

**League of Women Voters COD  
Observers Report**

**Board meeting attended: Organizational and Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Date and Location of meeting: April 25, 2019, RM SSC-2200**

**Meeting started: 6:00 pm           Part A - Organizational Meeting**

**Closed Session: 6:54 pm**

**Open Session: 8:07 pm           Part B - Regular Meeting**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:54 pm**

**League Observer(s):** Di Niesman by A/V

**PART A Organizational**

Note: The order of agenda items in the Organizational meeting are listed as they were taken, not in the order of the posted agenda. There was no explanation for change in order. Public comment was listed to come after **Agenda Item 1** call to order/Pledge of Allegiance (Boy Scouts Troop 34 from Wheaton)/announcement of election results,. Public comment was moved to after the swearing in of new trustees and roll call of 2019 Board of Trustees.

**Agenda Item 1** Acting Chair Napolitano announced the results of the 2019 election. Community College District 502 encompasses 3 counties, DuPage, Will, and Cook. Canvassing of the three counties was completed on 4/23/19: Annette Corrigan- 42,906, Marc Incrocci- 23,424, Dan Bailey- 35,675, Maureen Dunne- 53,684.

Hearing no objection, Board moved to **Agenda Item 6** on agenda, swearing in of Annette Corrigan and Maureen Dunn, the two top vote getters.

Hearing no objection, Board moved to **Agenda Item 4**, announcement of election of Jasmine Shuette as Student Trustee. Secretary Fenne swore Jasmine in.

**Board Members/Trustees present (P) not present (NP) tardy (T):** Roll Call taken by Secretary Fenne **after** swearing in new trustees, but **before** the reorganization of the Board. Officers listed below reflect results of reorganization of the Board.

   P    Frank Napolitano, Chairman

\_\_P\_\_ Christine Fenne, Vice-Chairman

\_\_P\_\_ Daniel Markwell, Secretary

\_\_P\_\_ Charles Bernstein

\_\_P\_\_ Heidi Holen

\_\_P\_\_ Annette Corrigan

\_\_P\_\_ Maureen Dunne

\_\_P\_\_ Jasmine Shuett, Student Trustee

**Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):** There was standing room only for the organizational (friends and family) meeting and public comments

**Meetings are Streamed and Archived at:**

[http://www.cod.edu/multimedia\\_services/botmedia.aspx](http://www.cod.edu/multimedia_services/botmedia.aspx)

**Agenda can be found at:**

[http://www.cod.edu/about/board\\_of\\_trustees/pdf/agendas/2019/2019april25\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.cod.edu/about/board_of_trustees/pdf/agendas/2019/2019april25_agenda.pdf)

**PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda Item 2)**

- 1) Shannon Toler, President of CODFA – recognized the outgoing board trustees and student trustee and welcomed new trustees and student trustee. Spoke about a luncheon for administrative professionals, “the people who take care of us, all of us.” Finally talked about ‘learning’ and how it is inherently uncomfortable. Students, all of them deserve an institution that respects all of them, embraces their differences.
- 2) Jackie McGrath, VP of CODFA – she was wearing red, the color of labor movement and worn by educators across the country, “Red for Ed.” Faculty wearing red in support of students objecting to Jeanne Ives’ presence on the Presidential Search Committee. Her record does not support public education or students. “Whose interests does she represent?”
- 3) Maggie Hernandez-Saes(?), student at COD, “I was shocked and appalled” to learn Jeanne Ives was appointed to PSC. Maggie and her husband are grandchildren of immigrants. Ives’ campaign ad during 2018 governor’s race was xenophobic, racist, and portrayed members of her community as bandana wearing criminals. Ives’ positions on domestic violence and sexual assault are “atrocious.” Maggie is a survivor of campus sexual assault and an advocate. Described meetings in Ives’ office where she victim blamed and wondered why victims didn’t report the assault. Maggie directed comments to Napolitano who

said in a campus interview that he thought Jeanne belonged on the committee, but didn't offer any reasons why. Maggie said she thought 'diversity' meant more to COD than tuition. Board owes a duty to the students. She requested Ives be removed from search committee.

- 4) Nancy Turner, 30 year taxpayer in DuPage County, sons benefitted from COD (pre-school, H.S), and as a retired school teacher, she also earned credits at COD. She expressed disappointment in Ms. Ives appointment because of her lack of support for public education. During budget impasse, which greatly impacted higher education, she was one of 35 lawmakers who voted against the budget and did not vote to override Rauner's veto. Nancy said after the vote, Ives took to twitter and "publicly criticized and blamed public school teachers. She said we were the problem, and in my opinion, it showed an almost hatred for public school teachers and union." So, she questioned why Ives was on the committee.
- 5) Corey Atkinson – former Board trustee and former colleague of Trustee Wozniak. Congratulated him and thanked him for his service.
- 6) Sue Kirby – coordinator of Study Abroad and volunteer chair of classified personal committee. There are 800 classified staff at the various campuses, and they wanted to thank Bennett and Wozniak, belatedly welcome Holen, welcome Corrigan, Dunne, and Schuett, and wish Napolitano, Fenne, Bernstein and Markwell continued success.

**Agenda Item 3** Student Trustee Schuett read recognition of outgoing Student Trustee Sonia Paul. Board unanimously approved a Resolution of Appreciation. Board donated a book to the library in her honor.

**Agenda Item 5a** Trustee Corrigan read recognition of outgoing Trustee Wozniak, on Board since 2007, who was on Board through tremendous growth of college. BOT approved unanimously a Resolution of Appreciation. Board donated a book to the library in his honor. Joe Wozniak asked to speak to the Board: During his time on Board, he was witness to many changes, he saw so many new buildings and renovations occur. When he first came to COD out of high school, it looked like an industrial park, old and in need of repair. Now it is much more welcoming and modern. He saw the work of three presidents and three interim presidents, and the best of Board Chairmen and the worst of Board Chairmen. Every college board will have some politics, but he singled out the Clean Slate board as keeping him from growing and contributing on the board, so he decided not to run again. He thanked his mentor on the Board, and also thanked Dr. Breuder, who he thought was a good president.

**Agenda Item 5b** Trustee Fenne read recognition of outgoing Trustee Bennett, who helped with college ending its probation. BOT approved unanimously a Resolution of Appreciation. Board donated book to library in his honor. Trustee Bennett also spoke to Board about his brief tenure, hope that he helped during very tumultuous time. Said, "I'm going to ride off into the sunset, unfortunately I don't have Trigger and I can't sing Happy Trails." He offered to serve on ad hoc committees. Trustee Bernstein praised Bennett and thanked him for his service.

### **Agenda Item 7 Annual Reorganization of the Board**

- a. Trustee Markwell nominated Frank Napolitano to be Board Chairman. He accepted and was elected by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Chairman Napolitano nominated Christine Fenne to be Board Vice-Chairman. She accepted and was elected by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Chairman Napolitano nominated Dan Markwell to be Board Secretary. He accepted and was elected by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Appointment of Scott Brady as Treasurer of the Board was approved by unanimous roll call
- e. Determination of regular board meetings, dates and locations was approved by unanimous roll call.
- f. Change of Authorized Bank Signatures was approved by unanimous roll call
- g. Adoption of Board Policy Manual dated December 20, 2018 was approved by unanimous roll call
- h. Appointment of Board Representative(s) at Bid Openings was approved by unanimous roll call

### **Agenda Item 8 Closed Session 6:54pm**

### **Agenda Item 9 Return to Open Session 8:07pm/Roll Call (unchanged)**

### **PART B: Regular Meeting**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (1)**

1. Dan Bailey read a statement written by Walt Zlotow condemning Jeanne Ives' homophobia, sighting the example of her fight against same sex marriage and calling it deviant. Both Walt and Dan called for her removal from presidential search committee.
2. Kerry Smith, a mom with 5 kids, speaking as a momma bear who wants to protect her kids' futures. Her kids will probably attend COD. Her 15 year old son recently came out as bisexual. Ives' campaign against LGBTQ and immigrants. Does not believe Jeanne should be on search committee. Hope that the president selected is as inclusive as the college has always been to LGBTQ and immigrants.
3. Stephanie Beagle – has a lot of friends at COD and felt need to speak up about Jeanne Ives. She is opposite of inclusiveness and diversity of college. She shared a comment by Illinois Family Institute which Jeanne shared on her social media. Also commented to Napolitano about his refusal to comment on Ives' values.
4. Lucas and Mattie Smith – Lucas is freshman Naperville North. He hopes when he goes to COD it will be a place where he can thrive. He wants COD to be even more inclusive than his high school. Mattie talked about how increased hatred is causing increase in suicide.

## **REPORTS (board members, staff, administrators) (2)**

**a. Chairman's Report** – Chairman Napolitano thanked Board for electing him Chairman. He talked about enrollment being down, but sees it as great opportunity. Cited a Forbes article that says transfers from community colleges are out-performing going directly from high school to 4 year college or university. With 3+1 and partner programs, our students should excel. In Community College Daily an article said employers are confident that students will have the skills to join the workforce, but they need soft skills, too. At COD, there is Project Higher Ed, Continuing Education Certificates, Pathways Initiative, etc. Exciting times ahead at COD.

**b. Student Trustee Report** – Student Trustee Schuett had no formal report but expressed gratitude to Anthony Walker and Sonia Paul who prepared her to be a student trustee.

**c. President's Report** – Interim President Caputo presented slide show about awards the college has earned:

- In statewide Cosmetology Skills Competition, COD swept the Aesthetics Category.
- The Courier won 24 awards in the IL Community College Journalism Association Awards, including a Division 1 Excellence Award for the second year in a row.
- Danica Lee Hubbard, an English Professor, is a Fulbright Scholar who will teach in Croatia
- Marketing and Communications Dept. received two Paragon awards for Public Relations, a gold for a sports brochure, and a bronze for novelty advertising.
- Finalists for three American Association of Community College Awards – Exemplary CEO/Board Relationship (Caputo said this was mainly due to Rondeau); Community College Safety and Leadership (recognizing work of campus police and emergency planning and active shooter plan); College of Entrepreneurial Excellence (primarily for work on Innovation DuPage)
- Called on Diana Martinez and Bruce Schmiedl for an update on the Frida Kahlo Exhibit coming to COD in 2020. We have 26 masterpieces coming of only 140 in existence. Planning 18 months of promotion and events. The exhibit was in Milan and Budapest in 2018, will be in Moscow this year, and Glen Ellyn in 2020. So far, COD Foundation has raised 45% of goal. Plan to transform MAC to a museum. There will be a poetry garden, a children's area, programming kicking off this September through July 2020. There will be educational engagement. Believe there will be national and international attention. Expect \$8 million, on the low end, of tourism economic impact. Will be upgrading to museum standards in HVAC, humidity, and security; so rather than "build a church for Easter Sunday" they believe this will kick off other exhibits such as Degas, Picasso, Warhol. On a journey from gallery to world-class museum involving architects, contractors, HVAC humidity control experts and security experts. Schmiedl showed diagrams and schematics of floor plans. The projected costs will be \$2.8 million, but it will

be a showpiece for future events. It will go out for bid in July and presented to Board in September. Vice Chairman Fenne asked about “soft costs” and Schmiedl explained those are costs not involved in actual construction. Trustee Bernstein asked about confidence in costs, and Schmiedl said this was one of the best schematics he has ever seen, so he didn’t expect any surprises when the bids go out. Chairman Napolitano said when they went to D.C. to meet with Senators and Representatives, they all said they would write letters in support of the National Endowment of the Arts grant. Diana reported that they have passed the first round but won’t know if they are awarded a grant until October.

**d. Budget Committee Report** Secretary Markwell reported that the committee had a terrific presentation on 4/23 from Bob Haley and wanted to thank him for his work. There will be a public forum on the budget in May.

**e. Presidential Search Committee** Chairman Napolitano reported that search committee will be conducting interviews on 4/27 and will update the Board on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. He read the job of the presidential search committee.

**f. Audit Committee Report** Trustee Bernstein said audit committee met, and they felt the process and the result were excellent.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS (3)**

- a. Personnel Items
- b. Financial Statements
- c. Gifts & Grants Report
- d. Construction Change Orders
- e. Monthly Construction Update
- f. In-Kind Donations Report

No discussion.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (4)**

- a. ALEKS Placement, Preparation and Learning Test Units
- b. Intergovernmental Police Services Assistance Agreement between Felony Investigation Assistance Team (FIAT) and Community College District No. 502
- c. Data Cabling for Security Cameras
- d. Welding Equipment for Manufacturing Tech Program
- e. Audit Services
- f. Computer Partnership Extension RTI
- g. CurricuNet Maintenance Agreement Renewal for FY20
- h. Avaya/ESNA Officelinx Software Assurance Renewal
- i. Media Storage for MPTV – Re-Bid
- j. Design Services for Campus-Wide Facilities Condition Assessment
- k. Engineering Services for Emergency Generator at the Miller Homeland Security Center (HEC)

- I. SRC Elevator 3 and 4 Controller Replacement
- m. Continuing Education Catalog Printing
- n. Furniture for Administrative Building Renovation
- o. EMSI Career Coach
- p. Approval of Auxiliary Services and Outreach Committee Charter
- q. Notice of Public Hearing for FY2020 Budget
- r. Approval of Final Settlement Agreement in Victoria McClellan v. College of DuPage, 2013 L 00839
- s. Minutes of the March 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- t. Closed Session Minutes – CONFIDENTIAL – for Board only:

- (a) February 21, 2019, Closed Session #2
- (b) March 21, 2019

No items were removed to be voted on separately. Moved by Fenne, seconded by Markwell. Consent agenda was approved as presented unanimously. Trustee Holen asked whether COD is trying to recoup cost of ALEKS testing (4a) from the high schools. Answer: Not currently trying to recoup costs. Will only charge if they have to take more than once. They come to COD for the test, and they hope that a good proportion come to COD. Piloting with 19 of 26 H.S. Next year hope to do it with all 26. Look at it as investing in the future. Trustee Corrigan asked about a late fee for item 4g. Answer: There were communications problems about the invoice. This is also a transition year to upgrade to another system.

**FOR APPROVAL (5):** AlphaGraphics Wheaton Financial Report  
Moved by Holen and seconded by Corrigan, no discussion. Approved with Fenne and Dunne abstaining.

**TRUSTEE DISCUSSION (6)** Napolitano asked Board members to consider which committees they would like to serve on.

### **CALENDAR DATES / Campus Events (7)**

Thursday, May 16, 2019: Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – SSC-2200

### **Comments/Concerns:**

Given the public comments, when the college has another opportunity to hire a new president, criteria for selection of the presidential search committee should be more transparent and less short-sighted.

**General Features**

	Yes	No	Comments
Did the meeting start on time?	x		
Were members attentive and prepared?	x		
Were members courteous to each other?	x		Note-outgoing trustee Wozniak had some strong words for his fellow trustees.
Were members attentive to the publics' comments?	x		Unable to assess, since watching video
Was the facility adequate?	x		
Could the audience see and hear?	x		
Were visual aids easily visible to the audience	x		
Were the meeting facilities handicapped accessible	x		

**FOIA (Complete once, unless information changes.)**

**Illinois Open Meetings Act requirements**

	Yes	No	Comments
Was the agenda posted 48 hours before the meeting? If yes, note where	x		The posted agenda for the organizational meeting was all jumbled up in order of items. Public comment was supposed to come after the pledge. It came after the swearing in of new trustees and student trustee, but before the recognition of outgoing trustees and student.



Did the agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?	x		
Were background materials made available to the public?	x		
Was there adequate discussion of the issues?	x		
Was there a closed session before, during or after the meeting?	x		Closed session after organizational meeting.
If there was a closed meeting, was any action taken after the closed session? If so, what action?	x		Consent agenda was approved after closed session.

**Date Submitted:** May 8, 2019

**Submitted By:** Di Niesman

**Reviewed By:** Diana Hoke

**Posted By:**