

**QUINCY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2020

Minutes

An Emergency Meeting of the Quincy College Board of Governors, was held remotely by teleconference call, Zoom video call, and streamed on the Web as allowed by the State of MA Emergency Open Meeting law due to the COVID 19 crisis. 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. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton; Mr. Christopher Carroll; Mr. Greg Hanley; Ms. Carolyn O'Toole; Mr. Joseph Shea, Ms. Barbara Clarke; and Ms. Katherine Craven; Father James Hawker and Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald. A quorum was present.

Quincy College President Daniel Asquino, Christopher Bell VP of Operations and Chief of Staff, and Clerk to the Board of Governors, and Thomas Pham, VP of IT and Mission Support. Also participated in the remote meeting.

Chairman Barbadoro explained three or more members of the Board of Governors had requested the emergency meeting as required by the board by-laws. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Presidential Search committee's findings regarding applicants to fill the President's position.

Ms. Craven explained the presidential search committee met earlier tonight to discuss the search process and to vote on recommendations to the full Board of Governors. She explained with the recent COVID-19 crisis she felt it necessary to expedite the process so there can be an orderly transition from President Asquino to the next permanent full time President of Quincy College. She asked for Robert Antonucci who was hired by the board to lead the search to update the board on the applications received and the process.

Mr. Antonucci gave a summary of the methodology used in the search, the data regarding the candidates (number of applicants, backgrounds, gender, states applied from etc.) He mentioned there was a very diverse and talented pool of candidates and thought the process resulted in drawing the necessary list of candidates the board had sought when he was assigned to conduct the search.

Ms. Craven brought up one of the candidates who was nominated for the position, Quincy Public School Superintendent Dr. Richard DeCristofaro. She suggested the committee and board due to the current COVID-19 crisis and with the impending departure of current Interim President Dr. Asquino it is necessary and very important to choose the new permanent president immediately especially in light of all the unknown consequences

both fiscally and from an enrollment standpoint the COVID-19 crisis has brought to the college.

Mr. Barbadoro agreed and suggested if anyone had any questions now was the time to ask.

Ms. Craven then asked for a motion on the matter.

A motion was made by Dr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. Craven to recommend to the full board to offer a contract to Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Supt. of Quincy Public Schools to become the permanent President of Quincy College and to assign a working committee to enter into contract negotiations as soon as possible. The contract would begin in June after the departure of Dr. Asquino on June 13. On the motion the following members of the Board of Governors voted in the affirmative Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Ms. Mary Jo Brogna, Ms. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton; Mr. Gregory Hanley; Ms. Barbara Clarke; Mr. Christopher Carroll; Ms. Carolyn O'Toole; Mr. Joseph Shea; Father Hawker; Dr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Katherine Craven. 11 members voting in the affirmative and the motion was adopted.

Old Business

Ms. Clarke asked to be recorded for the record the following statement. With 22 applications for review, we only reviewed one application. I believe Dr. DeCristofaro is a good selection and will help us build a bridge from the Quincy High schools to the college. But I disagree with the process as we did not take time and could not vet all the applications as we thought at the beginning of the process.

New Business

None

At 7:22 pm Mr. Shea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion on the matter.