

**MESALANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

April 30, 2013

The Mesalands Community College Board of Trustees met for a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. in Room G606.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bronson Moore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mr. Bronson Moore, Mr. Jimmy Sandoval, Mr. James Streetman, Ms. Liz Estrada, and Ms. Teresa Stephenson.

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Approval of FY 13-14 Annual Budget
- 3) Approval of Unrestricted FY 12-13 Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR's)
- 4) Approval of Restricted FY 12-13 Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR's)
- 5) Approval of Ambitions Group

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION

ACTION – Mr. Streetman moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Estrada. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. The motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

No public comments were made.

FY 13-14 ANNUAL BUDGET – ACTION

Ms. Natalie Gillard, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented and reviewed the FY 13-14 Annual Budget in the amount of \$11,127,953 for approval. Ms. Gillard informed the Board, that with the assistance of Dr. David Gallatin, she and Ms. Villanueva completed the 2013-2014 budget. She added that she was very grateful to Dr. Gallatin for his help with the budget.

ACTION – Mr. Streetman moved to approve the FY 13-14 Annual Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stephenson. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. The motion carried.

UNRESTRICTED FY 12-13 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS (BAR's) – ACTION

Ms. Gillard presented and reviewed the Unrestricted FY 12-13 Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR's) for approval.

ACTION – Mr. Streetman moved to approve the Unrestricted Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR's) as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Estrada. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. The motion carried.

RESTRICTED FY 12-13 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS (BAR's) – ACTION

Ms. Gillard presented and reviewed the Restricted FY 12-13 Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR's) for approval.

ACTION – Mr. Streetman moved to approve the Restricted Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR's) as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stephenson. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. The motion carried.

AMBITIONS GROUP – ACTION

Mr. Moore asked for information regarding termination/cancellation of the contract with Ambitions Group.

Dr. Kennedy asked Mr. Jim Morgan to discuss this matter with the Board. Mr. Morgan indicated that Ambitions Group had been secured to conduct an audit of the College's Information Technology Systems and problems were identified and corrected. However, there were perceived problems with IT which were not evident and there have been instances in which Ambitions Group has not been responsive to the College's needs, which is most disappointing. He added that in a rush to initially approve the contract with Ambitions, the appropriate staff members were not included in the process resulting in unknown content of the contracts with Ambitions including monitoring and a fractional CIO. Mr. Morgan stated that all-in-all, he is not in favor of Ambitions and that the College has not gotten their moneys worth. Mr. Morgan indicated he believes the College may benefit more by obtaining open source software to replace monitoring services provided by Ambitions Group. Dr. Kennedy stated that the follow-through has not been there and he feels the College was let down by Ambitions Group. Dr. Kennedy also informed the Board that the College would like to hire a full-time person with a Bachelor's degree and college perspective that would be on Campus.

Ms. Stephenson inquired what the process would be for the notification of non-renewal/cancellation. As stipulated in the contract, a 30-day notice must be given. Mr. Morgan indicated that a letter had been drafted to address that and he read the 'draft' letter to the Board. It was noted that the letter would be mailed via certified mail as well as sent electronically. In order to cancel both contracts, the notification must be sent this date, April 30, 2013.

ACTION – Mr. Streetman moved to approve the termination of the contracts with Ambitions Group. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandoval. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moore stated that there was no further business and the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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J. Bronson Moore
Chair

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James P. Streetman
Secretary