

**BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Board of Trustees – Special Meeting

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Trustee Malasi said that the Board should share their resumes, board affiliations, organizations and community involvement with each other. Trustee Sapienza said that we should also foster a better relationship between Board Members.

It was determined that the Board would send Ms. Wordell a list of their board affiliations and personal interests.

Board Goals for Year Ahead –

Trustee Sapienza said we need a governance committee and bring in non-trustees for discussion. President Douglas said we need to do policy development; it is critically important for transparency. Trustee Saunders suggested they need some education as new trustees. Chair Medeiros suggested checking with Matt Noyes at DHE regarding this. Trustee Hovan said there are a lot of Board Self-Assessment tools available. His board does a self-assessment and measures how they did against other boards. Trustee Baptista asked if Trustee Hovan's self-assessments were anonymous. Trustee Hovan said they were originally, but not anymore.

Trustee Sapienza suggested doing an annual self-assessment. President Douglas mentioned the handouts taken from the book as the way to start an assessment; we also need an assessment of our Board of Trustees for NECHE (previously NEASC).

A good start is to do the Appendix E/Assessing Board Performance sheet at the end of every meeting.

Trustee Torres suggests that one of the Board's goals should be how to be a more effective Board. Trustee Saunders said they need to know what the expectations are for being a Board member and referred to the items listed on sheet *Figure 8 – Illustrative Statement of Board Member Commitment and Responsibilities*. Trustee Sapienza suggested as a possible other goal to have committees be more effective with material brought to the Board. Our committees can do more work than what they do. Chair Medeiros said our committees are currently not working effectively and this is being reviewed in the Bylaws/Ad Hoc meetings. In an effort to be more effective, we are adopting a web-based portal for Board meeting material. President Douglas said we also need to do more regarding instructional and student services, and review what we are doing together for our students. We have been ignoring workforce and literacy ends which are also instructional.

Trustee Hincapie asked how trustees get appointed. President Douglas said it is a political process that might involve affiliations. We make recommendations to the Governor for future trustees and also submitted it to the Department of Higher Education. We make sure that all four locations are represented. Trustee Baptista said the Board should suggest recommendations for new members. Trustee Sapienza suggested that we do a matrix. It was mentioned that we currently submit a matrix with the recommendation material to the Governor.

Ms. Wordell will share with the Board the matrix that we send to the Governor.

Trustee Hincapie asked what the Board want to know about students at Board meetings. Trustee Saunders said whatever is going on about campus from the student's perspective (the good, the bad and the ugly). Trustee Hincapie then distributed her Report of the Student Trustee to the Board. She then talked about her educational background and how she got involved in STEM. Trustee Dufresne also shared her involvement in STEM at Sensata Technologies. She suggested that in the future they consider partnering Sensata with Bristol STEM students.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Medeiros declared the meeting adjourned. The time was 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,