

AGENDA
LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 2, 2024 – 5:30 PM
Center for Learning Innovation (CLI) Room A2101
ZOOM Video Conferencing

- I. CALL TO ORDER** The Lake County Community College District Board of Trustees regular meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Foley Kessler at 5:30 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mrs. Kessler lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL** At the chair’s request, roll was taken, and the following Trustees were present:
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| Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler | Mr. Jack Cornachio |
| Mr. Timothy O’Brien | Mrs. Nancy Fellows |
| Mr. Paul Rupert | Mr. Kevin Freese |
| Mrs. Beverly Vitaz | Mr. Matthew Hebebrand |

Ms. Majka arrived at 5:43 p.m.

Also in attendance: Dr. Sunil Ahuja, president; Dr. Laura Barnard, executive vice president and provost; Dawn Plante, chief communications officer and vice president for community and college relations; Greg Sanders, vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of The Lakeland Foundation; Mike Fisher, vice president and general counsel; Mike Cooper, interim treasurer; and Jim Hackenberg, legal consultant.

IV. MINUTES

Mrs. Kessler called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2024 regular meeting. Mrs. Vitaz moved to approve the minutes and Mrs. Fellows seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes	Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes
Ms. Janet Mijka - yes	Mrs. Nancy Fellows - yes
Mr. Timothy O’Brien - yes	Mr. Kevin Freese - yes
Mr. Paul Rupert - yes	Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes
Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes	

V. PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC (30 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Mrs. Kessler announced that public participants who signed in prior to the start of the meeting can address the board when their name is called. Public participants included: Tobin Terry, Gretchen Skok DiSanto, Carl Stitz, Brian Massie, and Jamie Eckliff.

Mr. Terry welcomed Dr. Ahuja to Lakeland and said he was looking forward to working with him in the future. He stated that the LFA is conducting a thorough review of the state performance audit so that they can fully engage with Dr. Ahuja and other campus leaders.

Dr. Skok DiSanto introduced herself and noted she is commenting on behalf of the united voices of the Lakeland Faculty Association. She said the most significant piece of missing data in the state audit report is what pertains to the success of our students.

She also stated it is important that we look at the students and not just dollars and cents when making critical decisions in addressing opportunities for improvement.

Dr. Stitz introduced himself and commented on long term professional leaves and the positive impact they have on higher education.

Mr. Massie commented that he could not recall what Lakeland's Bond levy from 2015 was used for and asked for clarification.

Ms. Eckliff introduced herself and thanked the Board and Foundation for their support for the Summer STEAM camp. She extended an invitation to the Board of Trustees to visit the Teaching and Learning Center. She also asked that the HR Committee consider and approve the hiring of qualified staff currently needed at the center.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ahuja remarked that he is thrilled to be at Lakeland and is looking forward to the work ahead. He thanked the Board, the search committee, and everyone on campus for their confidence in him. He also outlined some top priorities going forward including financial stability, workforce development, and student retention.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic & Student Success

Ms. Majka stated that after consultation with Dr. Ahuja, the committee plans to reorganize and meet in early Fall.

Finance, Audit, & Physical Plant

Mrs. Vitaz reported the committee met on April 25, 2024. She provided a recap of the meeting.

Report of Purchase Orders, Bids, and Expenditures

Mrs. Kessler called on Mr. Cooper to present the Report of Purchase Orders, Bids, and Expenditures. Mrs. Kessler called for a motion to approve the Report of Purchase Orders, Bids, and Expenditures. Mr. Hebebrand made a motion to amend the Report of Purchase Orders, Bids, and Expenditures to exclude number 4 (Dell Marketing) and to include number 7 (Civitas Learning). Ms. Majka seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes	Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes
Ms. Janet Mijka - yes	Mrs. Nancy Fellows - yes
Mr. Timothy O'Brien - yes	Mr. Kevin Freese - yes
Mr. Paul Rupert - yes	Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes
Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes	

Mr. Hebebrand moved to approve the Report of Purchase Orders, Bids, and Expenditures as amended. Ms. Majka seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes	Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes
Ms. Janet Mijka - yes	Mrs. Nancy Fellows - yes
Mr. Timothy O'Brien - yes	Mr. Kevin Freese - yes
Mr. Paul Rupert - yes	Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes
Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes	

Human Resources

Mrs. Fellows reported the committee met and recommends denial of three long term professional leave requests due to the current financial challenges facing the college.

Personnel Report

Mrs. Kessler noted that due to the denial of the long term professional leave requests, there are no other items to approve on the personnel report.

DEI Review

Mr. Hebebrand reported the DEI committee anticipates meeting in the Fall.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 13-24 - A Resolution Authorizing The Chairman of The Board of Trustees To Enter Into An Employment Contract With Dr. Sunil N. Ahuja For The Position Of College President

Mrs. Kessler called for a motion to adopt Resolution 13-24. Mr. Hebebrand motioned and Mr. Cornachio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes	Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes
Ms. Janet Mijka - yes	Mrs. Nancy Fellows - yes
Mr. Timothy O'Brien - yes	Mr. Kevin Freese - yes
Mr. Paul Rupert - yes	Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes
Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes	

Resolution 14-24 - A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring, Termination, Promotion or Transfer of Lakeland Staff, Faculty and Other Employees

Dr. Ahuja recommended adoption of resolution 14-24. Mr. Hebebrand noted that Resolution 14-24 was recommended for approval by the Human Resources Committee and is considered a motion to adopt. Mr. Hebebrand seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes	Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes
Ms. Janet Mijka - yes	Mrs. Nancy Fellows - yes
Mr. Timothy O'Brien - yes	Mr. Kevin Freese - yes
Mr. Paul Rupert - yes	Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes
Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes	

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Kessler asked Dr. Barnard for an update on filing an application with the Presidential Debate Commission. Dr. Barnard noted that she would look into it and provide an update at another time.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Kessler congratulated the 2024 Distinguished Service Award winners: Scott Barlow, Nora Stickney, Ruth Troup and Kayla Heasley. She also congratulated Lakeland's Jazz Impact group for their recent appearance at the Cleveland Bob Stop.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Kessler called for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of public employees, real estate and a legal matter. Mr. Hebebrand moved and Mrs. Fellows seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes	Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes
Ms. Janet Mijka - yes	Mrs. Nancy Fellows - yes
Mr. Timothy O'Brien - yes	Mr. Kevin Freese - yes
Mr. Paul Rupert - yes	Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes
Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes	

The executive session began at 6:33.

Mrs. Kessler called for a motion to close the executive session. Mr. Hebebrand moved and Ms. Majka seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes
Ms. Janet Mijka - yes
Mr. Timothy O'Brien - yes
Mr. Paul Rupert - yes
Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes

Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes
Mrs. Nancy Fellows - yes
Mr. Kevin Freese - yes
Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes

The executive session ended at 8:30 and the regular meeting resumed.

Mrs. Kessler noted that the Board would like to meet again for a special meeting on May 30. She also noted that the regular meeting on June 6 would be moved to June 11 as many trustees will be attending the Governor's Conference in Columbus on June 6. Mr. Hebebrand made a motion to add a special meeting on May 30 and to reschedule the June 6 meeting to June 11.

Mr. Cornachio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes
Ms. Janet Mijka - yes
Mr. Timothy O'Brien - yes
Mr. Paul Rupert - yes
Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes

Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes
Mrs. Nancy Fellows - yes
Mr. Kevin Freese - yes
Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Kessler called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Fellows moved, and Mr. Cornachio seconded the motion which passed as follows:

Mrs. Ellen Foley Kessler - yes
Ms. Janet Mijka - yes
Mr. Timothy O'Brien - yes
Mr. Paul Rupert - yes
Mrs. Beverly Vitaz - yes

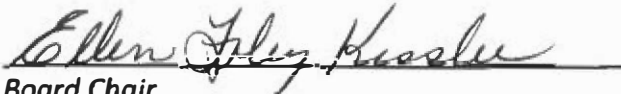
Mr. Jack Cornachio - yes
Mrs. Nancy Fellows - yes
Mr. Kevin Freese - yes
Mr. Matthew Hebebrand - yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


APPROVED:

June 11, 2024

LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT


Board Chair

ATTEST:


Board Secretary