

Clark College  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, December 9, 2020  
Via Zoom

**In Attendance**

Rekah Strong, Chair  
Jeanne Bennett, Vice Chair  
Jane Jacobsen, Trustee  
Jada Rupley, Trustee  
Paul Speer, Trustee

**Administrators**

Dr. Karin Edwards, President  
Dr. Michele Cruse, Interim Vice President of Student Services  
Dr. Sachi Horback, Vice President of Instruction  
Kelly Love, Chief Communications Officer  
Christina Longo, Interim Vice President of Human Resources  
Sabra Sand, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services  
Valerie Moreno, Chief Information Officer  
Rashida Willard, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

**Others**

Michael Shinn, Assistant Attorney General  
Suzanne Southerland, AHE President  
Angela Dawson, WPEA Steward  
Josiah Joner, ASCC President  
Lisa Gibert, CEO, Clark College Foundation  
Stephanie Weldy, Recorder

**I. Call to Order/Agenda Review**

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

**II. Action Items**

A. #1 – November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Trustee Rupley made a motion to approve Agenda Items II A. Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion and Agenda Items II A. unanimously passed.

**III. Constituent Reports**

**A. ASCC**

President Joner gave an update on ASCC and highlighted the Penguin Pantry which distributed 5,676 pounds of food to over 661 people during a one-day period prior to Thanksgiving. President Joner shared that he has been participating in legislative meetings advocating for students. He shared that there was a student financial aid forum that focused on student's

financial needs and resources available to them. President Joner shared at the next Board meeting he would have a written report available.

**B. AHE**

Suzanne Southerland thanked President Edwards and the Board for their feedback regarding the Moss Adams Report and looks forward to working with administration in the New Year.

**C. WPEA**

Angela Dawson thanked President Edwards and the Board for their feedback regarding the Moss Adams Report. Ms. Dawson reported that the WPEA is looking forward to working with the administration in the New Year and collaborating on issues within an equity framework.

**D. Foundation**

CEO Gibert shared that the IBM Foundation, IBM Cares, will be purchasing a freezer and refrigerator for the Penguin Pantry and providing an additional \$15k for the Penguin Pantry. CEO Gibert shared that the McClaskey Institute has provided the necessary funding for the sealing system that will allow the bakery and culinary arts program to preserve the food for the Penguin Pantry and the “grab and go” concept once the campus reopens. CEO Gibert shared a Foundation video presentation regarding the Promising Pathways campaign and scholarships.

**IV. Reports from Board Members**

Chair Strong acknowledged and thanked Trustee Rupley for her commitment to education and service to Clark College and advocating for students. The Trustees each shared their personal gratitude for her service and regional work that is student focused. Trustee Rupley expressed her gratitude and appreciation working with the Board of Trustees and acknowledged Clark College and the Foundation for the amazing work that is going on.

Trustee Jacobsen reported that she attended the Tenure Reception and Social Equity Council; she thanked Ms. Willard for her good work. Trustee Jacobsen shared that she looks forward to being able to attend meetings again in person at some point in the future.

Trustee Bennett thanked the Penguin Pantry and the wonderful work they have done. Trustee Bennett shared that she participated in the Tenure Reception and extended her congratulations to those who have received tenure. She expressed her gratitude to the Foundation and for the work they do. Trustee Bennett shared that she has been serving on the Board Budget Committee with Trustee Speer and feels optimistic about the long-range plan and expressed gratitude to Ms. Sand for her leadership. Trustee Bennett also shared her gratitude for President Edwards and her first 6-months in this role.

Trustee Speer shared that he attended Presidential Conversations and had an opportunity to meet with donors; he was impressed with the relationship building opportunities and donor leads. Trustee Speer shared that he is helping Mr. Canseco through the Trustee onboarding process. He shared that the State Trustee Equity Committee has been meeting and working on the following: ACT mission’s statement, enabling better jobs and brighter futures for all Washingtonians, racial disparities and inequities and that leadership is essential to accelerating progress. Trustee Speer shared that trustees play a significant role, however, aren’t necessarily equipped for success. He shared that work still needs to be done pertaining to equity and accountability in order to ensure a high performing trustee. Trustee Speer shared that he attended the Tenure Reception and acknowledged

their accomplishments. Trustee Speer shared that he has been serving on the Board Budget Committee and feels optimistic about the future budget and the shared governance that the college is doing internally from a lens of social equity and economic stability. Trustee Speer shared that he serves on the Facilities Master Plan Committee and that there has been a deep dive in the way to best utilize the building at the WSU-V campus.

Trustee Rupley reported that she was able to donate to the Penguin Pantry and to the Board Student Scholarship and encouraged others to donate as well. Trustee Rupley shared that she has been able to serve on the Transforming Lives Committee and encouraged Trustees to sign up for that committee in spring 2021.

Chair Strong reported that she participated in legislative meetings and will continue to participate in some upcoming meetings. Chair Strong shared the student completion and reiterated the financial support and relationship with the Foundation is fundamental to the amazing work that takes place at Clark. Chair Strong shared that Clark has created a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for Black and Brown students amidst an environment of social injustices. Chair Strong introduced Tsering Cornell, Clark's new Assistant Attorney General.

**V. President's Report**

**A. President's Updates**

President Edwards invited Ms. Sand to share updates with the Board regarding the partnership between Clark and C-Tran. Ms. Sand shared that the property owned at Clark Tech Center cannot be leased with C-Tran for the proposed 35-years. C-Tran has requested an easement of property and there will be a proposal moving forward with a permanent easement. Chair Strong requested a refresh regarding the Pac-Trust and C-Tran agreements. Ms. Sand will send out the pertaining information.

President Edwards congratulated the seven faculty who received tenure. President Edwards expressed gratitude to Chair Strong, Ms. Love and President Joner for their participation in the legislative meetings. President Edwards shared that she will be attending a Nursing Pinning Ceremony this evening and wished the students success in their next endeavors. President Edwards shared that there is an Identity Clark County ceremony and Foundation Board member Eric Merrill will be an award recipient as well as Clark College employee, Heather Adams. President Edwards shared that due to significant financial loss within community colleges there is an opportunity to advocate for additional Federal funding. President Edwards shared that there is a partnership opportunity with Kaiser regarding utilizing the space at Clark Tech Center for an inoculation site for COVID-19. President Edwards shared that she, Dr. Horback and Dr. Walstead attended a meeting with PeaceHealth discussing potential partnerships. Lastly, Dr. Edwards expressed gratitude for Trustee Rupley and her service at Clark College.

**VI. Public Comment**

The following individuals shared a public comment: Bryton Williams.

**VII. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is currently scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2020 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

**VIII. Executive Session**

The Board did not go into executive session.

IX. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.



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Rekah Strong, Chair

Stephanie Weldy  
Recorder  
Date: December 9, 2020