

Bristol Community College Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 6, 2024

1. Call to Order

The four hundred and thirteenth regular meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 6, 2024, in person on the Fall River campus in the Commonwealth College Center (Building G) Atrium located at 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Trustees Present: Joan Medeiros, Chair; Jeffrey Karam, Vice Chair; Frank Baptista; Renee Clark; Pamela Gauvin;

Shirley G. Jones, Treasurer; Tom G. Dwyer, Secretary; Jennifer P. O'Connell, Treasurer; Tom G. Dwyer, Secretary; Jennifer P. O'Connell, Treasurer;

Medeiros encouraged all to stay for a little social time with treats from students in our Culinary Program.

3. Consent Agenda

Chair Medeiros asked the Trustees if they had the opportunity to review consent agenda items and then also asked if there were any questions or items that needed to be moved for discussion.

VP Fisher shared several faculty members would be proposing two new college degree programs. VP Fisher introduced faculty members, Michael Geary and Brian McGuire, who were present to propose and seek board approval for the addition of an AA degree in English. They presented their proposal noting the degree versatility and the need for no additional resources (classroom space or faculty). Professor Geary also noted that this would be the first English degree program at any Massachusetts community college.

He also shared this plan has been choreographed with FRPD as to what the responsibilities are for them and those for the college.

Trustee Jones shared the end of the spring term and academic year was upon us and shared students have been actively participating in related events including:

- x The Honors Showcase
- x Springfest – good success and students were happy to have a “mind break”
- x PTK induction on May 7th
- x Student Award Night on May 10th
- x Health Science and Nursing Pinning on May 17th
- x Commencement Ceremony on May 18th

Trustee Jones shared we are still seeking ways to foster further engagement from students

Trustee Jones stated the only vacancy was related to student services. A vacancy exists in the position of Student Services Coordinator (Emma Montag) (T5aui A) (re4565) (6.2 (e)) (c-0.0c-0) (4 54 549)B.1 (v)-2 (vacan)-4.9 (3.3 (es) TJ-01 A(Tw)

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