken with members voting: Mr. Sidwell, yes; Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Streetman, yes; and Mr. Sandoval, yes. The motion carried.

-Dr. Mary Beth Busch, Executive Director of Workforce Development

- Overview on Workforce Development Slide Presentation

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business presented.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence at this time

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Presented were the following:

- Important Dates
  - Spring Break – March 21 – March 25, 2022
  - Graduation – May 13, 2022
  
- Board of Trustees 12 Month Calendar
  
- Board of Trustees Annual Calendar of Reports

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Mesalands Community College Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting, via “Google Meet” at 5:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Streetman stated there was no further business and the meeting adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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James P. Streetman  
Chair

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Thomas Sidwell  
Secretary/Clerk