

Erie County Community College Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Meeting

July 8, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

**Location of Meeting: Virtual on Zoom and at 1128 State Street, Suite 300, Third Floor,
Large Conference Room, PA 16501**

Zoom Meeting: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83415463569?pwd=bjJSZEtzRF>

Note: This Zoom meeting was not recorded

Trustees present:

Mr. Tom Benson
Ronald DiNicola
Ms. Cheryl Rush Dix
Mr. Justin Gallaher
Pastor Charles Mock
Ms. Christina Vogel
Dr. Annette Wagner

Absence:

Mayor David Mitchell
Trustee Kathryn Sintal

Additional College attendees:

Dr. Judith Gay, Interim President; Ms. Heidi Sheehan, Controller; Dr. Roy Church, Lead Administrator; Mr. Blane Dessy, Acting Director of Operations; Dr. Narcisa Polonio, Consultant; Mr. Tim Wachter, Legal Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer, Chair Ronald DiNicola, called the meeting to order on Wednesday, July 8, 2021.

ROLL CALL

At Roll Call seven(7) trustees were present, two (2) were absent, Trustees Mayor Dave Mitchell and Kathryn Sintal.

REMARKS FROM COUNTY LIAISON

County liaison Carl Anderson made brief remarks acknowledging the work of ECCC and suggesting there may be funding opportunities for the College in the future.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the Regular and Special Meetings will take place on July 28th, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Schedule of Board Meetings for July to December 2021

Chair Ronald DiNicola read the list of Regular Board Meeting dates:

- i. Regular Board Meeting on July 28, 2021 at 5 PM*
- ii. Regular Board Meeting on August 25, 2021 at 5 PM*
- iii. Regular Board Meeting on September 22, 2021 at 5 PM*
- iv. Regular Board Meeting on October 27, 2021 at 5 PM*

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ronald DiNicola welcome all to the meeting and thank the trustees for attending the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. A motion was made by Vice Chair Cheryl Rush-Dix and seconded by Trustee Tom Benson to approve a contract with Velocity Net through COSTAR membership for the purchase of laptop computers and other necessary related equipment for students, faculty, administrators, and staff not to exceed \$250,000.00. There was unanimous approval for the Velocity Net contract (7-0).

b. A motion was made Vice Chair Cheryl Rush-Dix and seconded by Trustee Tom Benson to approve a contract with School Specialty through the COSTAR membership for the purchase of furniture including desks, chairs, and related furnishing for classroom offices, conference room, meeting space, study areas and recreational use at leased space at St. Benedict Education Center, 336 East 10th Street, Erie, PA, not to exceed \$100,000.00. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0).

c. A motion was made by Vice Chair Cheryl Rush-Dix and seconded by Trustee Justin Gallagher to approve the submission of a grant proposal to the Erie Community Foundation requesting an award of \$3,055,000.00 to support scholarships for student tuition to attend Erie County Community College and the request to transfer any other funds the Erie Community Foundation is holding and earmarked for the benefit of Erie County Community College. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Ronald DiNicola announced there would be no Executive Session held for purposes of personnel and real estate discussions.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted (7-0) at 5:35 p.m.