

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Chair Monahan asked Rita Eyerly, Recording Secretary to the Board, to call the roll:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Erin Feichtinger, Assistant Secretary

Roger Garcia, *arrived at 6:43 pm*

Steve Grabowski, Treasurer

Ron Hug

Phillip Klein

Linda McDermitt, Secretary

Maureen Monahan, Chair

Angela Monegain

Dave Pantos

Fred Uhe

Gloria Chavez, Ex Officio Student

Joy Schulz, Ex Officio Faculty

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Young

Also Present: Randy Schmailzl, College President

MOTION: Grabowski moved to excuse Garcia and Young; McDermitt seconded the motion.

Grabowski, yes

Hug, yes

Klein, yes

McDermitt, yes

Monahan, yes

Monegain, yes

Pantos, yes

Uhe, yes

Feichtinger, yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 1d—Announcement of Posted Location of Open Meetings Act

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chair reported that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted in the rear of the room.

Agenda Item 1e—Recording of Notice of Public Meeting

The Chair then reported on the recording of the Notice of Public Meeting and stated she had the following:

1. *Proof of Publication, pursuant to Policy 10503 of the Board of Governors, in the form of an affidavit of an employee of the Omaha World-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation within Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties, Nebraska to the effect that notice of this meeting was published in that newspaper on September 4, 2020 and on the Omaha World-Herald website Omaha.com from September 4 - 10, 2020.*
2. *Affidavit of College employee Rita Eyerly, to the effect that a copy of the published Notice of Meeting was transmitted to each member of the Board of Governors via email on September 2, 2020 as specified by Policy 10503 of the Board of Governors.*

The notice of the meeting stated that an agenda for this meeting, kept continually current, was available for public inspection at the principal office of the Board of Governors, Building No. 30, 30th and Fort Streets, Omaha, Nebraska, by making prior arrangements by calling 531-622-2415.

Without objection, the Chair of the Board directed that the affidavits, along with the methods and dates of providing notice be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Agenda Item 2—Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 3—Public Hearing and Budget Action Agenda Items

Agenda Item 3a—Consideration of Resolution Amending the Proposed MCCA Board of Governors' Budget for 2020-21, Board Doc. 7677

BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of information that has become available since the budget was first prepared, the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area does hereby amend the proposed MCCA Board of Governors' Budget Statement for 2020-21 as follows:

	Proposed Budget	Amended Proposed Budget	Difference Increase/ (Decrease)
<u>General Fund Revenue</u>			
State Aid Allocation	27,869,858	28,361,109	491,251
Property Tax Revenue	56,867,401	57,263,439	396,038
Tuition & Fees	26,000,000	26,000,000	0

Other Income	1,200,000	1,200,000	0
Total General Fund	111,937,259	112,824,548	887,289
<u>Assessed Valuations</u>	76,581,435,176	77,114,765,002	533,329,826
<u>Property Tax</u>			
General Fund			
Property Tax Revenue	56,867,401.00	57,263,439.35	396,038.35
County Treasurer's Commission	568,674.01	572,634.39	3,960.38
Tax Requirement	57,436,075.01	57,836,073.74	399,998.73
Tax Rate (cents per \$100)	7.500	7.500	0.000
Capital Fund			
Property Tax Revenue	15,164,640.60	15,270,250.49	105,609.89
County Treasurer's Commission	151,646.41	152,702.50	1,056.09
Tax Requirement	15,316,287.01	15,422,952.99	106,665.98
Tax Rate (cents per \$100)	2.000	2.000	0.000
Hazardous/Handicap Fund			
Property Tax Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
County Treasurer's Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Requirement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Rate (cents per \$100)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Tax			
Property Tax Revenue	72,032,041.60	72,533,689.84	501,648.24
County Treasurer's Commission	720,320.42	725,336.90	5,016.48
Tax Requirement	72,752,362.02	73,259,026.74	506,664.72
Tax Rate (cents per \$100)	9.500	9.500	0.000
<u>Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority</u>	26,418,194.74	25,420,279.02	(997,915.72)

Monahan explained that this item is for the Board of Governors to consider amendments to the Proposed MCCA Board of Governors Budget Statement for 2020-21.

Schmailzl reviewed the Resolution noting the proposed budget numbers in July of 2020, the amended numbers and the difference between the two. Overall the final budget presented tonight for approval has increased 1.3% from the 2019-20 budget.

Pantos asked if the cost of tuition was reviewed when the increased revenue was known. Schmailzl stated there was not a reduction in the cost of tuition.

There were no further questions or comments.

MOTION: Grabowski moved to approve the Agenda Item 3a; Hug seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on Agenda Item 3a.

Hug, yes
Klein, yes
McDermitt, yes
Monahan, yes
Monegain, yes
Pantos, yes
Uhe, yes
Feichtinger, yes
Grabowski, yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3b—Special Public Hearing to Set Final Property Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2020-21 at an Amount the Exceeds the Final Property Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Monahan explained this item is a special hearing to set the final property tax request for fiscal year 2020-21 at an amount that exceeds the final property tax request for fiscal year 2019-20.

She stated she had before her a Notice of Special Public Hearing and the Affidavit of publication of the Notice. Without objection, she directed that they be made a part to the minutes of this meeting.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA IN
DODGE, DOUGLAS, SARPY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, NEBRASKA**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with Nebraska Statutes Section 77-1601.02, as amended, that the governing body of Metropolitan Community College Area will meet on the 15th day of September, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at Metropolitan Community College, Fort Omaha Campus, Bldg. 22, Institute for Culinary Arts, Room 201, 32nd Street and Sorensen Parkway, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, to hold a special public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting a final property tax request for fiscal year 2020-21 to be considered by the governing board of the Metropolitan Community College Area at an amount that exceeds the final property tax request for fiscal year 2019-20.

The following information is provided pursuant to Nebraska statutes:

1)	Certified Taxable Valuation under Nebraska Statutes Section 13-509 for Prior Year (2019):	\$71,728,712,059
2)	Certified Taxable Valuation under Nebraska Statutes Section 13-509 for the Current Year (2020):	\$77,114,765,002
3)	Percentage Increase or (Decrease) in Certified Taxable Valuations from the Prior Year to the Current Year:	7.5%
4)	Amount of Prior Year's (2019-20) Tax Request:	\$ 68,142,276
5)	2019-20 Property Tax Rate Necessary to Fund 2019-20 Tax Request:	.095000
6)	Property Tax Rate that would be Necessary to Fund Last Year's (2019-20) Property Tax Request if Applied to Current Year's (2020) Valuation:	.088365
7)	Proposed Property Tax Request for Current Year (2020-21):	\$ 72,752,362*
8)	Property Tax Rate Necessary to Fund 2020-21 Proposed Property Tax Request if Applied to 2020 Valuation:	.094343*
9)	Proposed 2020-21 Property Tax Rate:	.095000*
10)	Percentage Increase or (Decrease) in the Property Tax Rate from the Prior Year (2019-20) to the Current Year (2020-21):	0.0%*
11)	Percentage Increase or (Decrease) in the Total Operating Budget from the Prior Year (2019-20) to the Current Year (2020-21):	1.3%

*Since the final valuation of taxable property reported in August by Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties was different than the estimated valuation used in calculating the current proposed 2020-21 property tax request and rate, line 8 shows a different calculated tax rate than the current proposed 2020-21 property tax rate of 9.5 cents. Before the governing board of the Metropolitan Community College Area adopts a budget at this September meeting, it is anticipated the proposed 2020-21 property tax request will be amended to \$73,259,027 and the tax rate will remain 9.5 cents.

Linda McDermitt, Secretary
Board of Governors

Monahan called for a motion and second to open the public hearing.

MOTION: Pantos moved to open the public meeting; Hug seconded the motion.

Klein, yes
McDermitt, yes
Monahan, yes
Monegain, yes
Pantos, yes
Uhe, yes
Feichtinger, yes
Grabowski, yes
Hug, yes

Motion carried

Monahan declared the public hearing open.

Monahan asked Schmailzl to explain this item. Schmailzl explained the resolution relates to the state form to be submitted to the state of Nebraska and reviewed the numbers in the resolution. The numbers reflect the taxable valuation increase of 7.5% for the 2020-21 amended proposed budget. It includes the .09500 property tax request, which has remained the same for several years. He noted the proposed property tax request for 2020-21 was \$72,752,362, or .09500 cents per hundred dollars on the taxable valuation of all property subject to the levy within the MCC four-county area.

Monahan asked if there were any members of the public who wish to be heard on the proposal. Hearing no one, she called for a motion and second to close the public hearing.

MOTION: Grabowski moved to closed the Public hearing; Hug seconded the motion.

McDermitt, yes
Monahan, yes
Monegain, yes
Pantos, yes
Uhe, yes
Feichtinger, yes
Grabowski, yes
Hug, yes
Klein, yes

Motion carried.

Monahan declared the Public Hearing closed.

Agenda Item 3c—Consideration of Resolution Adopting the MCCA Board of Governors' Budget Statement, as Amended, Approving the Amount of Property Tax Required to Fund the Budget, and Setting of the Property Tax Levy for 020-21 including Levy for the Amount of Property Taxes for Capital Improvements, Board Doc. 7678

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area does hereby approve the Budget Statement identified as MCCA Board Doc. No. 7668a for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, as amended, including restricted funds, and the amount of unused restricted funds authority carried forward to future budget years necessary to preserve total restricted funds authority, as set forth in 2020-21 CC Budget Form (the permissible additional 1% restricted funds authority per Nebraska Statutes Section 13-519(2) was considered and approved by separate resolution with the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the Board of Governors) and that the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Community College Area be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to certify a copy of said Budget Statement, attach copies of the Proofs of Publication of the Notices of Hearing thereon, and file same, together with the amount to be received from personal and real property taxation to fund the Budget, with the Boards of Equalization of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties, Nebraska, on or before September 20, 2020, and with the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Nebraska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area does hereby set at \$73,259,027 the amount of tax required to fund the Budget Statement, and that of such tax requirement, \$0.00 shall be the amount levied for payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by the College Area and \$73,259,027 shall be the amount levied for all other purposes, and further that the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Community College Area be and hereby is authorized and directed to file with and certify those tax requirements to the Boards of Equalization of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties, Nebraska, on or before September 20, 2020, and file the same with the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Nebraska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area does hereby set the tax levy for said Area for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, at 9.50 cents per hundred dollars on the taxable valuation of all property subject to the levy within the Area; and, further, that 7.50 cents of said total tax levy shall be for the purpose of supporting operating expenditures of the Metropolitan Community College Area and 2.00 cents of said total tax levy shall be for the purpose of establishing a capital improvement fund and bond sinking fund or for other permissible purposes authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 85-1517; and further that the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Community College Area be, and hereby is authorized and directed to certify to and file a copy of these resolutions with the County Clerks and Boards of Equalization of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties, Nebraska, and with the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Nebraska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified taxable values as provided by the County Assessors pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 13-509 shall be used in setting or certifying the tax levy. The Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Board, prior to certifying the levy to the respective Clerks and Boards of Equalization of the four counties within the College Area, to review, or cause to be reviewed, the certified valuations to determine that they do not vary sufficiently from the valuations used by the Board so as to require a levy of a different amount in order to raise the amount stated in the Board's Adopted Budget Statement—2020-21 to be raised by taxation, and if such a variance does exist, to adjust the Board's levy so that the Board's levy is consistent with certified valuations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area does hereby authorize and direct a designated member of the Board of Governors, or its representative, to appear and present the approved budget at the hearing of any represented county which requests in writing such an appearance and presentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to direct and to take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to carry out budget-related Resolutions approved or unapproved at this meeting of the Board of Governors in accordance with applicable law.

Monahan explained that this item is for the Board of Governors to consider adopting the Proposed MCCA Board of Governors Budget Statement for 2020-21 as amended, approving the amount of property tax required to fund the budget, and setting the property tax levy for 2020-21 including the levy for the amount of property taxes for capital improvements.

Monahan called on Schmailzl to further explain the agenda item. Schmailzl stated this resolution reflects the numbers reviewed and adopts the budget statement, as amended, approves the amount of property tax required to fund the budget and sets the property tax levy for 2020-21, including the levy for the amount of property taxes for capital improvements. He noted that the General Fund tax levy is 7.5 cents and the capital tax levy is 2.0 cents in the budget.

Monahan asked if there were any questions.

MOTION: Grabowski moved approve Agenda Item 3c; Hug seconded the motion.

Monahan asked if there were any further discussion on this item. Hearing none, the roll call vote on Agenda Item 3c.

Monahan, yes
Monegain, yes
Pantos, yes
Uhe, yes
Feichtinger, yes
Garcia, yes
Grabowski, yes
Hug, yes
Klein, yes
McDermitt, yes

10 yes votes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3d—Consideration of Resolution Setting the Final Property Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2020-21 at an Amount that Exceeds the Final Property Tax Request for Fiscal year 2019-20, Board Doc. 7679

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following information is provided:

- (a) The name of the political subdivision: Metropolitan Community College Area;
- (b) The amount of the property tax request for fiscal year 2020-2021: \$73,259,027;
- (c) The following statements:
 - (i) The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 7.5 percent;
 - (ii) The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.088365 per \$100 of assessed value;
 - (iii) The Metropolitan Community College Area proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.095000 per \$100 of assessed value; and
 - (iv) Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Metropolitan Community College Area will exceed last year's by 1.3 percent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, after notice and special public hearing as required by law, the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area does hereby set the final property tax request for fiscal year 2020-21 in the amount of \$73,259,027. Such request as set herein shall exceed the request for fiscal year 2019-20 and shall override any deemed request, levy decrease, or adjustment pursuant to Nebraska Statutes Section 77-1601.02, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors does hereby authorize and direct the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Board to certify and forward a copy of this resolution to the County Clerks of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties, Nebraska, on or before October 13, 2020.

Record Vote: Motion by McDermitt, seconded by Uhe to adopt Resolution Document Number 7679 SETTING THE FINAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 AT AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS THE FINAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20.

Voting yes were names Monegain, Pantos, Uhe, Feichtinger, Garcia, Grabowski, Hug, Klein, McDermitt, and Monahan.

Voting no were None.

Monahan explained that this item is for the Board of Governors to consider setting the final property tax request for fiscal year 2020-21 at an amount that exceeds the final property tax request for fiscal year 2019-20.

Monahan asked Schmailzl to explain. Schmailzl reviewed the numbers noting that the 9.5 cent tax levy rate remains the same and the total operating budget will increase by 1.3 percent.

Monahan asked if there were any discussion on this item. Hearing none, the Chair called for a motion and second to set the final property tax request for fiscal year 2020-21 at an amount that exceeds the final property tax request for fiscal year 2019-20.

MOTION: McDermitt moved to approve the Resolution to Set the Final Property Tax Request for Fiscal year 2020-21 at an Amount that Exceeds the Final Property Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2019-20; Uhe seconded the motion.

Monahan asked if there were any further discussion on this item. Hearing none, she called for the roll call vote on Agenda Item 3d.

Roll call vote on Agenda Item 3d.

Monegain, yes
Pantos, yes
Uhe, yes
Feichtinger, yes
Garcia, yes
Grabowski, yes
Hug, yes
Klein, yes
McDermitt, yes
Monahan, yes

10 yes votes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4—Report Agenda

Agenda Item 4a—Ex Officio Board Members' Reports

- **Faculty Ex Officio Report**

Monahan called on Melissa Tayles, English Instructor, to report on her sabbatical. Tayles thanked the Board for approving her sabbatical and reviewed her sabbatical report, *A Trauma-Informed Writing Pedagogy*.

Highlights included the original goal of the sabbatical and the outcomes, which she considered a success. Tayles noted her sabbatical was in response to the growing awareness of how exposure to trauma may alter the success of college students in the classroom and in their persistence toward long-term goals.

During her sabbatical she developed a four-dimensional trauma-informed lens for writing instructors and designed seven principles for MCC instructors for a trauma-informed pedagogy. She also had a manuscript accepted for the March 2021 issue of *Teaching English in the Two Year College* (TETYC).

Her research showed that trauma responses relate to a feeling of safety and can result in long-term negative responses. Trauma includes more than a one-time threatening experience and can include poverty, violence within the community, homes, childhood neglect, war, or exposure to racism, etc. She found that trauma can't be skipped over and traumatic stress can alter the brain. With this knowledge, instructors can acknowledge trauma and reduce the risks of re-traumatization, offering understanding into the complexities of traumatic stress.

Monahan thanked Tayles for her research and report, noting the hope it gives for her clients in the foster care system that may come to MCC with traumatic experiences.

Feichtinger agreed with Monahan and thanked Tayles for representing faculty who care deeply for their students. She also noted that with the acknowledgement of trauma, writing could be a safe outlet for students.

Agenda Item 4b— Board Members' Reports

There were no Board Member reports.

Agenda Item 4c—Chair of the Board's Report

Monahan reflected on the Board meeting experience during COVID-19 and thanked the Culinary Arts staff for the cupcakes at the August meeting.

Agenda Item 4d—President's Report

- **Report on Air Flow in MCC Buildings – Bernie Sedlacek, Director, Facilities Management**

Schmailzl invited Bernie Sedlacek to share information on the virus-mitigating air flow modifications recommended for buildings on MCC campuses.

Sedlacek referenced Morrissey Engineering, Inc., who provided the report in the Board material and referenced the expertise of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and American Society of Heating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). He noted the ongoing research regarding the COVID-19 virus and referenced the extremely small size of the microbes and how droplets can remain airborne for long periods of time.

Two phases are being assessed for MCC, starting with instructional buildings, followed by non-student-serving facilities. Air flow, air exchanges, humidity controls, and fresh air capabilities can be brought to bear, in addition to the existing energy management system.

The College is looking at adding ionization technologies and densifying filtration systems. From a budgetary standpoint, administration expects the modifications to be funded through the CARES Act. The goal is for the first phase of the mitigation to be completed by mid-October. Sedlacek noted that the life expectancy for the system is about 20 years and does not require on-going upkeep.

A brief question and answer session ensued. Schmailzl added that if CARES Act funding is exhausted, additional mitigation might need to be supported through the capital fund, but we are hopeful additional support will come in the next COVID-19 relief package. He thanked Sedlacek and his staff for their work.

- **Workforce Retraining Initiative Update**

Schmailzl commented on the Workforce Retraining Initiative and the report provided in the Board material by Tammy Green, Director of Workforce and IT Innovation. He noted the Nebraska Community Colleges divided the statewide federal CARES Act dollars based on the unemployment percentages with their region, which resulted in MCC receiving 48% of the dollars.

Green reported that this has been a very fast-moving project that has helped over 1,200 students re-engage with education. She referenced collaborations with the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Labor, Heartland Workforce Solutions and others. The due date for applications has been extended from the end of August to the end of October.

McDermitt commended Green for her recent television interview on the subject.

- **2021-23 Nebraska Biennial Budget**

Schmailzl shared an update on the request to the state of Nebraska regarding the community college funding formula. The request is submitted with the other Nebraska community colleges to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE), which addresses both general state aid plus additional support for dual enrollment programming. The request is for 3% each year in the 2021-23 Nebraska biennial budget with one percent for dual enrollment. This request is a standard precursor to the biennial budget process.

Agenda Item 4e—Regular Reports—Randy Schmailzl

Schmailzl noted the savings in travel expenses, supplies, water, and operational costs due to the pandemic.

Monahan noted her review of the South Omaha Campus Construction Project Update and asked about the progress. Schmailzl stated that the Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) was just completed, and the welding area is being used for classes this fall. He is planning a private tour, in small groups, for the Board in October.

The automotive facility is ahead of schedule and the goal is to hold classes in that building the fall of 2021.

The SOC parking lot is going well and expected to be done by early November.

Public Safety has moved into a renovated building on the Fort Omaha Campus and the Board will be invited to a private tour.

Schmailzl also reported the parking lot at the Applied Technology Center is nearly done.

Agenda Item 5—Consent Agenda Items

Items on the consent agenda are 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, and 7h

Agenda Item 6—Items Removed from Consent Agenda (If Any)

Items 7g and 7h were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item 7—Action Agenda

Agenda Item 7a—Consideration of Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2020 Special Board of Governors' Meeting, Board Doc. 7680

Agenda Item 7b—Consideration of Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2020 Board of Governors' Meeting, Board Doc. 7681

Agenda Item 7c—Consideration of Resolution Approving a Personnel Separation, Board Doc. 7682

WHEREAS, Per board policy (60205) the Board of Governors shall have final approval of all full-time contracts for administrative, support and faculty personnel.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following separation be acknowledged and accepted by the Board of Governors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
David Reyes	Director of Advising Title III	09/30/20

Agenda Item 7d—Consideration of Resolution Establishing the College's Academic Calendar for 2021-22, Board Doc. 7683

WHEREAS, Per board policy 40402 (Academic Annual Calendar and Course Offerings Schedule) the Board of Governors shall approve an annual calendar designating the length of academic terms;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area approve the 2021-22 College's Academic Calendar; same being identified as Board Document 7683a.

Agenda Item 7e—Consideration of Resolution Establishing Board of Governors' Meeting Dates and Changes for 2021, Board Doc. 7684

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area hereby changes the dates of its regular meeting for the months of September, November, and December, 2021 in accordance with provisions of Board Policy 10501 (Time and Place of Regular, Special, and Emergency Board Meetings).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors will hold its regular September, November, and December 2021 meetings as follows:

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – to meet College budget filing requirements
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 16, 2021 – to allow for scheduled holiday break
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – to allow for scheduled holiday break

Agenda Item 7f—Consideration of Resolution Approving Sole Source Purchase and Installation of Paint Booths and Prep Stations for the Auto Tech Program for the Automotive Training Center at the South Omaha Campus, Board Doc. 7685

***BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College Area hereby approves the sole source purchase and installation of paint booths and prep stations from Global Finishing Solutions (GFS), in an estimated amount of \$501,230, as the President in consultation with College legal counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the College.*

MOTION: Grabowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda without Agenda Items 7g and 7h; Hug seconded the motion.

Pantos, yes
Uhe, yes
Feichtinger, yes
Garcia, yes
Grabowski, yes
Hug, yes
Klein, yes
McDermitt, yes
Monahan, yes
Monegain, yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7g—Consideration of Resolution Approving Participation in and Acceptance of Grant Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training, Board Doc. 7686

***WHEREAS**, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services provides subaward grants to institutions of higher education to assist low income adults, including SNAP recipients; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the College successfully submitted a proposal to the NDHHS SNAP E&T program and was approved to receive a grant subaward of funds of up to \$350,000 (50% reimbursement of allowable and eligible costs totaling \$700,000) over a one-year period from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the College desires to accept the grant subaward.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this Board that it approves the College's involvement in the SNAP E&T program and accepts the full grant amount of \$350,000 (50% reimbursement of allowable and eligible costs), to be realized during the one-year grant period spanning from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, and;*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board authorizes the President to execute said grant Agreement, with such modifications, changes, and amendments as the President, in consultation with College legal counsel, may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the College, to take any and all actions necessary to accept the grant funds, and to ensure implementation in accordance with the approved proposal and guidelines of NDHHS.*

MOTION: Pantos moved to approve Agenda Item 7g; Grabowski seconded the motion.

Pantos thanked administration for following up on this opportunity, referencing a discussion at a previous Board meeting. Schmailzl noted the exemplary work of the MCC staff in writing the grant and the opportunity to be able to offer job training for those who receive SNAP benefits. In response to a question from Feichtinger, Schmailzl noted MCC counselors do assist MCC students in applying for SNAP benefits.

Uhe, yes
Feichtinger, yes
Garcia, yes
Grabowski, yes
Hug, yes
Klein, yes
McDermitt, yes
Monahan, yes
Monegain, yes
Pantos, yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7h—Consideration of Resolution Requesting College Administration to Undertake a Study of the Cost of Textbooks and Course Material at the College and to Present the Findings to the Board, Board Doc. 7687

***WHEREAS**, the mission of Metropolitan Community College is to deliver relevant, student-centered education to a diverse community of learners; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the guiding principles in the 2020-21 Mission Achievement Plan direct the Board of Governors and administration to apply agility and creativity to day-to-day work, maximize human capacity, strive for operational excellence, and incorporate lessons from recent experience to inspire and drive future decisions; and,*

***WHEREAS**, one of the College's top priorities is to adapt its current academic paradigm to a new reality; and,*

***WHEREAS**, these principles and priorities will be best achieved when College students can afford to fully participate in coursework; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the cost of textbooks has risen at a rate three times that of inflation and 2020-21 tuition increased by two dollars a credit hour; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Governors would like to find ways to reduce the cost of textbooks and other course materials for students at the College.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors of Metropolitan Community College hereby requests that the Administration undertake a college-wide study of the cost of textbooks and course materials, to prepare a report of these costs, and to make recommendations for reducing the costs for presentation to the Board for its consideration and possible future action.*

MOTION: Pantos moved to approve Agenda Item 7h; Feichtinger seconded the motion.

Hug asked if all Board members were invited to sign onto this resolution. Monahan answered, as Board Chair, she approved the resolution and there were five other Board members. She also encouraged Board members to seek the input of all other members prior to presenting a resolution, in the future.

Feichtinger, yes
Garcia, yes
Grabowski, yes
Hug, yes
Klein, yes
McDermitt, yes
Monahan, yes
Monegain, yes
Pantos, yes
Uhe, yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8—Adjournment

MOTION: Grabowski moved to adjourn the meeting; Pantos seconded the motion.

Garcia, yes
Grabowski, yes
Hug, yes
Klein, yes
McDermitt, yes
Monahan, yes
Monegain, yes
Pantos, yes
Feichtinger, yes
Uhe, yes

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Linda McDermitt, Secretary, Board of Governors

Date



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA IN
DODGE, DOUGLAS, SARPY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, NEBRASKA

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with Nebraska Statutes Section 77-1601.02, as amended, that the governing body of Metropolitan Community College Area will meet on the 15th day of September, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at Metropolitan Community College, Fort Omaha Campus, Bldg. 22, Institute for Culinary Arts, Room 201, 2nd Street and Sorensen Parkway, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, to hold a special public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting a final property tax request for fiscal year 2020-21 to be considered by the governing board of the Metropolitan Community College Area at an amount that exceeds the final property tax request for fiscal year 2019-20.

The following information is provided pursuant to Nebraska statutes:

1) Certified Taxable Valuation under Nebraska Statutes Section 13-509 for Prior Year (2019):	\$71,728,712,659
2) Certified Taxable Valuation under Nebraska Statutes Section 13-509 for the Current Year (2020):	\$77,114,765,002
3) Percentage Increase or (Decrease) in Certified Taxable Valuations from the Prior Year to the Current Year:	7.5%
4) Amount of Prior Year's (2019-20) Tax Request:	\$ 68,142,276
5) 2019-20 Property Tax Rate Necessary to Fund 2019-20 Tax Request:	.095000
6) Property Tax Rate that would be Necessary to Fund Last Year's (2019-20) Property Tax Request if Applied to Current Year's (2020) Valuation:	.083365
7) Proposed Property Tax Request for Current Year (2020-21):	\$ 72,752,362*
8) Property Tax Rate Necessary to Fund 2020-21 Proposed Property Tax Request if Applied to 2020 Valuation:	.094343*
9) Proposed 2020-21 Property Tax Rate:	.095000*
10) Percentage Increase or (Decrease) in the Property Tax Rate from the Prior Year (2019-20) to the Current Year (2020-21):	0.0%
11) Percentage Increase or (Decrease) in the Total Operating Budget from the Prior Year (2019-20) to the Current Year (2020-21):	1.3%

*Since the final valuation of taxable property reported in August by Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties was different than the estimated valuation used in calculating the current proposed 2020-21 property tax request and rate, line 8 shows a different calculated tax rate than the current proposed 2020-21 property tax rate of .95 cents. Before the governing board of the Metropolitan Community College Area adopts a budget at this September meeting, it is anticipated the proposed 2020-21 property tax request will be amended to \$73,250,027 and the tax rate will remain .95 cents.

Linda McDermit, Secretary
Board of Governors

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Maureen Monahan
Chair, Board of Governors

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