

**Massachusetts Board of Higher Education
Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee Meeting
October 15, 2019**

The October 15, 2019 meeting of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy (FAAP) Committee was held in Conference Room 3 on the 21st floor of One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

Committee Members Present: Committee Chair Tom Hopcroft; Paul Mattera; Tom Moreau (designee for EOE Secretary); Paul Toner; Commissioner Carlos Santiago (non-voting, ex-officio member); and Anna Grady (non-voting, Student Advisor).

Committee Members Absent: Board Chair Chris Gabrieli; J.D. La Rock

Department Staff Present: Thomas Simard; Elhame Kajtazi; Ellen Osborne-Smith; Elena Quiroz-Livanis; Joe Wallerstein; Ashley Wisneski

Special Guests: Ed Adelman, Executive Director, Massachusetts State College Building Authority; Javier Cevallos, President, Framingham State University

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Tom Hopcroft called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee were unanimously approved.

III. REMARKS

No remarks were offered by either Chair Hopcroft or Commissioner Santiago.

IV. MOTIONS

**A. FAAP 20-07 APPROVAL OF FISCAL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
MOTIONS 20-03 THROUGH 20-06 ON A CONSENT AGENDA**

List of documents used:

MSCBA Bond Refunding Series List

Chair Hopcroft invited Ed Adelman of the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (MSCBA) to present to the Committee.

Mr. Adelman provided an overview of the board's chief functions relating to project approval, rent setting, and bond refunding. He commented specifically on the upcoming bond refunding that would result in a 5% savings across the campuses.

Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance Thomas Simard asked Mr. Adelman if he wished to comment on specific motions. Mr. Adelman spoke about a roof replacement at Salem State University, a learning center at Cape Cod Community College, and a library resource center at Bunker Hill Community College. Mr. Adelman added in the case of both Cape Cod Community College and Bunker Hill Community College, the institution had only sought the approval of the MSCBA as a means of identifying a capital project for the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAMM), and that no debt was issued for either project. There were no additional questions or comments.

Following the conclusion of his presentation, on a motion duly made and seconded, FAAP motions 20-03 through 20-06 were bundled for both approval and placement on a consent agenda. On a motion duly made and seconded, the motion passed unanimously by all board members present, resulting in the following, approved bundled motion:

**FAAP 20-07 APPROVAL OF FISCAL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
MOTIONS 20-03 THROUGH 20-06 ON A CONSENT AGENDA**

VOTED: The Board of Higher Education approves the following motions on a consent agenda:

FAAP 20-03 Approval of Massachusetts State College Building Authority Learning and Resources Center Bunker Hill Community College

FAAP 20-04 Approval of Massachusetts State College Building Authority Science and Engineering Center Cape Cod Community College

FAAP 20-05 Approval of Massachusetts State College Building Authority Commons Dining Hall Roof Replacement Salem State University

FAAP 20-06 Approval of Massachusetts State College Building Authority Refunding Revenue Bonds

Authority: Article III, Section 6, By-Laws

Contact: Thomas J. Simard, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance

B. FAAP 20-08 APPROVAL OF FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY BUILDING NAMING IN HONOR OF MARY MILES BIBB

List of documents used:

June 15, 2019 Letter from President Cevallos

Chair Hopcroft turned the meeting over to Deputy Commissioner Simard, who invited Framingham State University President Javier Cevallos to present to the committee on the university's request to name a building in honor of Mary Miles Bibb. Before President Cevallos began his presentation, Commissioner Santiago remarked that he considered exercising his authority in the summer to approve the request without a board vote but felt compelled to bring this motion for a vote by the board because of its ties to the Board's equity agenda. Committee Member Paul Mattera remarked that he was pleased that the Commissioner had not exercised his summer delegation authority to approve the naming without a Board vote, because he felt that a vote allowed the Board to acknowledge the character and achievement of a truly notable individual.

Chair Hopcroft added that he approved of the alignment between this naming choice and the Board's equity agenda. Executive Office of Education Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning Tom Moreau asked if President Cevallos could expand on his description of Mary Miles Bibb's life experience. President Cevallos remarked briefly on her connection to Massachusetts public higher education through her time at the Massachusetts State Normal School in Lexington, as well as her notable career as both an educator and abolitionist. President Cevallos noted that it was a student trustee who began the conversation about Mary Miles Bibb, which eventually resulted in her selection. Commissioner Santiago pointed out that this naming and the topic of racial equity was particularly important given recent events at Georgia Southern University.

Following the conclusion of discussion Chair Hopcroft called for a vote on FAAP 20-08. On a motion duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved.

FAAP 20-08 APPROVAL OF FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY BUILDING NAMING IN HONOR OF MARY MILES BIBB

VOTED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the request of the Framingham State University Board of Trustees to name the college's North Hall in honor of Mary Miles Bibb.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws 15A, Section 9(m); FAAP 17-23

Contact: Thomas J. Simard, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance

V. DISCUSSION

FY20 Budget Overview

List of documents used:

Funding Matrix FY20

Chair Hopcroft turned the meeting over Deputy Commissioner Simard for an update on the FY20 budget. Deputy Commissioner Simard distributed and reviewed a document entitled "Funding Matrix FY20." He began by discussing the DHE's administrative account, noting several of the earmarks in the line item, including TRAIN, campus safety and violence prevention, and funding for a study on cannabis education. He mentioned that the PIF line item has been recast as the Higher Education Innovation Fund, and he promised more information about this at the committee's December meeting when the FY21 budget proposal is discussed. He then noted the slight increase in the Massachusetts State Scholarship line item, as well as the increase to the State University and Community College line items, noting that formula funding allocations and collective bargaining costs accounted for most of the variances from the prior fiscal year. Finally, Deputy Commissioner Simard noted that the pending final supplemental budget bill for FY19 included several items that would increase the amounts in the General Appropriations Act and that more details on that would be discussed at the December committee meeting.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business before the committee.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Hopcroft called for a motion to adjourn, which was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.