QUINSIGAMOND
Community College

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** March 28, 2017

**To:** The College Community

**From:** Selina M. Boria, Secretary, Board of Trustees

**Re:** Summary of Actions of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees - Monday, March 27, 2017, 5:30pm, Harrington Learning Center - Rooms 109A&B

**Trustees Present**: Susan Mailman, Chair, Miguel Lopez, Vice Chair, Matilde Castiel, Linda Cavaioli, Juan Gomez, Geraldine Herlihy, John Lafleche, Edward Moore, Tammy Murray, Ethan O'Connell, Kristina Spillane
**Also present:** Selina Boria, Executive Assistant to the President for Policy, Governance and Diversity; Ken Tashjy, General Counsel for the MA Community College System; Michael Mizzoni, Representative from Commissioner Santiago's Office, and multiple members from the college community (approximately 50 people in attendance.)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
   Chair Mailman called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Ms. Mailman gave an overview of the Presidential Search Process beginning with President Carberry's announcement of retirement back in September 2016, the selection of a search firm in October/November, the creation of the Search Committee, the compiling of the Presidential Profile, the posting of the position from early December to the end of January, and the review of 48 applicants by the Search Committee in February which was narrowed down to a pool of 10 semi-finalists who were invited to Worcester for interviews. This lead to the selection of 4 finalists to come to Quinsigamond Community College for full day campus visits and interviews with the Board of Trustees and Commissioner Santiago. These visits took place at QCC from Monday, March 20th through Thursday, March 23, 2017. Board Mailman gave many thanks to President Carberry, the search committee and the QCC faculty and staff who have helped throughout the process.

   Chair Mailman noted, *"The presidential selection decision will include two phases: First, the Board will deliberate over the candidates with each Board member having an opportunity to identify and discuss his/her top candidate for the position. Second,*

*following the Board's deliberation, a vote will be taken to select he next President of the College."* All votes will take place via roll call in alphabetical order with the Chair voting last. Board members who may be undecided when called upon may "pass", but then must vote prior to the Chair.

2. **BOARD DELIBERATION**:

Proceeding alphabetically, each board member was called upon to identify and speak on behalf of their top candidate for the position. NO VOTE WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

Trustee Castiel spoke on behalf of Dr. Luis Pedraja
Trustee Cavaioli spoke on behalf of Dr. Luis Pedraja
Trustee Gomez spoke on behalf of Dr. Luis Pedraja
Trustee Herlihy spoke on behalf of Dr. Luis Pedraja
Trustee Lafleche spoke on behalf of Dr. Sheila Harrity
Trustee Lopez elected to "pass" on his deliberation at this time
Trustee Moore spoke on behalf of Dr. Sheila Harrity
Trustee Murray spoke on behalf of Dr. Sheila Harrity
Trustee O'Connell spoke on behalf of Dr. Luis Pedraja
Trustee Spillane spoke on behalf of Dr. Sheila Harrity
Trustee Lopez spoke on behalf of Dr. Luis Pedraja
Trustee Mailman spoke on behalf of Dr. Sheila Harrity

At this time, the Chair asked if there was any further deliberation and with no further deliberation she called for a motion to end the deliberation.

***MOTION 1:*** *Upon a motion duly made, the Trustees voted unanimously, via roll call, to end their deliberation over the final candidates for the position of President of Quinsigamond Community College.*

3. **VOTE TO SELECT THE BOARD'S APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT**:

Upon the passage of the first motion, a second motion was called for the actual vote to select the final candidate for appointment as president.

***MOTION 2:*** *Upon a motion duly made, the Trustees voted, via roll call, for the final candidate for the position of President of Quinsigamond Community College:*
***Roll Call****:*
*Trustee Castiel voted for Dr. Luis Pedraja*
*Trustee Cavaioli voted for Dr. Luis Pedraja*
*Trustee Gomez voted for Dr. Luis Pedraja*
*Trustee Herlihy voted for Dr. Luis Pedraja*
*Trustee Lafleche voted Dr. Sheila Harrity*
*Trustee Lopez voted for Dr. Luis Pedraja*
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*Trustee Spillane voted for Dr. Sheila Harrity*
*Trustee Mailman voted for Dr. Sheila Harrity*

*6 VOTES FOR Dr. Pedraja and 5 VOTES FOR Dr. Harrity*

*A majority vote of 6 for Dr. Luis Pedraja passed the motion for him to be the final candidate for the position of President of Quinsigamond Community College.*

## 4. ADDITIONAL MOTIONS

***MOTION 3:*** *A motion was duly made to move that Dr. Pedraja be confirmed by unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees as the next President of Quinsigamond Community College.*

*By a roll call vote of 10 in favor to 1 opposed by Trustee Spillane, this motion did not pass to confirm Dr. Pedraja by unanimous vote to the Board of Higher Education.*

***MOTION 4:*** *A motion was duly made to move that the Board of Trustees recommend to the Board of Higher Education the appointment of Dr. Luis Pedraja as the next President of Quinsigamond Community College and that the Board of Trustees authorize Chairperson Sue Mailman to negotiate with Dr. Pedraja over the specific terms and conditions of his appointment as president (i.e. start date, salary, etc.)*

*By a roll call vote, the Trustees unanimously passed this motion.*

## 5. ADJOURNMENT*:*

*With no additional items to come before the Board, upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Selina M. Boria

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Board of Trustees