

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 14, 2020

**Special Meeting**  
Adopted Meeting Minutes

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

*(NOTE: Due to Covid-19 this meeting was conducted virtually by Webex.)*

## Roll Call

Present: Abood, Buck, Hidalgo, Mathews, Meyer, Proctor, Vaive

Absent: None

Chairperson Hidalgo made the following opening remarks:

Good evening, I am Trustee Lawrence Hidalgo, chairperson of the Lansing Community College board of trustees. Thank you all for participating in our forums and tuning in tonight to participate in a critical time in LCC history.

As you are aware, LCC has been gathering a pool of strong candidates for president of the college. The presidential search committee has narrowed the field to four candidates. We had forums last week with questions generated by you. You also completed evaluations to assist us in the final selection process. We thank you.

I am happy to see so many of you joining us this evening, and encourage you to participate throughout the week.

Tonight, you will take part in the interview of Dr. Elaine Collins, President of Northern Vermont University. Dr. Collins will answer prepared questions from our board.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Elaine Collins and let us begin our interview.

## Limited Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items

There were no Public Comments

## Interview of Dr. Elaine C. Collins

The following questions were asked by the Board of Trustees:

1. When looking at the future of LCC, what are 3 major issues that need to be addressed? What are challenges facing a community college president today? What are our strengths? Where would you like us to be in 5 years? How do we deliver education to our students? **(Meyer)**

2. Please provide for us your definitions of discretion and confidentiality as they would apply to the position of President of Lansing Community College. **(Vaive)**
3. In what ways do you feel prepared for this position? In what areas are you least prepared and how would you overcome/correct those areas? **(Buck)**
4. What do you see as a campus responsibility for environmental resource management? **(Hidalgo)**
5. What should be the burden on a complainant who make a title 9 complaint and what should have to be shown in order to change the status quo of a respondent. **(Abood)**
6. Please describe your approach to working across institutional silos to both accomplish goals and create a sense of shared vision and unity of purpose. Describe a time when you worked a create a win-win solution by collaborating with colleague institutions. **(Mathews)**
7. After social distancing is over what role do you think online will have in community colleges? How do you mitigate the effects on staff and on students? **(Proctor)**
8. What are the unique needs of students in dual enrollment? Are there any specific courses or services you would suggest that we add to our current dual enrollment program for high school students? **(Meyer)**
9. What experiences do you have that you feel help you relate to our student population? **(Vaive)**
10. How do you address the issues of intimidation and/or a lack of transparency and create an environment of inclusion? **(Buck)**
11. How do you define the success of a student at a community college? **(Hidalgo)**
12. How do you feel about students, staff and faculty using, possessing edibles (marijuana) on campus and in class? **(Abood)**
13. What responsibility, if any, do you feel community colleges have to teach soft skills. How do you balance teaching these with getting students quickly to their goals? **(Mathews)**
14. How do we engage students holistically in the non-linear career environment we are experiencing? **(Proctor)**
15. What core values do you bring to your profession? Give an example of how these core value are evidenced in your work. **(Meyer)**

16. Please share your experiences to engage and sustain community involvement with the community college. How do you engage the community to take ownership and have pride in their institution? **(Vaive)**
17. How would you feel about a student's right to exercise his or her 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment especially in the event the student may have a PPO out against an stalker? **(Abood)**
18. Do you have any questions for us? **(Hidalgo)**

## Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

## Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Meyer and supported by Trustee Buck that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: Abood, Buck, Hidalgo, Mathews, Meyer, Proctor, Vaive  
Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted,



Executive Assistant & Liaison to the Board  
Benita Duncan