

**TRENTON COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
KASKASKIA COLLEGE - COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
#501 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY – JUNE 28, 2022**

WELCOME

President, George Evans opened a community meeting at 11:57 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at the Trenton Education Center.

Kaskaskia College employees in attendance included President Evans, Julie Obermark, Amy Troutt, Cheryl Boehne, Kelsey Tate, Travis Henson, Cary Day, Alan Boerngen, Daniel Powell, and Karol Potter. Holly Sallee

Student Services Staff: Amy Troutt, WEI person, Susie Batchelor, Terri Sanders, Jenna Lammers, Nick Rahar, Scott Steward, Megan Holtmann, Julie Obermark, Kelsey Tate, Nick Rahar, Terri Engles, Jenna Eldred.

Community members in attendance included Karen Buzzard, Cheryl Timmermann, Pehg Zeller, Dennis Litteken, Dan Travous, Steve Wallace, and Michelle Maue.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Evans led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Evans welcomed Board of Trustees Chair Bill Hawley. Chair Hawley welcomed everyone and thanked them for their input as the community college is only as good as the information we get from the community. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

STATUS OF KASKASKIA COLLEGE UPDATE

President Evans led open discussions regarding the post COVID-19 environment; presented a snapshot on enrollment at Kaskaskia College for the past two years compared to pre-pandemic enrollment numbers; shared an update on the Campus Modernization Projects; and pointed out highlights in the 2021-22 President's Report that was distributed at the meeting.

WORKFORCE EQUITY INITIATIVE (WEI) OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Cheryl Boehne presented an update on the Workforce Equity Initiative grant.

KC NOW PROGRAM AND UPDATE

Kelsey Tate presented the KC Now Program.

8TH GRADE CAREER EXPLORATION EVENTS/CAREER PATHWAYS

Kelsey Tate introduced the attendees the 8th Grade Career Exploration Events being offered to junior high schools in the district.

NO EXCUSES/NO BARRIERS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Travis Henson provided an update on the "No Excuses. No Barriers" campaign. The College hosted "KC Explore Day" on April 1, 2022 where over 500 local high school students and their parents and community members visited the Main Campus.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS (SWOT) FEEDBACK FOR 2023 KASKASKIA COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN

President Evans introduced Janet Fontenot, Assessment Coordinator for Kaskaskia College. Janet updated community members on the status of the current Strategic Plan and the planning efforts underway to develop the next Strategic Plan which becomes effective July 1, 2023. As part of the planning process, the College has been conducting SWOT analyses. “SWOT” is an acronym for “Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats”. The feedback received in a SWOT analysis is used for planning purposes.

The College is looking for feedback from external stakeholders. Janet opened the discussions to the attendees of the meeting to provide feedback on what they see are the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and/or threats to the College. Janet asked attendees to share any information related to possible business closures, new companies moving into the area, training needs of local industries, areas where the College could partner with local businesses, etc. Janet thanked the attendees for their feedback and encouraged everyone to complete the survey at the link provided.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Chair, Board of Trustees
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