

**QUINCY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2004**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:20PM by Chair Theresa Lord-Piatelli. Present were: Simon Chan, John Farmer, Geraldine Lewis, Peter O'Neill, Daniel Raymondi, Joanne Condon-Walsh and Theresa Lord-Piatelli.

Also present were Sean L. Barry, President, Patricia Gales, Vice President for Educational Services, Christopher Harrington, Vice President/CFO; Thomas DeSantes, Vice President for Management, Steven McGrath, Executive Assistant to the President for Personnel/In-House Counsel; Jim Mulaney, Quincy Public Schools Auditor; Deans and members of staff and faculty of Quincy College.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed. Ms. Piatelli then asked Board members to observe a moment of silence for Governor Joseph Nicastro, who has recently had surgery and was unable attend.

Ms. Piatelli then called for the **Open Forum** and invited anyone who would like to come up and address the Board. V.P. Patricia Gales came forward and spoke directly to the Board regarding her recent resignation from her position at Quincy College. Ms. Gales wanted the Board to know how much she has enjoyed working at Quincy College and also to thank everyone, particularly the Board for their support over the years, good times and bad. Ms. Gales went on to say how difficult this decision was for her but because of many reasons, some having to do with her family, she thought it was the best thing to do. She wished everyone well and continued success with the college. Ms. Gales also took this opportunity to publicly thank President Barry for all his support over the years.

Joanie McAuliffe, a faculty member at Quincy College, then addressed the Board. Ms. McAuliffe wanted to acknowledge how grateful she was to the Board over the years and also her respect and admiration for V.P. Patricia Gales and that she would be sorely missed.

Ms. Piatelli asked if anyone else would like to speak, no one came forward. Ms. Piatelli then closed the **Open Forum** of the meeting.

Ms. Piatelli then suggested they move forward to **Old Business**. At this point Mr. Raymondi requested they proceed with the **President's Report** first. All agreed. The floor was handed over to President Barry. President Barry first discussed the list of recent appointments that had been placed in each member's packet. This list is only an update, as the search committees will

be continuing to meet over the next several weeks. President Barry then spoke of the budget that had been included in their packets. He informed members these will be changing again but will keep the Board up to date. President Barry wanted everyone to know that now is not the appropriate time to be discussing the replacement of the two Vice Presidents that will be leaving but rather to focus on how they will be missed and what they have accomplished at the college. President Barry explained the reasons for V.P. Chris Harrington's resignation and then invited V.P. Harrington to address the Board to elaborate in his own words. He explained that the reason was basically to take over his father's law firm. Mr. Harrington said it was a risk for him and his family but one that he must take. He went on to state that his resigning has nothing to do with any of the issues going on between the college and the city and he hoped no one thought that to be the case.

President Barry then took over the floor. He asked the remaining V.P., Tom DeSantes if he had anything to say to the Board? Mr. DeSantes smiled and said no. President Barry went on to say how much he appreciates what Mr. Harrington has done for the College and what a drastic change Mr. Harrington's position here has been from his previous positions. President Barry also mentions that it would be a nice feeling having Mr. Harrington so close by in case we need him in the immediate future.

President Barry then mentioned his meeting with V.P. Gales regarding her leaving. He realized her concerns and did not feel it appropriate to try and change her mind but over the years V.P. Gales and he had seen many administrators come and go and none would be missed more than V.P. Gales. She has given of herself to the college for over fifteen years.

At approximately 6:40PM Peter O'Neill entered the meeting.

President Barry continued explaining that there would be a smaller dinner in honor of V.P. Gales and then later on a campus wide event. He then explained that the Transition Team which numbered ten has been changed to twelve to help in planning and executing the start of the fall semester and that it will take a few months to find an appropriate candidate; also that the process has already begun. President Barry has always felt that his strongest bond was with V.P. Gales, given the time she has been at the college and the number of years they worked together. This concluded the **President's Report**.

Ms. Piatelli then asked for a motion to approve the May 26, 2004 Finance & Facilities and the regular Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve and Mr. Chan seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Chan, Mr. Farmer, Ms. Lewis, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Raymondi, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Piatelli. No members voted against the motion or abstained.

Ms. Piatelli then continued on to **Old Business**. The first item was Transfers. Mr. Harrington proceeded to pass out the transfer memo to all members. He then proceeded to explain each in detail. Ms. Piatelli asked Mr. Harrington to tell the Board what was the total of all the transfers. She then asked Mr. McGrath how these transfers relate to the agreement between the college and the city. Ms. Piatelli also asked if the City of Quincy has agreed to any of this. Mr. McGrath

explained about the letter the mayor sent to Mr. Harrington and him. Mr. McGrath still feels the key issue is the "Home Rule" issue. This needs to be settled and settled as soon as possible. The issue has gone on too long. Mr. McGrath explained that Mr. Raymondi had brought this item up at the City of Council meeting and that he referenced this fact in his letter to the Mayor. Mr. McGrath went on to say that he had been hand-delivered a letter from the Mayor this day. He then proceeded to read the letter aloud to members of the Board. Mr. McGrath feels the agreement is a binding one and that the Mayor also feels the same.

Ms. Piatelli expressed concern that she does not read that from the Mayor's letter but Mr. Raymondi spoke up and also agreed with Mr. McGrath that he feels the Mayor is taking the agreement seriously. Mr. Raymondi then asked that Mr. McGrath keep in constant contact with City Hall and keep on top of this. Mr. Raymondi also stated we need to work out the details with the School Committee and the City of Quincy to show we are complying with the agreement. Mr. Raymondi asked Mr. McGrath to explain the School Committee's part in this agreement. Mr. McGrath did so. Mr. Raymondi asked if this was in conformity with the agreement and Mr. McGrath answered yes, that is correct.

Mr. Raymondi introduced Mr. Jim Mulaney from the School Department Auditing Department, who was in the audience and asked him to step up if he had any clarification to anything being said regarding the School Committee. Mr. Mulaney agreed to do so but never had the need to.

Mr. Raymondi made a motion to accept the transfer in the amount of \$567,072.43; Mr. Farmer seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Chan, Mr. Farmer, Ms. Lewis, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Raymondi, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Piatelli. No members voted against the motion or abstained.

Mr. Raymondi then made a motion to accept the transfer in the amount of \$300,000.00. Mr. Farmer seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Chan, Mr. Farmer, Ms. Lewis, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Raymondi, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Piatelli. No members voted against the motion or abstained.

Mr. Raymondi then made a motion to accept the transfer in the amount of \$134,000.00. Mr. Farmer seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Chan, Mr. Farmer, Ms. Lewis, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Raymondi, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Piatelli. No members voted against the motion or abstained.

Mr. Raymondi then made a motion to accept the transfer in the amount of \$233,000.00. Mr. Farmer seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Chan, Mr. Farmer, Ms. Lewis, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Raymondi, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Piatelli. No members voted against the motion or abstained.

Ms. Piatelli thanked Mr. McGrath and Mr. Harrington for their assistance.

The next item up was the **Report of the Chair**. Ms. Piatelli stated that on June 22, 2004 she had sent a letter to Mr. John Sullivan regarding the audit and regulatory issues at Quincy College. She explained in the letter that she would be available at any time and still has not received a

response. Ms. Piatelli will keep the Board members apprised of this issue at all times. She is cooperating in every way and hoping for a response very soon.

The second item Ms. Piatelli spoke of was to say thank you and we will miss you greatly to V.P. Gales and V.P. Harrington. She holds both of them in very high regards and knows their leaving us in a much better place than we they arrived at the college. She thanked V.P. Gales for the many years of support and expertise and even though V.P. Harrington has been here for a shorter time his impact on the college was no less.

During this time, at approximately 7:10PM Mr. Mulaney left the meeting.

Ms. Piatelli then went on to express her feelings regarding the two retiring Board members, John Farmer and Geraldine Lewis. Ms. Piatelli remembers when the Board was founded and that these two members were among the originals. They participated in making Quincy College a competitive institution. Ms. Piatelli expressed everyone's thanks for serving on the Board and the many committees that came up over the years. She said it would be a tough job to replace two such members.

Mr. Raymondi then stood to express his gratitude and thanks to the two members. Mr. Raymondi realizes what important factors these two Governors were in Quincy College's ability to help all its students receive the best education. Mr. Raymondi also expressed his thanks again to V.P. Gales and V.P. Harrington.

Mr. Raymondi then asked President Barry what would be done about filling the two Board seats. President Barry explained that he and Mr. Piatelli have already met and started the process. President Barry will only help in the setting up of appointments and scheduling of the applicants and not have a part in the voting. President Barry did go on to say that our Board has never overstepped its bounds as governing members. No member has ever thought more of his own "political" career than of the best interests of the College. Our Board has made a commitment and stuck to it. He stated it was his good fortune to have been able to work with members such as Mr. Farmer and Ms. Lewis. President Barry then spoke of Pat, Charlie and George Gales; how they have donated money over the years for scholarships, etc. to the College. Even more than that, they have all supported the College and this will be sorely missed.

President Barry said there will be six members on the Appointing Council for the two new seats. He and Ms. Piatelli are moving forth on this and the positions will be advertised as soon as possible. President Barry reminded the Board of the September 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting which will be held at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy.

Ms. Piatelli said this would be just one of many times she would have counted on Ms. Lewis's assistance. She had always been first in line to volunteer for any committee work needed. Ms. Piatelli then requested Ms. Walsh to be on the committee, Ms. Walsh accepted.

Ms. Piatelli then brought up the last item, **New Business**, the proposed meeting dates for the remainder of the year 2004. Ms. Walsh questioned why they were monthly. President Barry explained that with all that is going on it may be prudent to have them monthly. He also brought

it to the attention of all members that the October meeting would be held at the Plymouth campus. Ms. Walsh then made a motion to accept the proposed dates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chan. All were in agreement.

At 7:50PM Mr. Raymondi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Farmer. The meeting was concluded.