

**HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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*Joint Meeting
March 17, 2015*

A joint meeting of the Washington County Commissioners and Board of Trustees of Hagerstown Community College was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, in the Elliott Center, Rooms 211 and 213, beginning at 2:30 pm. In attendance:

Board Members

Austin Abraham
Guy Altieri, Secretary / President
Carolyn Brooks
Patricia Cushwa, Vice-Chair
Merle Elliott
William Proctor
Gregory Snook, Chair
John Williamson

HCC Affiliates – Business Session

Jessica Chambers – Dean of Student Affairs
Christina Kilduff – Vice President, Administration and Finance
Beth Kirkpatrick – Director, Public Information and Government Relations
Jennifer Knight – Director, Human Resources
Stacey Lowman – Executive Director, College Advancement
Barbara Macht – Dean, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness
Daniel Madron – Chair, Faculty Assembly
Jonathan Metcalf – Director, Facilities Management and Planning
Barbara Roulette – Recording Secretary
Theresa Shank – Dean, Continuing Education
David Warner – Vice President, Academic Affairs

County Officials

Terry Baker – President, County Commissioner
John Barr – Vice President, County Commissioner
Jeff Cline – Commissioner
Vicki Lumm – County Clerk
John Martirano – County Attorney
LeRoy Myers - Commissioner
Gregory Murray – Administrator
Sarah Sprecher - Assistant County Administrator

Press

C.J. Lovelace – Reporter, Herald Mail

Call To Order

Chair Snook presided and convened the joint meeting at 2:50 pm.

2015 Report to the Commissioners

President Altieri presented a PowerPoint, highlighting the College's role in workforce development, steady enrollment growth, the proposed plan and operating budget for FY16, and requested CIP financial support.

How Can the Commissioners Support HCC's Work?

President Altieri requested the following support: 1) fully fund HCC's request for an increase of \$851,676 (9.5% increase) to continue to make HCC accessible, 2) help in finding a permanent location for the CVT program, 3) continue to support the College's CIP, and 4) attend the Community Breakfast on April 14, 2015 to interact with the Middle States Team.

Commissioner Myers asked if the College had considered student housing. Chair Snook said that it is a study topic, and that developers have proposed discounted rental space in downtown Hagerstown for HCC students. Mr. Williamson asked if the commissioners were concerned that 60 to 70% of local high school graduates could not afford to attend HCC, and therefore not receiving workforce training. Commissioner Cline responded that after eight years of tax increases in Maryland, companies won't even consider locating in Washington County. Mr. Cline said he was offended by the question. Mr. Baker said he felt that scholarships were underutilized. Mr. Proctor mentioned that 400 students had been de-registered due to failure to pay, and Mr. Baker requested the corresponding dollar amount for those students. Mr. Murray concluded the discussion by saying that the Commissioners agonize over their funding decisions. They will have approximately \$2 million more this year to allocate, and in preliminary discussions, had considered giving a good portion of that to HCC.

Trustee Remarks

The Trustees thanked the Commissioners for recognizing the importance of the College's role in the community and for their past and continued financial support.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the joint meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Guy Altieri, Ed.D.
President/Secretary