

## LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES January 22, 2024

# **Special Meeting**

**Adopted Meeting Minutes** 

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Proctor, Hidalgo, Mathews, Thomas, Vaive

Absent: None

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Robert Proctor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Limited Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items**

There were no Limited Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items.

## **Process for Selection of Interviewees**

#### Chair Mathews stated:

At the December 11, 2023, Board of Trustee Meeting the Board adopted procedures to fill the vacancy of former Trustees Andrew Abood and Ryan Buck. Per the procedures adopted at that meeting a notice of the Board vacancy was published in local print media, the radio, and on the college's website and social media. 53 individuals received an application to apply. On January 16th, 26 people applied. One person applied after the deadline and that application was not accepted. The Board received all the applications submitted by Ms. Duncan on January 16th. The application contained the following questions.

- 1. Briefly state why you want to be appointed to the Lansing Community College Board of Trustees.
- 2. List current and past memberships, responsibilities, and activities in civic and community organizations.
- 3. Briefly indicate your work history.

#### All Candidates must be:

- 18 years of age or older
- A resident of the LCC district
- A registered voter
- And they cannot be an LCC Employee, per Board Bylaw 1.1.8.

#### 1.1.8 Board Members Seeking Employment with the College

A Board member shall not apply for a position with the College unless and until he or she has first resigned from the Board. Similarly, employees of the College, regardless of the type of compensation received, are excluded from membership on the Board.

The candidate also had to complete and notarize an affidavit of identification.

The Board is meeting tonight to select the individuals from the applicant pool it wishes to move forward to interview. Each Trustee was asked to select five of their top candidates.

### Selection of Candidates to Interview

#### Chair Mathews stated:

Before we vote on our individual top five candidates it is important to note the Michigan Community College Act regarding quorums and votes required. The MI Community College Act 389.158 states:

#### 389.158 Filling vacancies.

Sec. 158. If a vacancy in the board of trustees occurs, the remaining members of the board by majority vote shall fill the vacancy immediately with a qualified elector of the community college district. Except as provided in section 83, any person so appointed shall hold office until the next regular community college election held for the election of members to the board of trustees in the community college district at which time the electors of the community college district shall fill the office for the unexpired portion of the term.

Because our remaining member is now five a majority vote of the Board would be 3.

Chair Mathews asked the Executive Assistant/Liaison to call upon each Trustee to state no more than five individuals they would like to see move forward for interviews.

The following candidates were identified with three votes or more:

- 1. Noel Garcia, Jr.
- 2. Ronald Gillum

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Proctor and seconded by Trustee Hidalgo that the process be closed and the Board moves forward with the two candidates for interviews if necessary and the selection process ends.

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Proctor, Thomas

Nays: Vaive, Hidalgo, Mathews

Absent: None

The motion failed.

ITS WAS MOVED BY Chair Mathews and seconded by Trustee Proctor that the Board vote another round, for a limit of three people, of the remaining candidates on the list who received one vote for more.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mathews, Vaive, Proctor, Thomas, Hidalgo

Nays: None Absent: None

The motion carried.

Chair Mathews asked the Board Executive Ass't/Liaison to read off those names.

The following candidates were identified with three votes or more in the 2nd round:

- 1. Becky Brewer
- 2. Terrence Frazier

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Hidalgo and seconded by Trustee Thomas that the four candidates, Noel Garcia, Jr., Ronald Gillum, Becky Brewer, and Terry Frazier, move forward for interviews on January 29, 2024.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Thomas, Vaive, Proctor, Mathews, Hidalgo

Nays: None Absent: None

The motion carried.

All 25 candidates will be contacted. The candidates forwarded for an interview will be asked to respond in writing to a question by 12 noon on Friday, January 26, 2024. In addition, the candidate will be given their interview questions.

## **Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments.

# **Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Proctor and seconded by Trustee Hidalgo that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: Hidalgo, Mathews, Proctor, Thomas, Vaive

Nays: None Absent: Proctor

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Executive Assistant/Liaison to the Board Benita Duncan