

**QUINCY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2019

Minutes

The meeting of the Quincy College Board of Governors, was 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 call of the member roll: Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Ms. Mary Jo Brogna; Ms. Carolyn O'Toole, Ms. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton; Mr. Christopher Carroll; Mr. Joseph Shea, Ms. Barbara Clarke. Absent at the call of the roll was Ms. Katherine Craven; Mr. Greg Hanley; Father James Hawker and Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald. A quorum was present

Also present were President Michael Bellotti, SVP Jennifer Luddy, SVP Servet Yatin, Christopher Bell Senior Advisor to the President and Clerk to the Board of Governors, as well as other members of the College community and public.

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

Chairman Barbadoro called for the 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. There was no response to Chairman Barbadoro's invitation. Chairman Barbadoro closed the Open Forum segment of the meeting.

Chairman Barbadoro then introduced the head of the Quincy College Student Government Association, Mr. Matt Albanese, who had requested he be able to attend the meetings in his role as the contact for the association.

Mr. Greg Hanley arrived at 6:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Brogna and seconded by Ms. Clarke that the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2019 as presented. The following members of the Board of Governors voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Barbadoro; Ms. Bevivino-Lawton; Ms. Brogna; Mr. Carroll; Mr. Hanley; Ms. O'Toole; Mr. Shea; and Ms. Clarke voted present. Eight members voting in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

Chairman Barbadoro handed a list of college events to all the board members. He then asked VP Luddy for an update on the upcoming NECHE visit.

VP Luddy reported there will be a meet and greet with the NECHE evaluation team on Sunday November 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Alba's Restaurant in Quincy, MA and invited all the board members.

Chairman Barbadoro requested members please let Donna Brugman and Chris Bell know if they will be attending the event. He then spoke about the two meetings which NECHE will be having on Monday November 4th. The first is on College Governance which he and Governors Clarke and Craven will be attending, and the Finance meeting which he, Governor Brogna and Carroll will be attending. He asked if there were any other members interested to please let him know as soon as possible so VP Luddy can notify NECHE of the finalized schedule.

At this point in time Chairman Barbadoro requested a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Shea made the motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21. Ms. Brogna seconded the motion.

On the motion the following members of the Board of Governors voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Barbadoro; Ms. Bevivino-Lawton; Ms. Brogna; Mr. Carroll; Mr. Hanley; Ms. O'Toole; Mr. Shea; and Ms. Clarke voted present. Eight members voting in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

Executive Session

Chairman Barbadoro asked for a roll call of the members.

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Chairman Barbadoro announced President Bellotti would like to address the board regarding his contract.

President Bellotti stated he has been at the college going on a year and his agreement with the college as Interim President would be running out in the spring of 2020. He commented there has been progress under his leadership including the Nursing Program being reinstated, stronger relationships with Curry College, Amazon, and Mass Hire as well as starting the dual enrollment program. Also a stronger relationship with the city which has resulted in support for the college in many different ways. He commented his skill set and experience helped move the college forward over the past year but it is time for someone from a similar type of college to take over the operation. He then offered a resignation letter to Chairman Barbadoro for the board. He then introduced Dr. Daniel Asquino. He stated Dr. Asquino is the former President of Mt. Wachusett Community College where he served for 30 years as the President of the college. He retired in 2017

and has made himself available for the next several months and is willing to take the position if the Board of Governors approves him.

Ms. Brogna then stated she was very pleased with all President Bellotti accomplished in his short time at the college and acknowledged there are still things which need to be done as the college progresses. She then thanked him for his service.

Chairman Barbadoro stated he agreed with Ms. Brogna and stated the many issues President Bellotti faced over the past year have been addressed and completed. He stated Dr. Asquino's background and experience are impeccable and appropriate for the challenges ahead.

Chairman Barbadoro stated we have a great opportunity to bring in a very successful experienced leader in Dr. Asquino. Dr. Asquino's record of accomplishments speaks for itself. He can work with us together between now and the spring to continue the college on the right path. We need to continue the Presidential Search process to find a permanent replacement as well. I will be speaking with Ms. Craven on that matter and scheduling another committee meeting as soon as possible.

Ms. Brogna said she agreed with Chairman Barbadoro's comments and believes Dr. Asquino has the credentials to help us as we move forward to find a permanent replacement.

Ms. O'Toole stated she supported President Bellotti to come in as the President but always knew it was on an interim basis. She stated it is admirable you are stepping down to allow for a very seasoned and experienced college president referred to us until we find a permanent replacement. She thanked President Bellotti for his effort and service to Quincy College.

President Bellotti thanked her for her comments and added he felt it was the right move to assist in turning the college around.

Ms. Clarke commented she felt President Bellotti has done a great job as the interim president. He was the perfect person when he was appointed to help ease some of turmoil in the college and thanked him for doing so.

Some brief discussion ensued among the members.

Mr. Shea asked several questions about the procedural moves necessary to make this change. He also added he agrees with the Chairman and the search for a permanent replacement is critical to the mission of the college.

Chairman Barbadoro stated he was assigning Governors O'Toole, Carroll, and Brogna to work on the contract with President Bellotti and Dr. Asquino. He then introduced Dr. Asquino and asked if he had a comment for the board.

Dr. Asquino introduced himself to the board and explained he had read over a 1000 pages of documents on the college over the past week and is pleased with many aspects of things going on at the college but acknowledged there is work to do financially and programmatically to get the college on the right path. He spoke about some of his 30 years of experience at Mt. Wachusett Community College and background in not only overseeing the college as President but his work previously in human resources and finance. He also has been part of 18 NECHE evaluation teams over the years and has a great understanding of what needs to be done in order to meet their requirements.

Mr. Hanley asked what the necessary steps are to move on the matter tonight and start the transition.

Chairman Barbadoro stated we would need a motion to accept President Bellotti's resignation and to nominate Dr. Daniel Asquino as the interim President of Quincy College.

Mr. Shea made a motion to accept President Bellotti's resignation as of November 15, 2020, and appoint Dr. Asquino to start on November 16, 2020. Mr. Hanley seconded the motion.

On the motion the following members of the Board of Governors voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Barbadoro; Ms. Bevivino-Lawton; Ms. Brogna; Mr. Carroll; Mr. Hanley; Ms. O'Toole; Mr. Shea; and Ms. Clarke voted present. Eight members voting in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

At 6:50 the Executive Session was adjourned.

Chairman Barbadoro asked for a roll call to resume the open session of the meeting. 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. Carolyn O'Toole, Ms. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton; Mr. Christopher Carroll; Mr. Gregory Hanley; Mr. Joseph Shea; Ms. Barbara Clarke. Absent at the call of the roll was Ms. Katherine Craven, Father James Hawker and Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald. A quorum was present.

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President Bellotti stated he has been at the college going on a year and his agreement with the college as Interim President would be running out in the spring of 2020. He feels there has been progress under his leadership including the Nursing Program being reinstated, stronger partnerships with Curry College, Amazon, and Mass Hire as well as starting the dual enrollment program. He stated a stronger relationship with the city has resulted in support for the college as it moves forward. He commented while his skill set and experience brought some relief over the past year, it is time someone from a similar type of college take over the operation of the college. He then offered a resignation letter to Chairman Barbadoro for the board. He then introduced Dr. Daniel Asquino. He stated

Dr. Asquino is the former President of Mt. Wachusett Community College where he served for 30 years as the President of the college. He retired in 2017 but has made himself available for the next several months and is willing to take the position if the Board of Governors appoints him.

President Bellotti thanked all of the members of the board, staff, faculty, and Mayor Koch for their support and effort over the past year.

Chairman Barbadoro commended President Bellotti on his effort at Quincy College and thanked him for his service.

Ms. Brogna stated I commend President Bellotti for your work at Quincy College, we are reluctant to let you leave and your ability and human relations skill set you bring every day to the College is a great strength of yours and one which will be sorely missed. You are leaving Quincy College a better place than when you came.

Governor Clarke agreed and said your skill set was tremendous and you will be missed very much by the college community.

Governor O'Toole stated thank you for getting us to this point we are going in the right direction and your leadership is responsible for it as well as your ability to create a very transparent and collaborative relationship with this board and its members. Thank you.

Governor Shea said Michael took us through one of the most difficult times this college has ever seen. Thank you for that Michael. We do need to move forward and are fortunate to have someone like Dr. Asquino ready to step in for the next several months. Also thank you for reestablishing the nursing program and I wish you very well in your new endeavor.

Chairman Barbadoro gave a brief explanation on how the board and President Bellotti identified Dr. Asquino. He also stated Dr. Asquino's 30 years at Mt. Wachusett as President certainly speaks for itself in terms of what he brings to the college for the next several months.

Chairman then asked for a motion to accept President Bellotti's resignation and appoint Dr. Daniel Asquino Interim President once a contract between the college and Dr. Asquino is executed.

Mr. Shea made a motion to accept President Bellotti's resignation as of November 15, 2020, and appoint Dr. Asquino to start on November 16, 2020. Mr. Hanley seconded the motion.

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O'Toole; Mr. Shea; and Ms. Clarke voted present. Eight members voting in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

Chairman Barbadoro then suspended the rest of the meeting agenda.

At 7:14 Ms. Brogna adjourned the meeting.