QUINCY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
JUNE 10, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

Meeting Minutes

The Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2022 Quincy College Budget special meeting of the Quincy College Board of Governors was held in the Anselmo Library at Quincy College, 1250 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts and by Zoom as allowed by the State of MA Emergency Open Meeting law due to the COVID 19 crisis at 5:30 pm.

Chairman Barbadoro reminded board members, the board is not allowed to comment during the Public Hearing. He asked Mr. Pham to let anyone in the zoom waiting room in. The meeting was opened at 5:32pm.

The member roll was called. The following members of the Board of Governors were present at the call of the member roll: Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Ms. Mary Jo Brogna, Ms. Barbara Clarke, Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Mr. Gregory Hanley, Mr. Robert Harnais, Mr. Frank Santoro, and Mr. Joseph Shea. Absent at the call of the roll was Mr. Christopher Carroll, Ms. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton, Ms. Katherine Craven, Father James Hawker and Ms. Carolyn O’Toole. 8 members present. A quorum was present.

Chairman Barbadoro welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. He asked that Mr. Pham allow comments from people in the order that they joined.

Mr. Christopher Carroll joined the meeting at 5:35pm.

Chairman Barbadoro invited anyone who wished to address the Board of Governors on the proposed FY 2022 budget to do so. There was no response to the Chairman’s invitation.

Mr. Hanley reminded folks commenting that they have to state their name and address when commenting.

Chairman Barbadoro repeated his invitation on two additional occasions, again with no response.

Ms. Clarke asked if the folks were muted. Ms. Brogna commented that it looked like they had muted themselves.

Mr. Hanley made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Harnais seconded. On the motion to close the public hearing on the FY 2022 Quincy College budget, the following
members of the Board of Governors voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Ms. Mary Jo Brogna, Mr. Christopher Carroll, Ms. Barbara Clarke, Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Mr. Gregory Hanley, Mr. Robert Harnais, Mr. Frank Santoro, and Mr. Joseph Shea. 9 members voting in the affirmative, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm. Chairman Barbadoro stated that the regular meeting will start at 6:00pm.

Chairman Barbadoro re-opened the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022 at 5:43pm.

Mr. Harnais made a motion to re-open the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hanley. On the motion to re-open the Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget, the following members voted in the affirmative: Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Ms. Mary Jo Brogna, Mr. Christopher Carroll, Ms. Barbara Clarke, Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Mr. Gregory Hanley, Mr. Robert Harnais, Mr. Frank Santoro, and Mr. Joseph Shea. 9 members and the motion was adopted.

Chairman Barbadoro called the meeting to order and asked for another roll call. The following members of the Board of Governors were present at the call of the roll: Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Ms. Mary Jo Brogna, Mr. Christopher Carroll, Ms. Barbara Clarke, Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Mr. Gregory Hanley, Mr. Robert Harnais, Mr. Frank Santoro, and Mr. Joseph Shea. Absent at the call of the roll was Ms. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton, Ms. Katherine Craven, Father James Hawker and Ms. Carolyn O’Toole. 9 members present. A quorum was present.

Chairman Barbadoro apologized for an audio issue previously. At 5:44pm, he stated that the meeting is now open. He invited anyone wishing to comment on the fiscal year budget to do so. Bill Zamzow raised his hand on zoom. Chairman Barbadoro asked that he state his name and address. Mr. Zamzow stated his address as 356 Washington Street, Quincy.

Mr. Zamzow said with all due respect, he had a few issues on the budget. The enterprise fund accounting to part of city budget. The college doesn’t have that in place. Next, the College just received a $10.7 million grant, allocated half of that towards scholarship and half of that to a new building. The city is covering healthcare funds in 2022. 80% of students are not local. Mr. Zamzow stated that he is a huge advocate of education but that it is not up to tax payers to pay for out of city students. He suggested that the college uses the money that the feds are giving the college to cover healthcare costs. He thanked the board for their time.

Chairman Barbadoro thanked Mr. Zamzow and asked if anyone else would like to comment.

Ms. Jocelyn Sedney of 85 Monroe Road, Quincy commented that she hasn’t been following the college situation as close as others but that she listened to the meeting a few weeks ago before the money from the federal government came in. Part of that money is going to go to Financial Aid, the other half will be given to the Mayor to buy a
piece of property. There is no agreement at this point that anything is going to happen on that property that will benefit Quincy College. Why is Quincy College investing in space for the city? Why should the citizens of Quincy pay for healthcare and pensions? It doesn’t seem like it is in the best interest of the board or the college.

Chairman Barbadoro thanked Ms. Sedney for her time and asked if there were any other comments.

Tim Carrigan of 5 Perry Road, Quincy had a general comment. He thinks the Mayor’s vision as it relates to building a new city hall to contain Quincy College would all work really well if Quincy College became a part of the State Community College system. It would have the state government and agencies behind it. Nursing students and Vocational education students could transfer credits to the MA state colleges system. For the city to bring this all together on its own is a vision that the Mayor has for Quincy College and downtown.

Anne Mahoney, Councilor at Large, of 12 Ferriter Street, Quincy. Ms. Mahoney stated that this is not an attack of Quincy College. She believes 81% of the population will be coming to find their path. The college could benefit from getting in to the state system. The city is currently paying the colleges healthcare costs. She has a problem with taxpayers of Quincy paying for this. The college should be using covid money for these costs. There was a question in the Finance and Facilities committee meeting about the city paying for benefits. Due to losing nursing, Quincy College was receiving help from the City with benefits. Now, with a large sum of money from the Federal Government coming in, the college should be able to use that for benefits. Ms. Mahoney does not believe the City should be responsible. She stated that the colleges biggest problem has been the entanglement with the city.

Ms. Eileen Bevivino Lawton joined the meeting at 5:50pm.

Chairman Barbadoro thanked Councilor Mahoney and asked if anyone else had comments. There were no additional comments/ responses.

Chairman Barbadoro entertained a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Hanley called the motion, seconded by Mr. Harnais. On the motion to close the public hearing on the FY 2022 Quincy College budget, the following members of the Board of Governors voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Ms. Bevivino Lawton, Ms. Mary Jo Brogna, Mr. Christopher Carroll, Ms. Barbara Clarke, Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Mr. Gregory Hanley, Mr. Robert Harnais, Mr. Frank Santoro, and Mr. Joseph Shea. 10 members voting in the affirmative, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm.