



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

**Trustees Attending:** Steve Tompkins, Chair, Omari Aarons, Portsha Franklin-Gordon, Israul Marrero, Richard O’Bryant, Anthony Samuels, Sheriece Perry, Kiara Rosario, Tameka Simmons

**Also Attending:** Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott, EVP Joyce Taylor Gibson, AVP Alison Handy, EVP and Special Assistant Marta Rosa, EVP Andy Vidal, Valerie Thornhill-Hudson, Sr. Executive Assistant to the Interim President, Dr. Jeff Van Dreason, Dean of Institutional Assessment

**Absent:** Betty Francisco, Miriam Ortiz

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Tompkins called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

#### **I. Welcome**

Chair Tompkins welcomed and thanked the Trustees and RCC staff for attending the meeting. He acknowledged Dr. Mya Bowen, Dean of Liberal Arts and Health Careers, and Ms. Alison Handy, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, to the RCC Cabinet.

#### **II. Chair’s Report/Update**

On behalf of the RCC Board of Trustees, Interim President Jenkins-Scott and the faculty and staff, Chair Tompkins acknowledged outgoing Trustee Jeff Greenberg. He thanked Jeff for his many years of service and commitment to the College. Mr. Greenberg was presented with a gift from the Board of Trustees and RCC community. Unfortunately, outgoing Trustee Mark Culliton was not available to attend the meeting and will be honored at another time.

Chair Tompkins reported that the RCC Board Retreat dates have been confirmed: January 25, - 26, 2024. Dr. Helen Benjamin has been contracted to facilitate the meeting. Northeastern University was suggested as a possible venue for the Retreat. The Trustee meeting scheduled for January 16, 2024, has been changed from in-person to Zoom.

#### **III. Finance Update**

EVP Vidal provided the Trustees with a preliminary FY23 financial statement. There are entries missing that will come from the Comptroller’s Office and DCAMM that will slightly change the numbers. As of now, the year should end on a positive note.

EVP Vidal reported that the auditors have had a personnel setback which affected the beginning of the audit. However, we expect to keep on schedule with the audit field work. The goal is to have the draft financials by the November 14, 2023, Trustee meeting.

CampusWorks: EVP Vidal presented the Technology Assessment: Final Report Executive Summary from CampusWorks. Included in the Executive Summary were: Peer Data Comparisons; Maturity Ratings, Findings and Recommendations (Key IT Challenges; Vision and Implementation Strategy); Organizational Chart Review (Future State Maturity). EVP Vidal indicated that a decision needs to be made on how RCC manages IT going forward. The Trustees requested that a meeting be set up with CampusWorks and the Board. The full report by CampusWorks will be forwarded to the Trustees for their review as well.

#### **IV. Enrollment Update**

AVP Handy provided a brief enrollment update which covered two-year enrollment trends for 2022-2023. The headcount and credit count for Summer 2022 and 2023, and Fall 2022 and 2023 were reported out. Key points that were touched on included upward trends in enrollment and credit counts. AVP Handy reported on Mass Reconnect. This is the population of students age 25 years and older.

#### **V. NECHE Update**

EVP Taylor Gibson reported that the NECHE report for the Focused Evaluation visit was successfully submitted on August 31, 2023. This report will address Standards 7 and 8 and other issues requested in the March 10, 2023, letter. The NECHE Focused Evaluation Visit is scheduled for October 15 – October 17, 2023. The Comprehensive Evaluation will occur in the spring of April 2025.

#### **VI. Presidential Search Update**

Trustee Perry updated the Trustees on the status of the Presidential Search. She stated that included in the briefing book is a list of the members who will serve on the Committee. Trustee Perry stated that the Trustees will be asked to approve the Presidential Search Committee members and give the Co-Chairs of the Search Committee authority to approve the firm during the Board Consent Agenda Resolutions. Co-Chairs Trustee Perry and Judge Harris have met with three selection firms and have one more to interview.

#### **VII. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update**

EVP Rosa gave a brief report on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She reminded the Trustees about the Fall events: Health, Wellness and Healing Forum (September 29 & 30) and the Academic Symposium (November 2 & 3). Planning and fundraising is intensifying for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala scheduled for February 24, 2024. We are still seeking corporate sponsors for the Gala.

EVP Rosa reported that the Pioneer traveling exhibit was at City Hall for a month. The touring of the exhibit at the State House was postponed to 2024. The exhibit will be at the Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library and Northeastern University this fall.

#### **VIII. Interim President's Update**

Interim President Jenkins-Scott acknowledged the leadership at the College, and thanked everyone for a great summer. She announced that Michael Turner will be joining RCC as Executive Director of the Reggie Lewis Center, later this month. Mr. Turner will serve on the President's Cabinet.

**Consent Agenda**

On a motion made by Trustee O’Bryant and seconded by Trustee Simmons, the following Board members approved through roll-call vote Item No. 1 as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Steve Tompkins	Omari Aarons	Portsha Franklin-Gordon
Israul Marrero	Richard O’Bryant	Anthony Samuels
Sheriece Perry	Kiara Rosario,	Tameka Simmons

1. The Board of Trustees approves the Presidential Search Report as presented.

On a motion made by Trustee Samuels and seconded by Trustee Marrero, the following Board members approved through roll-call vote Item No. 2 as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Steve Tompkins	Omari Aarons	Portsha Franklin-Gordon
Israul Marrero	Richard O’Bryant	Anthony Samuels
Sheriece Perry	Kiara Rosario,	Tameka Simmons

2. The Board approves the Board Minutes of June 20, 2023, as presented.

**IX. Public Comment**

There were no public comment requests for this meeting.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is November 14, 2023, at 6 p.m. This meeting will be held via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Thornhill-Hudson  
Senior Executive Assistant to  
Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees