

Chairman McMullen called the meeting to order at 5 o'clock welcoming all. Mr. McMullen shared his excitement at working with the newly appointed board member in attendance.

Mr. McMullen went on to state the board is unable to establish a quorum until the new board members are sworn in. Chairman informed onlookers that this is a requirement in the Authority's bylaws. Chairman proceeded to ask all new board members as well as those who have been off the board for some time to retrieve the oath from their board packets, stand, and repeat after him. Chairman McMullen closed with asking all parties if in agreement with the oath say I do. Mr. McMullen asked that the board members sign their names on the document provided and then pass to him for him to sign. All documents will be signed and become a part of the record.

On aye: Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Vance and Mr. Pittman.

Mr. McMullen moved to establish a quorum

Members present were Chairman McMullen, Dr. Stephens, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Mr. Howell, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Simmons.

Chairman introduced the Authority's guest speakers and asked that they give a warm welcome to the new board members.

The Honorable Mayor Mary Copelan opened by greeting all new board members, existing board members as well as her fellow dignitaries, State Representative Griffin and Senator Williams. Mayor Copelan provided spirited words of inspiration and hope for the Authority. Mayor Copelan also asked on behalf of the city and the county that the board consider conducting the Authority's board meeting on a different night outside of Tuesday nights. She informed the board that the meeting date comes as an inconvenience to both entities, and they would like to attend but there is a conflict in schedule at this time. Mayor Copelan closed with expressing her vision to see the South Side built all the way towards Dublin.

Honorable Strickland was unable to attend due to conflict in meeting scheduling per Mayor Copelan.

The Honorable State Representative Floyd Griffin thanked Chairman McMullen for the invitation. He went on to greet his fellow dignitaries, Mayor Copelan and Senator Williams. Representative Griffin welcomed the new board members and thanked each of them for wanting to serve. Representative Griffin reminded each board member of when giving back, it takes time, and the ability to work together with a plan. Representative Griffin asked that the IG investigation not stop the board from doing their job, and each person should weigh in wherever they should. Representative Griffin closed by sharing thoughts from his father, by doing the right thing and extending his hand with help when and if ever needed.

The Honorable Senator Rick Williams started by thanking Chairman McMullen, as well as Madam Mayor and Representative Griffin. Senator Williams thanked each of the board members for volunteering and being able and willing to serve. Senator Williams shared fond memories of the CSH campus, sharing he had taken his embalming exam in 1973 at the morgue at CSH. Senator Williams expressed his appreciation for each board member. He expressed his love for the honorable late Floyd Griffin Sr. He closed by expressing his appreciation for the board members' willingness to volunteer and participate and he looks forward to the great things happening.

Chairman McMullen expressed his appreciation of all the Honorable's comments and welcome wishes, and his wish to have continued support from all the boards political partners, with the city, county, state, our representatives and senators. Mr. McMullen went on to say the board has some bold ideas that we want to put forth, and he thinks we can do it to leverage the resources that we have to really make this campus better. Mr. McMullen stated he would defer his full comments until later. Mr. McMullen moved forward with voting on minutes.

Dr. Nelson reminded Chairman of a previous motion made regarding December 2024 meeting minutes. Dr. Nelson stated the amendment was about the denial of people being able to speak. She does not see the addition that needed to be made.

Mr. McMullen stated he had printed the minutes and adjustments which are approved pending the adjustments.

Dr. Nelson reminded Mr. McMullen she has not received the updated version.

January 2025 Minutes

1st motion Mr. Pitman

2nd motion Mr. Howell

On aye: Mr. McMullen, Dr. Stephens, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Mr. Howell, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Simmons.

Dr. Nelson stated in the minutes she questioned if Mr. McMullen had to threaten to call the police on Mr. Roessing. Dr. Nelson went on to state did you had to or whether it was just that you needed to because in her opinion Mr. Roessing was not a threat.

Mr. McMullen responded he'd like to hold his full comments until he speaks later because this has to do with how we're going to conduct the meeting in the future, however, he wants to address Dr. Nelson's question. Mr. McMullen stated for the record, when Mr. Roessing decided to speak, this was during the time we were only asking for people to simply introduce themselves. This time was not specified for comments. Mr. McMullen stated Mr. Roessing started, got out of his seat and proceeded to come over to take the floor, so I chose to deal with this situation accordingly. Mr. McMullen also reminded Dr. Nelson that during the public comments period, Mr. Roessing was allowed to speak.

Dr. Nelson responded she remembered but the point that Mr. Roessing was trying to make was that it was a challenge to even have a meeting, and he did not get the right to have that challenge.

Mr. McMullen moved forward with financials stating we have reports for 2 months. Normally the report is read by Mr. Jones, however he would give a review of reports. Mr. McMullen provided a brief review of the financials for the months of January and March. Mr. McMullen noted that February reports are missing and will have our accountant Stacy to create a report for distribution. Mr. McMullen noted that the expenditure is minimal with the inclusion of grounds keeping and wages paid out to the new PT secretary. Mr. McMullen expressed his appreciation for the hire of Ms. Ashley.

Mr. Pittman asked if there were any real estate closings after the end of January that may increase the account amount? Mr. Pittman asked if all the rental property income is current and active and are we receiving funds from Dublin Gas company.

Mr. McMullen stated yes, there may have been two closings that have increased that amount and we are currently catching up with all rental properties as well as the funeral homes. We recently allowed a filming company to rent space for movie production. Mr. McMullen noted the pricing issues of the Chapel rental and how most recently we were able to clearly define our fees, and we are receiving steady payment from Dublin Gas.

Mr. McMullen proceeded to make comments stating he feels the board would succeed if we stuck to protocol which he feels is imperative that we enforce to stay on task. Mr. McMullen asked that forward-going, if people would like to be placed on the agenda, the final approval must go through the chair. He decided not to make this meeting too heavy due to the new board members. Mr. McMullen expressed the theme of moving forward and wants to stay on the mission of the economic mission noting there will not be any action taken during this meeting, but he is planning a work session for the new board members to educate them. He expressed the need to polish up on procedures. Mr. McMullen noted that the board is currently waiting for the ninth board member appointed by the county. Mr. McMullen spoke on initiatives, job creation, and the beautification of the campus.

Dr. Nelson asked is the open records person someone from the Carl Vinson Institute and feels the training is important as we navigate this inspector general investigation. Dr. Nelson provided suggestions for training which will occur online (live) June 5th from 8:30a to 4:30p with fees of \$279 which will be reimbursed to participating board members.

Dr. Nelson stated she has an objection to host the election for positions. Dr. Nelson asked to proceed with elections during this meeting which would be on an interim basis and then have normal elections in June.

Mr. McMullen stated he initially thought of proceeding with having it, but it would be fair if the 9th board member were present and active. He stated he would rather wait and figure out the new board members strengths.

Dr. Nelson stated she has made a motion to proceed with the vote.

Mr. Pittman asked is the Authority stable enough to move forward until the general elections.

Mr. McMullen responded yes.

Dr. Nelson reiterated that if the election is completed today, it will be repeated in June for positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary noting the treasurer and secretary can not serve as the same person.

Mr. Pittman asked had he heard from anyone from the county regarding the appointment.

Mr. McMullen stated he had not spoken with anyone directly but had sent communication to Mr. Tobar by email.

Mr. McMullen stated we will table the vote until after the executive session, which is solely for informational purposes. Mr. McMullen informed meeting attendees of the next scheduled meeting.

Dr. Nelson also reiterated the need to move the meeting day.

Mr. McMullen asked for a motion to enter the executive session. 5:58pm

1st motion Mr. Howell

2nd motion Mr. Pittman

On aye: On aye: Dr. Stephens, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Mr. Howell, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Simmons, Mr. McMullen.

Mr. McMullen asked for a motion to return from the executive session 6:31pm

1st motion Mr. Pittman

2nd motion Mrs. Simmons

On aye: On aye: Mr. McMullen, Dr. Stephens, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Mr. Howell, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Simmons.

Upon return from executive session, Dr. Nelson motion was placed back on the table to elect officers.

Mr. Vance stated that although there are new members, we are not a newly constituted board. He went on to state that the board continues to operate under the rules that are currently in place. If the chair was legitimately placed into this position in November and it goes to June, then the chair position is off the table and all other officers can be chosen at this time.

Mr. Howell reminded board members that there is a motion on the table that must be addressed.

Motion/Vote to elect new officers

1st motion Mr. Howell

2nd motion Mr. Pittman

Mr. McMullen made a motion to table Dr. Nelson's motion until the May 20th meeting.

Mr. Vance informed the board

1st motion Mr. Vance

2nd motion Mr. Pittman

On aye: Mr. McMullen, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance

No: Dr. Nelson, Mr. Howell, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons

Four no's four yes's which is a tie. The motion died.

A brief discussion amongst the board members transpired regarding the voting process. Board members agreed to go back to the motion of the floor and give it proper due diligence to see where it falls. The motions basically were almost amended and the amendment failed so the board will return to rules and procedures. It was reviewed in the policies and procedures that the board return to vote regarding the motion on the floor.

Dr. Nelson reiterated that the agenda stated the election of office, and she wanted to proceed as scheduled.

Mr. McMullen clarified that the item on the agenda was to simply provide a update and not to vote on item.

Motion/Vote to elect new officers

1st motion Dr. Nelson

2nd motion Mr. Howell

On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mr. Howell, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Simmons

No: Mr. McMullen, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Owen, Mr. Vance.

Four no's four yes's which is a tie. Motion dies.

Mr. Owen Pittman asked to be excused due to previous engagement. (6:48)

Mr. McMullen opened the floor to public comments with a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker.

Mr. Matt Roessing, a campus partner, spoke at length on receiving a cease-and-desist letter from Chairman McMullen. Mr. Roessing stated he is currently acting as a witness in a state investigation. He went on to state he feels this is an attempt to intimidate him as well as others. He informed the board of plans to send the letter to all the board members, his attorney, and the inspector general. He questioned the reason Mr. McMullen wishes to continue as chairman of the board. Mr. Roessing spoke on the sale of the Binion Building questioning the buyer. Mr. Roessing expressed his concern in feeling that he is trying to be quieted due to him being inquisitive about recent transactions.

Mr. McMullen stated he was glad Mr. Roessing mentioned his cease and desist stating he wanted Mr. Roessing to understand that he has been warned. Mr. McMullen stated he is not trying to silence Mr. Roessing but only trying to get him to understand he should never make accusations that somebody is doing something illegal and publish it. Mr. McMullen states you can do whatever you want but when you start accusing people of doing something criminal, there's a problem. He noted that he feels Mr. Roessing is trying to disparage the board. Mr. McMullen stated it requires someone to be on campus every single solitary day, no matter who does it, know that it is more than a notion. Mr. McMullen stated he feels Mr. Roessing wishes to have someone he can control in the chair position but reassures the board as long as he is in position he will not be controlled. Mr. McMullen concluded his comments by asking for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st motion Mr. Ken Vance

2nd motion Dr. Stephens

On aye: Mr. McMullen, Dr. Stephens, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Mr. Howell, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Simmons.