

## MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Minutes of the 711th Meeting  
of the Board of Trustees  
April 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristin Appelget at 5:02pm via Zoom Conferencing. In addition to the Chair, the following members were in attendance: Julie Blake, Eashwayne Haughton, Daryl Minus-Vincent, Shannon Mason, Lawrence Nespoli, Gregory Puliti, Scarlett Rajski, Aamir Rehman, Christian Perez (Alumni Trustee), and Deborah Preston (MCCC President). Absent was Jermaine Huell.

### I. OPENING OF MEETING

#### A) FLAG SALUTE

Chair Appelget led those attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

#### B) STATEMENT OF NOTIFICATION

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting its interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Trustees of Mercer County Community College has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, on the West Windsor Campus, at the James Kerney Campus, on the College's website homepage, and emailed to The Trentonian and The Times.

#### C) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Trustee Nespoli moved to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Trustee Blake and adopted with Trustees Appelget, Blake, Haughton, Minus-Vincent, Mason, Nespoli, Puliti, Rajski, and Rehman voting aye.

#### D) PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the attending public addressed the board at this time.

Chair Appelget welcomed Dr. Aamir Rehman as the newest member of the Board of Trustees.

### II. FINANCE & FACILITIES MATTERS

Trustee Puliti presented agenda item II (A), which were seconded by Trustee Rajski. The item was passed with Trustees Appelget, Blake, Haughton, Minus-Vincent, Mason, Nespoli, Puliti, Rajski, and Rehman voting aye.

#### A) OPEN SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS, JKC FIRE ALARMS (Resolution FY24-232)

WHEREAS, Mercer County Community College has the need to install new fire alarm systems at the James Kerney Campus, funded by Chapter 12; and

WHEREAS, a provision of the County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.11 a. (b) authorizes a county college to make purchases and contract for services through the use of nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreements\* but requires a resolution authorizing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, Mercer County Community College has identified that Open Systems Integrators, Inc. of Hamilton Twp. (Mercer County), New Jersey has the expertise to install such fire alarm systems under the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey\* which represents the best value for the College; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is authorized, on behalf of the this Board, to amend the contract with Open Systems Integrators of Hamilton Township, New Jersey to include the install of new fire alarm systems in the James Kerney Campus for a cost not to exceed \$500,000 in addition the previously awarded amount funded by Chapter 12.

\*Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Contract #21/22-41

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board adjourned to an Executive Session at 5:17pm to discuss a personnel matter. Circumstances under which these discussions will be disclosed to the public when necessary actions are taken at public session.

The Executive Session concluded at 5:37pm.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Haughton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rajski and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah E. Preston, Ph.D.  
President  
Mercer County Community College