

1. Call to Order

A special meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on December 13, 2024. The meeting was held in person on the college's Fall River campus located at 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA, in the Building Atrium

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Trustee Todd McGhee– Yes

Trustee John Morris– Yes

Trustee Lynn Motta – Yes

Chair Joan Medeiros– Yes

Chair Medeiros announced the motion to end deliberations and proceed with a vote carries unanimously.

Chair Medeiros stated a second recorded roll call vote would now be taken to conduct the actual vote to select the next President and reminded all that a majority vote is required to select the final candidate for appointment. Chair Medeiros shared that if there was no majority vote, she may invite additional deliberation. If that happens she stated another motion to end deliberations and proceed with a vote would once again be required.

Chair Medeiros invited Lucinda, Board Liaison, to proceed by calling on the Trustees in alphabetical order to cast their vote for the next President of Bristol Community College.

Trustee Renee Clark– Finalist Harris

Trustee Joseph Ferreira – Finalist Marshall

Trustee Pamela Gauvin– Finalist Harris

Trustee Silvia Jones- Finalist Harris

Trustee Jeffrey Karam– Finalist Harris

Trustee Todd McGhee– Finalist Harris

Trustee John Morris– Finalist Harris

Trustee Lynn Motta – Finalist Harris

Chair Joan Medeiros– Finalist Harris

Chair Medeiros called for a motion to unanimously recommend to the Board of Higher Education the appointment of Dr. Sedgwick Harris as the next President of Bristol Community College and that the Board of Trustees authorize me to negotiate with Dr. Harris over the specific terms and conditions of his appointment as President including start date and salary

A motion was made by Trustee Motta unanimously recommend to the Board of Higher Education the appointment of Dr. Sedgwick Harris as the next President of Bristol Community College and authorize Chair Medeiros to negotiate with Dr. Harris over the specific terms and conditions of his appointment. This motion was seconded by Trustee Clark

Chair Medeiros invited Lucinda Poudrier-Aaronson, the Board Liaison, to proceed with a roll call vote on this motion by calling on the Trustees in alphabetical order. Lucinda indicated a simple “Yes” response would support the motion to unanimously recommend to the Board of Higher Education the appointment

of Dr. Sedgwick Harris as the next President of Bristol Community College and that the Board of Trustees authorize Chair Medeiros to negotiate with Dr. Harris over the specific terms and conditions of his appointment. A “No” response would not support the motion to unanimously recommend and negotiate

Trustee Renee Clark- Yes

Trustee Joseph Ferreira – Yes

Trustee Pamela Gauvin- Yes

Trustee Silvia Jones- Yes

Trustee Jeffrey Karam- Yes

Trustee Todd McGhee- Yes

Trustee John Morris- Yes

Trustee Lynn Motta – Yes

Chair Joan Medeiros- Yes

Chair Medeiros announced the motion to unanimously recommend the appointment of Dr. Sedgwick Harris and negotiate the terms and conditions of this appointment is approved as presented. She also stated the next regular Board of Higher Education meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 January 2025.

5. Board Voting Process to recommend appointment of Interim President

- x Some possible period of time between President Douglas’ end date and new president’s start date

Recognizing some potentially unknown period of time between President Douglas’ retirement date in January and the negotiated start date for our new president, Chair Medeiros asked for a motion to recommend to the Board of Higher Education the appointment of Steve Kenyon, Vice President for Administration & Finance, as the interim president for the college if, and when, deemed necessary.

A motion was made by Trustee Ferreira to recommend to the Board of Higher Education the appointment of Steve Kenyon as interim president of the college if, and when, deemed necessary by Chair Medeiros. This motion was seconded by Trustee Karam

Chair Medeiros invited Lucinda Poudrier-Aaronson, the Board Liaison, to proceed with a roll call vote on this motion by calling on the Trustees in alphabetical order. Lucinda indicated a simple “Yes” response would support the motion to recommend appointment of Steve Kenyon as the interim president of the college. A “No” response would not support the motion to recommend appointment of Steve Kenyon as the interim president of the college.

Trustee Renee Clark- Yes

Trustee Joseph Ferreira – Yes

Trustee Pamela Gauvin- Yes

