

Cloud County Community College BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 13, 2020 – 5:00 pm

Special Board Meeting by Zoom –COVID 19

Present: Greg Askren, Ellen Anderson, Richard Hubert, Jim Koch, Jesse Pounds; Interim President Amber Knoettgen, Diane Leif - Clerk.

Others Present:

Attorney-Justin Ferrell; Jim Lowell - Blade Empire, Toby Nosker - KNCK; Keela Andrews, Sara Biekman, Carmen Brady, Dr. Gwen Carnes, Kim Cashman, Linda Champlin, Cody Cole, Brent Cox, Joy Cunningham, Stephanie Downie, Susan Dudley, Shelly Farha, Spencer Farha, Bob Foreman, Kristina Frost, Suzanne Ghent, Eric Gilliland, Dr. Abu Hossion, Molly Green, Susan Greene, Debbie Kearn, Harry Kitchner, Suzi Knoettgen, Cindy Lamberty, Chris Langsford, Jessica LeDuc, Dr. Todd Leif, VP Pedro Leite, Drew Mahin, Andy Meyers, Deb Monzon, Angela Murray, Carleen Nordell, Stefanie Perret, Stephanie Pitchford, Kay Reed, Haley Reedy, Tom Roberts, Jennifer Schroeder, Steve Schroeder, Tara Shrake, Dennis Smith, Kim Smith, Maram Soden, Janice Stangel, Courtney Stensaas, Kit Thompson, Jenny Thrash, Britni Tremblay, Josh Urban, Beth Whisler, Mark Whisler, Josiah White, Chris Wilson, Amanda Wolf, Becky Woolever, Caesar Wood, Christy Wood, Jennifer Zabokrsky

Not Present: Pat Macfarlane

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- I. The virtual meeting was called to order by Chairman Jesse Pounds at 5:03 pm.
 - II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - III. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Ellen Anderson moved and Greg Askren seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
 - IV. **Executive Session** - Jim Koch moved and Ellen Anderson seconded to recess into executive session at 5:05 PM for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the person(s) to be discussed, and reconvene in to open session at 5:35 PM with the 5 Board Members present; Attorney Justin Ferrell, Amber Knoettgen and Pedro Leite. Motion passed.

Greg Askren moved and Jim Koch seconded to RETURN into executive session at 5:41 PM for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy

interests of the person(s) to be discussed, and reconvene in to open session at 5:56 PM with the 5 Board Members present; Attorney Justin Ferrell, Amber Knoettgen and Pedro Leite. Motion passed.

Ellen Anderson moved and Richard Hubert seconded to RETURN into executive session at 6:02 PM for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the person(s) to be discussed, and reconvene in to open session at 6:17 PM with the 5 Board Members present; Attorney Justin Ferrell, Amber Knoettgen and Pedro Leite. Motion passed.

Jim Koch moved and Ellen Anderson seconded to RETURN into executive session at 6:20 PM for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the person(s) to be discussed, and reconvene in to open session at 6:35 PM with the 5 Board Members present; Attorney Justin Ferrell, Amber Knoettgen, Pedro Leite and Chris Wilson. Motion passed.

Upon returning to open session Board Chair, Jesse Pounds made the following public statement:

“We the board members of Cloud County Community College want to formally and publically announce our full support and trust in Amber Knoettgen as Interim President and Pedro Leite as VP of Academic Affairs and Student Success. We understand this is a time of change that can bring about apprehension, we ask for unity and optimism over division and negativity at this time. We are excited to move forward into the new era here at Cloud County Community College. We thank you, the public, faculty and staff for your trust in of our leadership and the leadership in place at the college”.

No action was taken.

VI. Adjournment – Ellen Anderson moved and Richard Hubert seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM. Motion passed.

Diane Leif, Clerk of the Board
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