

**Bristol Community College  
Fall River, Massachusetts**

**Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes**

**October 4, 2021**

I. Call to Order

The three hundred and eighty-eighth regular meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 4, 2021, in person in the Ryckebusch Faculty Staff Lounge in the Commonwealth College Center Building on the Fall River Campus at 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Trustees present: Joan Medeiros, Chair; Frank Baptista; Samir Bhattacharyya; Renee Clark; Pamela Gauvin, Esq.; Jeffrey Karam; Bruno Moreno; and Diane Silvia.

Trustees absent: Valentina Videva Dufresne, Secretary; Lynn Motta; and Steven Torres, Esq., Vice Chair.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Medeiros welcomed all to the meeting. She said it was so good to see everyone in person. She said on Friday, October 1, she participated in Bristol's Legislators' Zoom Update Meeting that had an excellent presentation by the college and comments by the area legislators showing great support.

Chair Medeiros said in the next week or so Trustees will receive a mailing from the Bristol Foundation requesting 100% Trustee participation in their annual appeal. She asked the Trustees to take a strong look at this request.

III. Consideration of Consent Agenda Items

Chair Medeiros asked if any consent agenda items needed to be moved to the regular agenda. There were no items to move. She then read the Consent Agenda Items listed and asked for a motion to approve said items.

Consideration of Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of August 25, 2021  
Report of Personnel Actions October 2021  
Report of Workforce Contracts October 2021

A motion was made by Trustee Clark to approve the consent agenda items and seconded by Trustee Karam. The motion was approved.

IV. President's Report

President Douglas introduced the new Attleboro Campus Dean, Dr. Janet Ray, to the Board. Dr. Ray gave a brief overview of her past experience. She said she was very happy to be at Bristol and excited to begin working in this new position.

President Douglas introduced the new Senior Fundraising Consultant in the Development Office, James Russell, to the Board. Mr. Russell gave a brief overview of his past experience and said he was happy to be at Bristol in this position.

Trustee Talking Points:

President Douglas said the following Trustee Talking Points would be discussed:

Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Grant – Jennifer Menard, Vice President,  
Economic & Business Development, Interim.

U.S. Department of Education Institutional Resilience and Expanded Postsecondary

Vice President Suzanne Buglione spoke about the following:

#### Building Resilience Grant

Purpose: to resume operations, serve the needs of students, reduce virus transmission, and develop more resilient instructional delivery models to continue educating students who cannot, or choose not to, attend classroom-based instruction due to coronavirus.

Award: \$1.5 million+ (24 months)

Only 9 awards made nationally!

#### Building Resilience – Goals & Implementation

Optimizing Online Learning: build institutional capacity to provide high quality Online Learning.

- Increase technology capacity.
- Provide faculty professional development to build skills and tools for needed pedagogical shift.
- Instructional design to ensure quality courses.
- Ongoing support to faculty and online learners.

Scaffolding College Access and Support: deliver wrap-around services to prospective and current online, dual enrollment/early college and underrepresented students to address the many challenges present given the pandemic.

- Develop advising and peer models for academic and social support.
- Increase college access for high school students in Opportunity Zones throughout the region.

Vice President Suzanne Buglione spoke about the following:

#### Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Update

Four stages of the process: Self-study, Visit, Recommendations, Board vote.

The Commission visited the college the week of September 20, 2021.

Recommendations:

- Standard 1: Mission and Administrative Capacity – Align program mission/vision with college - passed.
- Standard 2: Faculty and Staff – I0m0 g0 G(Dive)4(rsifMC ETQq0.00000912 0 61i)-3(on)





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Mitigate Turnover – BIPOC Population  
Integrated Training Program – Campus Wide  
New Affinity Groups – LGBTQIA+, Veterans  
HRIS Updates – Org Charts, HRCMS, Hirezon, Banner  
Telework Protocol

Trustee Baptista said he was very impressed with Dr. Convertino’s presentation.

(DHE) by the deadline of November 1, 2021. The Student Trustee is expected to complete the trainings by January 1, 2022. Failure to complete the trainings by those