The meeting of the Quincy College Board of Governors, held in the Hart Board Room, Room 706, 7th Floor, Presidents Place, 1250 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, was called to order at 6:00 PM. The member roll was called. The following members of the Board of Governors were present at the member roll: Mr. Paul Barbadoro; Ms. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton; Mr. Christopher Carroll; Ms. Barbara Clarke, Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald; Mr. Gregory Hanley; Father James Hawker; Ms. Carolyn O’Toole; and Mr. Joseph Shea. Absent from the roll call were Ms. Katherine Craven. A quorum was present. (Ms. Craven arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Also present were: Mayor Thomas P. Koch, Principal Executive; Ms. Lisa Mc Birney, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Gerald Koocher, Provost, Mr. Tom Pham, Vice President for Information Technology and Mission Support; Mr. Martin Ahern, Director of Finance; Mr. William Hall, Director of Administrative Services and Facilities; as well as other members of the College community and the public.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a prayer and moment of silence was offered.

Next, Chairman of the Nominating Committee Greg Hanley kicked off the meeting with his report of the Nominating Committee for Election of Officers. He first started with the nominations made for the First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair which were Joseph Shea and Carolyn O’Toole respectfully both unopposed for these positions. A motion was made by Ms. Brogna to appoint of Joseph Shea as First Vice Chair and Carolyn O’Toole as Second Vice Chair, and seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, and a unanimous vote in favor, the motion was adopted.

Next the Nominating committee brought forth for a vote to the full board two candidacies for the position of Chair, Paul Barbadoro and Barbara Clarke. Mr. Barbadoro and Ms. Clarke both had a chance to make their case to their colleagues before the vote. A motion was brought forth, seconded and with a vote of 11-0 in favor to appoint Mr. Barbadoro to Chair the motions was adopted.

Next Chair Barbadoro called for Open Forum portion of the meeting to begin. He invited anyone who wished to come forward and address the Board of Governors to do so. Mr. Robert Clarke came forth to make a couple of comments and his concern over the fact that the Mayor’s temporary position as principal executive of the college is supposed to end fairly soon and so far, to the general public, there has been no information for a search for a president for the college. Chairman Barbadoro thanked Mr. Clarke for his comments.
The members reviewed the minutes of the August 16, 2018, meeting of the Board of Governors. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 16, 2018 as submitted, all voting in favor the motion was adopted. The Board were also asked to review the minutes of the executive session meetings held on August, 16, May 15 and May 3, 2018. The board not having enough time to review asked for the approval of these minutes be tabled. All agreed to table these minutes for a later time.

Chair Barbadoro informed everyone that he will be making committee assignments and that a new Compliance Committee will be formed as well as a Presidential Contract Committee and a Presidential Search Committee. He asked that if anyone had a desire to serve on a particular committee to let him know as soon as they can. Once these assignments have been made Chair Barbadoro notify everyone as to what they are.

Mayor Koch, acting principal executive then gave a general update asking for some of the executive staff to speak on a few things. He asked Dr. Koocher to address the group to report on his first few weeks here. Dr. Koocher said that he is pleased with the faculty and staff and he spoke of some of the initiatives that he and the Deans are working on. He believes the College is on a good path and believes there is a good future for the College and he is excited to be here for it.

Next the Mayor asked Roxanne Mihal to give a status update of the Nursing Program and the next steps. Ms. Mihal and the faculty have been working diligently to build and continue to build the program from the ground up. She explained right now they are just waiting to hear when BORN will be out for a site visit. They have submitted all of the appropriate material for them to review. The hope is to have the Nursing Program back up by the fall 2019 and will start with two small Cohorts, one in Quincy and one in Plymouth. Roxanne also explained that our 3rd quarter NCLEX will not hurt us at all. She stated that we are considered a brand new program.

The Mayor started to report about the enrollments and finances of the College and he said there were a lot of tough decisions that had to be made about layoffs which was the last thing he wanted to do but the numbers tell the story. As expected the enrollment is down. He asked Lisa McBirney to give an update on the current enrollments and finances as it pertains to the budget. Ms. McBirney referred the members to the Enrollment Indicator report. Comparing fall 2017 to fall 2018 our total credits are at 80.56%. As of September 25, 2018 we have 3,855 students of which 900 are new students. Ms. McBirney then referred the group to the Projected FY 19 Projected Revenue and Expenses which shows the Nursing refunds issued, Budgeted FY19 Loss, Capital Expense and the projected savings/loss FY 19. Which summarizes the current fund balance of $8,826,666 from the fund balance of $15,500,000 on June 2018. Ms. Brogna commented that the numbers were better than she thought they would be. Ms. McBirney asked Senior Leadership Team to stand and expressed thanks for outstanding work. Ms. Brogna commended Ms. McBirney for her work.
Mayor Koch then stated that he is at a point where he is ready to pass the baton so that he can get back to focusing on the affairs of City. Mayor Koch announced the appointment of an Interim President for at least the next 18 months. Mayor Koch distributed Mr. Bellotti’s resume and the Sheriff’s qualifications who he believes is the perfect fit. When looking for the right person for any position, The Mayor looks at skill set, background, and passion, and in this case for the college and city of which Sheriff Bellotti has all. Mayor Koch noted that no one else approached him for this position.

Ms. Craven commended the work of the Mayor over the past several months. Mr. Barbadoro commended the Mayor as well.

Father Hawker and Mr. Fitzgerald as well as many board members, commended Sheriff Bellotti and spoke about the many people who speak highly of Sheriff Bellotti and give their support to his appointment to Interim President.

With that Sheriff Bellotti addressed the Board stating that he is humbled and appreciative. It’s an opportunity to lead an institution knowing that there are folks here with more subject-matter and expertise than he’ll ever have. He spoke of his many years leading the Norfolk County Sheriff’s Office and the various initiatives and programs put in place there. He would work to bolster the image of the school over the next year and a half by working with all stakeholders throughout this area as he has over the last 26 years of his career.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanley that the Board of Governors appoint Michael G. Bellotti to serve as Interim President of Quincy College for a period of 18 months beginning no later than November 1, 2018 and that the Chairman is authorized to appoint a committee to work with counsel for the Board and to execute a contract for the Interim President and to appoint a search committee to identify the next College President. The vote was seconded by Ms. Craven. With a unanimous vote to appoint Sheriff Michael Bellotti to that of Interim President for Quincy College, the motion was adopted.

There were no Committee Reports

Tina Cahill spoke briefly about the QC Trust event of Quincy College’s 60th Anniversary taking place on October 25, 2018 at Granite Links and encouraging attendance and participation.

No Executive Session was needed.

There was no Old Business

There was no New Business

At 7:45 pm, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded and voted unanimously. The motion was adopted.