

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT  
GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Saturday, February 13, 2021

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Trustees Present: Beth Tedrow, David Rupp, Dr. Blake Wasinger, Leonard Hitz, Dr. Marilyn Douglass, Shanda Smith

Others Present: Dr. Ryan Ruda, President  
Jodie Tewell, Deputy Clerk

The Board of Trustees met for a retreat at 8:00 a.m. on February 13, 2021 in SCSC 2024.

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Douglass called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

**REVIEW/DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Fisher discussed with the board four key points for building a stronger team. Point one was the characteristics of effective teams. There was a discussion on understanding who we are and why we are here as a board, having a shared mission and vision for the institution, and relationship matters. Point two was assessing where we are as the board. There was a discussion of the board's strengths and concerns. The conversation continued regarding the upcoming HLC visit and how to prepare accordingly.

Board took a 10-minute break starting at 9:52. Will return at 10:02  
The meeting reconvened at 10:03.

Discussion continued with Point three, Strategies for improvement. The members discussed immediate actions that can be taken to improve effectiveness, long-term commitments, and monitoring of their progress. Point four covered additional plans for the future.  
The board discussed plans for HLC and continuing to build stronger relationships amongst board members and the community.

No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

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Jodie Tewell  
Deputy Clerk

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Dr. Ryan Ruda  
Secretary

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Dr. Marilyn Douglass  
Chair of the Board