

Clark College  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
June 9, 2021  
Via Zoom

**In Attendance**

Rekah Strong, Chair  
Jeanne Bennett, Vice Chair  
Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Trustee  
Paul Speer, Trustee

**Absent**

None.

**Administrators**

Dr. Karin Edwards, President  
Dr. Michele Cruse, Interim Vice President of Student Services  
Dr. Genevieve Howard, Interim Vice President of Instruction  
Darcy Rourk, Interim Vice President of Human Resources  
Sabra Sand, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services  
Valerie Moreno, Chief Information Officer

**Others**

Tsering Cornell, Assistant Attorney General  
Suzanne Southerland, AHE President  
Chris Layfield, 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 5:01pm.

**II. Action Items**

- A. #1 – May 26, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes
- B. #2 – 2021-22 Budget
- C. #3 – 2021-22 Proposed SA Fee Budget
- D. #4 – Adopting the Emergency Rule Changes to the Student Conduct Code by Adopting the Supplemental Title IX Student Conduct Procedures at WAC 132N-125-300 through 340

**MOTION:** Trustee Speer made a motion to approve Agenda Items II A-D. Trustee Canseco Juarez seconded the motion, and Agenda Items II A-D unanimously passed.

**III. Constituent Reports**

**A. ASCC**

President Joner gave an update on ASCC and highlighted the Oswald Awards that were hosted in person last week. President Joner highlighted some of the priorities that will be focused on next year are in regard to a sense of belonging for students and being back on campus. President Joner shared that two positions have been filled for ASCC leadership roles and that there will be more opportunities in the fall. President Joner shared his appreciation for Clark College and the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees acknowledged President Joner's hard work and congratulated him and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

**B. AHE**

Suzanne Southerland gave an update on AHE and summarized the year (Moss Adams Report, budget cuts/budget deficit, college climate).

**C. WPEA**

Chris Layfield gave an update on WPEA and highlighted input received from staff. Mr. Layfield shared the WPEA has ongoing grievances regarding communications and transparency. Mr. Layfield shared concerns about positions that are currently open, remaining open, and workload increasing for current classified staff.

**D. Foundation**

CEO Gibert gave an update on the Foundation and highlighted a summit with Ridgefield regarding Boschma Farms. CEO Gibert congratulated Clark College Class of 2021 for all their hard work.

**IV. Staff Presentation, Sheri Terjeson, Financial Wellness Program Manager, Career Services**

President Edwards introduced Sheri Terjeson, who presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting student distribution and use of the CARES/HEERF funds. The Board shared their appreciation for Ms. Terjeson presentation and information regarding how these funds were allocated and utilized.

**V. Reports from Board Members**

Trustee Canseco Juarez shared that he participated in the Tenure Reception. Trustee Canseco Juarez shared that he attended a Board Equity Workshop and shared his appreciation for the Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion (ODEI) and thanked Ms. Williams and Ms. Voyles for the training they provided.

Trustee Bennett shared that she attended the Tenure Faculty reception. Trustee Bennett shared her appreciation for Chair Strong and Trustee Speer and the equitable work they are doing regarding the Trustee recruitment process. Trustee Bennett gave her appreciation for Ms. Sabra Sand and all her work on the budget process. Trustee Bennett thanked Ms. Willard and her team at ODEI for their work. Trustee Bennett thanked Dr. Michele Cruse for creating student-centered approaches.

Trustee Speer shared about his work on the ACCT and the equitable selection and requirement process for Trustees that is being adopted. Trustee Speer shared that he was excited to participate in the June 17 Commencement in person. Trustee Speer shared that he attended the Tenure Reception. Trustee Speer shared his appreciation for the Dental Hygiene Community projects and

Computer Science Engineering project. Trustee Speer reminded the other Trustees about the monthly Trustee Tuesday events.

Chair Strong shared that the Board has been collectively working together in order to broaden the requirement process for future Trustees. Chair Strong shared that due to Trustee Jacobsen's passing, an open Trustee position announcement will be going out tomorrow, June 10, 2021.

**VI. President's Report – President Edwards**

**A. President's Updates**

President Edwards introduced Brad Avakian, Vice President of Human Resources. Mr. Avakian shared his background and that he was looking forward to working with the Board, and Clark employees. President Edwards shared that she attended the Tenure Reception, participated in the Oswald Awards reception and Commencement in-person. President Edwards thanked her colleagues and Clark staff for a tremendous year.

**VII. Public Comment**

The following people gave public comments: Courtney Braddock, Jennifer Ward and Ashley Groshong.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is an all-day retreat, scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at Clark Tech Center. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is currently scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2021, at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

**IX. Executive Session**

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49p m.



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Rekah Strong, Chair

Stephanie Welyd, Recorder  
June 9, 2021