

SPECIAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Trustees Present: Jeff Crist, Dr. Marilyn Douglass, Leonard Hitz, Steve Martinez, Dr. Blake Wasinger  
Terri Worf

Others Present: Craig Atkinson, National American University  
Debra Atkinson, Deputy Clerk  
Eugene Atkinson, Community Member  
Maxine Atkinson, Community Member  
Robin Bergkamp, Community Member  
Robert Bluml, Community Member  
Holly Chandler, Reading Instructor  
Dallas Crist, GCCC Payroll Coordinator  
Mark Douglass, Community Member  
Toni Douglass, Community Member  
Rodney Dozier, GCCC Chief of Police  
Amber Friend, *Garden City Telegram*  
Carole Geier, Community Member  
Randall Grisell, Attorney for Garden City Community College  
Josh Harbor, *Garden City Telegram*  
Shelia Hendershot, GCCC Retired  
Sheena Hernandez, /English Instructor/Faculty Senate  
Jennifer Herrera, *KWCH-News 12*  
Tammy Hutcheson, Social Science Instructor  
Aaron Kucharik, Community Member  
Tiffany Lane, *KSN*  
Barbara Larson, Community Member  
Robert Larson, Community Member  
Carol J. Lee, Community Member  
Melissa Sowers, Community Member  
Kristi Tempel, Director of Marketing & Public Relations

The Garden City Community College Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, in the Endowment Room of the Beth Tedrow Student Center.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Hitz inquired if trustees could discuss executive session topics in public and if Dr. Swender would be informed of what was said during the closed session. Randall Grisell, Attorney for Garden City Community College, clarified that all information discussed in an executive session was confidential and if discussed could possibly open the college and the individual up to liability or litigation. Grisell went on to explain that Dr. Swender was not the subject of the executive session. Trustees will not be discussing personnel but the closed session was called to consult with counsel. The entire board would have to authorize the sharing of any information discussed during the closed session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion:**

*Worf moved, seconded by Crist, that the Board recess into executive session for one hour, for the purpose of consultation with the attorney for the Board of Trustees on matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, specifically potential liability or litigation issues. The open meeting will resume in the Endowment Room of the Beth Tedrow Student Center in one hour (7:32 p.m.).*

*Ayes: Crist, Douglass, Hitz, Martinez, Wasinger, Worf*

*Nays: None*

***Motion carried: 6-0***

Board recessed into executive session at 6:32 p.m.

**Included in Executive Session:**

GCCC Board of Trustees

Randall Grisell, Attorney for Garden City Community College

Board reconvened into regular session at 7:35 p.m.

Chair Martinez entertained a motion to extend the executive session.

**Motion:**

*Wasinger moved, seconded by Crist, that the Board recess into executive session for an additional twenty minutes, for the purpose of consultation with the attorney for the Board of Trustees on matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, specifically potential liability or litigation issues. The open meeting will resume in the Endowment Room of the Beth Tedrow Student Center in twenty minutes (7:52 p.m.).*

*Ayes: Crist, Douglass, Hitz, Martinez, Wasinger, Worf*

*Nays: None*

***Motion carried: 6-0***

**Included in extended Executive Session:**

GCCC Board of Trustees

Randall Grisell, Attorney for Garden City Community College

Board reconvened into open session at 7:49 p.m. Chair Martinez stated that no binding action was taken and made the following statement.

“We have heard the concerns of our constituents and of the faculty. As Trustees, we are charged with ensuring our college is serving the taxpayers and students. We’re working through the process now to determine the facts so we can act to ensure that we meet the expectations for the college and this community. We are retaining an outside, independent professional who will conduct a thorough investigation of the allegations presented to the board. That specific person has not been selected yet.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:**

*Worf moved, seconded by Hitz to adjourn the May 16, 2018 Garden City Board of Trustee meeting.*

*Ayes: Crist, Douglass, Hitz, Martinez, Wasinger, Worf*

*Nays: None*

***Motion Carried 6-0***

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_