



**Minutes of Board of Education Meeting  
May 17, 2023  
Albany Campus, Boardroom**

***Board of Education members in attendance***

Kristin Adams (Chair), Dick Running, John Sarna, Sherlyn Dahl, Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn, and Jeff Davis

***Staff and Representatives in attendance***

Lisa Avery, Ann Buchele, Sheldon Flom, Verna Wise-Matthews, Jason Dorsette, Claire Burke (Faculty), Kimberly Kopplien (Classified), Susan Morre' (PTFA), Rachel Biscoe (SLC), and Elizabeth Droscher

**REGULAR MEETING**

**The regular meeting was called to order at 6:09pm**

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – Chair Adams noted no changes to the agenda.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – The following citizens addressed the Board of Education through letters and personal testimony regarding planned program and staffing reductions.

Amy Earls	Katy Anastasi	Tammy Boyer
Benjamin Caughman	Kevin Edwards	Terrance Millet
Brian B. Egan	Laura Nagel	Tim Babcock
Dio Morales	Marisol Moreno Ortiz	Tristan Striker
Don Frier	Matt Usner	Virgil Agnew
Julie Austad	Ramycia McGhee	Will Fleming
Karelia Stetz-Waters	Sarah Mosser	Zachary Grant
Kathy Austin	Stephen Rust	

**INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS** – President Avery welcomed Rachel Biscoe, SLC President, to her first meeting.

**BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS** - Chair Adams welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chair Adams shared that her comments will be captured in her OCCA report.

**STRATEGIC ACTIVITY**

- 1) Board Representative Reports:
  - a. **OCCA** – Chair Adams shared the OCCA press release for the State of Oregon Economic Outlook which is anticipating a higher revenue. Chair Adams reminded the Board that tomorrow is the Day of Advocacy and encouraged people to contact their Legislators. Mr. Davis inquired on the information included in the press release and anticipated higher revenue. Mr. Davis was curious what of the state general fund will be available. Mr. Flom shared that the budget information was just made available today and it is a little early to make that determination.
  - b. **ACCT** – Dr. Sarna did not have anything to report.
  - c. **Foundation** – Dr. Davis was not present at the meeting to give a report.

- 2) Campus Representative Reports:
- a. **Classified** – Ms. Kopplein did not have anything to add to her report. Mr. Running shared congratulations to Patty Petzel for her 39 years of dedicated service to LBCC. Chair Adams commented on the successful career fair.
  - b. **Faculty** – Ms. Burke did not have anything to add to her report. Ms. Dahl acknowledged the faculty who are assisting students in becoming certified Qualified Mental Health Associates (QMHA). Chair Adams commented she viewed the Civil Discourse Debate video.
  - c. **PTFA** – Ms. Morre’ did not have anything to add to her report. Mr. Running commented he enjoyed the faculty spotlights.
  - d. **SLC** – Miss Biscoe shared highlights of a recent trip to the Oregon Capitol for student rally in support of a bill focused on hunger free campuses. Miss Biscoe thanked President Avery and Mr. Flom for their participation in the ice cream social where 180 students attended. Lastly, there are 11 Student Leadership Council members (past and present) who will be graduating this term. President Avery commented that the ice cream social was a lot of fun and it is nice to have more in-person events again. Mr. Running shared a story of a previous SLC representative who has been chosen to be Mrs. Oregon.
- 3) Presidential Equity Report – Mr. Dorsette did not have anything to add to his report. Mr. Running inquired about recent defunding of EDI in Florida and ramifications of this action. Mr. Dorsette shared what LBCC is doing regarding supporting EDI efforts as well as connecting with both two-year colleges and four-year universities to strengthen EDI programs in Oregon. Mr. Dorsette shared that he will be attending the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. Lastly, Mr. Dorsette and President Avery met with the Superintendent of GAPS and are working to finalize an MOU that will provide professional learning opportunities between LBCC and GAPS. President Avery shared once this program that focuses on employee retention and learning opportunities it further developed it will be shared with the Board, possibly as a Generative Activity.

#### **FIDUCIARY ACTIVITY**

- 1) Consent Agenda – **Mr. Running moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Wyss-Schoenborn seconded. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously. (6,0)** The Board recognized the retirement resolutions and President Avery shared that the resolutions will be read aloud at the retirement celebration scheduled for next week.
- 2) **Administrative Reports**
- a. **President’s Report** – Chair Adams thanked President Avery for all of her work done and all of the organizations she is involved in. Dr. Sarna inquired about NCCU Accreditation and any potential voting restrictions with Dr. Avery’s involvement with the organization. President Avery shared information on the site-team visits and how that process is conducted. The accreditation is on a seven-year cycle and LBCC is in year seven. President Avery shared that she will be in the State Capitol tomorrow and will be meeting with Representative Shelly Boshart Davis regarding LBCC budget requests. LBCC will be hosting a group of Federal Legislators on June 2 who are conducting site visits regarding the Farm Bill. President Avery shared that the June Board meeting will be held

on June 26, 2023 in the Board Room on the Albany Campus. The 1000 series Board Policies second readings will be included in the June Board agenda for consideration.

- b. **Academic & Student Affairs** – Dr. Buchele shared an example of strength of partnerships with the Phlebotomy program. Through research it was discovered that due to this program being 15 weeks in length, it is difficult for students to take that much time off of work to complete it. Through a partnership with two different Work Force Boards, there will be funding for two cohorts that will pay for student’s tuition as well as a living wage for the 15-week program. This will allow students to attend school and meet healthcare provider needs. Chair Adams commented on the many scholarships presented on CTE Day. Dr. Buchele reported on the student success for those who participate in CTE Signing Day. Dr. Sarna shared his experience at the LBCC Open House and how positive it was.
- c. **Institutional Advancement** – Ms. Wise-Matthews thanked everyone who participated in Give Day. Ms. Wise-Matthews shared stories about the many fun activities involved in Give Day. The event is estimated to have raised \$22,000. To date, approximately \$13,000 have been given out in emergency funds through the Foundation. In addition, \$156,000 has been given out through the use of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). Ms. Wise-Matthews share there is some support remaining in the HEERF for next year and then those funds are expected to end. There are concerns for the status of continued emergency funds. There will be ongoing conversations on how to provide that support for students. Ms. Wise-Matthews shared information on the upcoming Scholarship Appreciation Night event. President Avery thanked Ms. Wise-Matthews for all of her work with the Foundation. Tonight, is her last meeting.
- d. **Finance and Operations** – Mr. Flom shared project updates. The surge tanks that were backordered for the boiler and chiller projects have arrived. The elevator for the Takena Hall Phase II project will arrive in the next couple of weeks. The installation was scheduled for July and will now begin in June. The design on the Childcare center is going well. Lastly, Mr. Flom shared kudos to the facilities staff who assist with classroom moves and office relocations. These staff members noticed a surplus of supplies so they gathered the surplus and created a room in the facility center where people can come and get what they need vs. ordering it. Mr. Davis commented on the Finance and Operations report regarding Enterprise Services which called out cost savings for students on course materials. Mr. Davis shared he is taking classes this term and appreciated that no text book was required to purchase. Mr. Davis appreciates the work being done to support students in keeping education costs down. Dr. Sarna inquired on the Pacific Power Corp Demand Response program consideration. Mr. Flom shared that the program is being reviewed for due diligence before committing to it. Dr. Sarna inquired about the Benton Center snack bar, which has been closed since COVID, and wondered if there are any plans to reopen it. Mr. Flom shared that there are no plans to do so at this time. Lastly, Dr. Sarna inquired on the Agricultural Pavilion project and wetlands studies. Mr. Flom shared that those studies are not finalized yet and shared some possible actions that may result from the report findings. Chair Adams thanked Mr. Flom for sharing the student story in the report.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS**

The Board thanked Verna Wise-Matthews for her work at LBCC and welcomed Rachel Biscoe to the Board meetings. Mr. Davis shared a review of the Celebrate Kids event he attended on behalf of LBCC. Mr. Running shared about a recent event he attended at the LBCC baseball field honoring longtime baseball coach and athletics director, Dick McClain. The Board thanked everyone who prepares the monthly reports and shares information about the good work being done. The Board reflected on the positive news regarding the expected improvement in the economic outlook and what this might mean for the budget. The Board encouraged everyone to participate in the Call to Action and contact their Legislators.

**Adjourned Regular Session at 7:04pm**

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Board Chair

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