

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 29, 2024

1. Call to Order

The four hundred and ninth regular meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 29 2024, in person on the Fall River campus in conference room 206 in Building D located at 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Trustees Present: Joan Medeiros, Chair; Jeffrey Karam, Vice Chair; Valentina Videva Dufresne, Secretary; Frank Baptista; Renee Clark; Pamela Gauvin; James Mathes; Todd McGhee; and Lynn Motta.

Trustees Absent: Joe Ferreira

Key points for Trustees related to Standard 5 included:

- Holding meetings at all four Bristol site location to understand campus life
- Report and updates from Student Trustee
- Open admissions process – more equitable access; adopted more wholistic approach
- Enrollment updates weekly to Trustees
- Continued review of Bristol’s price point as compared to other community colleges in MA
- Bristol was ready and prepared to launch MassReconnect even after the late announcement this summer
- Programs and centers supporting access
 - MAICEI presentation
 - High School Equivalency
 - Early College
- Wraparound services
- Safe, inclusive environment aligns with President’s goals
- Various student centers offer supportive services for individual student populations
- We know some of our student are having trouble with technology
- College committed to access through financial resources - step by step process; FAFSA; 1:1 tutorial
- Financial access to grants
- Advocacy and emergency aid for students
- Mobile Market to support food security
- Financial aid mindset shift from processing center to counselling model
- Marketing perspective; branding efforts seen; school spirit evident
- Visualization of data – DID (tableau)

Chair Medeiros thanked VP O’Hara, .003 Tw(r)-33g0.9(s)-7.6 (e)1 (c)0.9 (u V)11.93g0.9nn7-1.9 (a)2.8c -0.001 Tw (c)5 (ou

At 6:00 p.m., President Douglas resumed her present

At the conclusion of Finance/Budget Committee Report, Chair Medeiros thanked Trustee Motta. Chair Medeiros then shared that Student Trustee John Morris was unable to attend today as his child was sick, so therefore, Chair Medeiros invited Vice President O'Hara to provide a Student Trustee update.

9. Student Trustee Report

VP O'Hara shared that is was with a heavy heart that Student Trustee Morris would no longer be able to serve as the Student Trustee as he no longer meets the student qualification criteria after accepting a full-time job with the Student Veterans of America (SVA) organization. This is great news for John and his family as he will be a Student Outreach Coordinator in a 100% remote position, but unfortunately, leaves a mid-year vacancy for the Student Trustee position.

VP O'Hara shared her team will work on student election process to select a new Student Trustee. At the conclusion of Student Trustee update, Chair Medeiros thanked VP O'Hara and stated we will work with the Bristol Leadership Team to fill the Student Trustee vacancy and keep Trustees posted.

Next, Chair Medeiros invited any additional items from our previous or old business.

10. Old Business

- Highlight upcoming City & .457 ohleser The-1586 (e)5 (s)-3.6 ()Tj0 Tc 0 Tw (d)Tj()Tj -0.014 Tc 0.041 Tw

