

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

May 31, 2011
11:30 a.m.

Conference Room 1, 21st Floor
1 Ashburton Place
Boston, Massachusetts

Minutes

A special meeting of the Board of Higher Education (BHE) was held in Conference Room 1 on the 21st floor of 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

The following board members were present:

Dr. Charles Desmond, Chairman
Secretary Paul Reville
Dr. Saeyun Lee
Dr. Nancy Harrington
Henry Thomas, III
C. Bernard Fulp
Dr. Nancy Hoffman
Dr. Mario Borunda
Richard Jones
Eric Gregoire, Segmental Advisor
Michael Mizzoni, Segmental Advisor

The following board members were absent:

Dr. Mary-Elizabeth Beach
Jeanne-Marie Boylan
Louis Ricciardi
Paul Toner
Keith Peden

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Desmond called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

II. **WELCOME**

Chair Desmond opened the meeting and invited Commissioner Freeland to speak. Commissioner Freeland reviewed the role of the Board of Higher Education in the presidential search process and outlined the agenda for the meeting. He reiterated that no vote would be taken today.

III. **MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Mr. Jon Bower, chair of Massachusetts Bay Community College board of trustees, described the presidential search process. This included:

- Launching a search committee;
- Involving the community, faculty, staff, administration, and board members;
- Holding forums.

The search committee narrowed the candidate field to 9 semi-finalists, then to 3 finalists, and, ultimately, the board of trustees voted unanimously to recommend Dr. John O'Donnell as the next candidate for President of Massachusetts Bay Community College.

IV. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE'S REMARKS

Chairman Desmond invited presidential candidate Dr. John O'Donnell to the microphone. The members of the Board of Higher Education introduced themselves and, at the invitation of the Chairman, asked questions of Dr. O'Donnell regarding his vision for MassBay, the impression he has left on the students of Stark State University, his growth of enrollment and minority enrollment at Stark State, and his past community outreach efforts. Additional questions focused on financial accountability and performance funding.

Chair Desmond thanked Dr. O'Donnell for his participation.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests from the public to participate.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.