

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

October 18, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Middlesex Community College
Federal Building, Assembly Room
50 Kearney Square
Lowell, Massachusetts

Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Higher Education (BHE) was held at Middlesex Community College in Lowell, Massachusetts.

The following board members were present:

Dr. Charles Desmond, Chairman
Dr. Mario Borunda
Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan
Dr. Nancy Harrington
Secretary Paul Reville
Mr. Louis Ricciardi
Mr. Angel Rodriguez
Mr. Henry Thomas
Mr. Paul Toner

The following board members were absent:

Dr. Nancy Hoffman
Mr. Bernie Fulp
Mr. Keith Peden

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Desmond called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. and invited Middlesex Community College President Carole Cowan to address the board.

II. WELCOME

President Cowan welcomed the Board of Higher Education to the campus and gave a brief overview of the college's history and its successes relating to the Vision Project. She also presented Board members with a book recently published that commemorates the 40th anniversary of Middlesex Community College.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chair Desmond brought forth a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011, interview with Massachusetts Bay Community College presidential candidate Dr. John O'Donnell. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously by all board members present. Chair Desmond then brought forth a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011, Board of Higher Education meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously by all board members present.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chair Desmond introduced and welcomed this year's student board member Mr. Angel Donahue-Rodriguez of Salem State University. Chair Desmond then made remarks which included information on the \$5 million award from the U.S. Department of Education, the \$500,000 addition to STEM-education initiatives in the supplemental budget, the outreach that External Affairs is making to the broader community about the value of public education through the Go Public! events held on September 26, 2011, and September 27, 2011, and Bridgewater State University's ceremony to recognize BHE member Lou Ricciardi and announce the newly named "Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business".

V. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

Dr. Richard M. Freeland, Commissioner of the Department of Higher Education, thanked President Cowan for hosting the BHE meeting and made note of the 40th anniversary of Middlesex Community College celebrated last year. He welcomed the Department of Higher Education's new General Counsel, Dena Papanikaloou, and announced Dr. Shelley Tinkham's promotion to Assistant Commissioner.

Commissioner Freeland's comments to the Board also addressed recent and on-going building projects at public higher education institutions. He then discussed the Gates/Lumina/Hewlett Foundations' funding of Massachusetts as one of ten states recognized for their K-12 and higher education collaboration and noted that Massachusetts Community Colleges were awarded \$20 million through a U.S. Department of Labor grant.

Commissioner Freeland also discussed the PARCC Initiative, the Davis Education Foundation's funding of learning outcomes and assessment work, and the STEM Summit being held today. Commissioner Freeland also shared that the Vision Project report is currently in development and may be ready in September 2012. He also recapped the event held at Framingham State University where Governor Patrick congratulated the presidents of 18 campuses that received a share of the \$2.5 million performance incentive fund. He noted, as well, the presidential searches that are in progress at Cape Cod Community College and Berkshire Community College.

VI. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION'S REMARKS

Chair Desmond invited Secretary of Education Paul Reville to make remarks and thanked him for his leadership and commitment to making excellent public education accessible to low income and minority students. Secretary Reville offered brief remarks regarding the STEM conference; the challenging budget year that is ahead; Hispanic Heritage Month and Governor Patrick and the Legislature's honoring BHE members Angel Donahue-Rodriguez and Mario Borunda.

He also noted the application being filed for the Early Education and Care version of Race to the Top, Early Learning Challenge Grant and shared that UMass President Robert Caret has completed his bus tour and returned to UMass. Secretary Reville commented on the upcoming hearing on public higher education and career- and college-readiness and expressed thanks to President Cowan for her commitment to workforce preparedness. He congratulated the community colleges on receipt of the \$20 million Department of Labor grant and discussed the PARCC initiative and its role in transforming how we assess readiness and send signals to colleges

VII. REPORTS FROM PRESIDENTS

- A.** Dr. Patricia Meservey, President of Salem State University and Chair of the Executive Committee of State University Presidents, commented to the board by discussed doctoral program collaboration of UMass with state universities. She also commented on the growing enrollment numbers at state universities and the concern for the impact of corresponding economic strains.

President Meservey also noted the state universities partnering with the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy so that students can transfer to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy to complete nursing programs. She also congratulated MassArt and UMass Lowell for competing in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon.

- B.** Dr. Wayne Burton, President of North Shore Community College, and Chair of the Community College Council of Presidents, made remarks to the board regarding the work being done in the areas of student disabilities and workforce development. He has made three trips to Washington DC in support of these efforts and noted the need for a higher education special education law. Campuses need resources in order to deliver special education students the programs they need. He also discussed workforce development for middle-skill jobs and addressed the need for accurate metrics to measure completion rates.

VIII. REPORT FROM STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Angel Donahue-Rodriguez, this year's student board member and a student at Salem State University, shared with the board the efforts the Student Advisory Council has underway to elevate its profile through the DHE website, Twitter, and Facebook. He also noted that the Student Advisory Council's meeting dates will change to the third Thursday of each month with the exception of holidays.

IX. MOTIONS

- A. *Academic Affairs***

Chair Desmond invited Dr. Nancy Harrington, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC), to review the affairs of the October 11, 2011, AAC meeting. Dr. Harrington brought forth the following motions on a consent agenda. The motions were seconded and then approved unanimously by all board members present.

AAC 12-08 APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MOTIONS 12-01 THROUGH 12-05 and 12-07 ON A CONSENT AGENDA

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

- AAC 12-01 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- AAC 12-02 University of Massachusetts Amherst
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Spanish and the Bachelor
of Arts in Linguistics and Portuguese
- AAC 12-03 University of Massachusetts Amherst
Master of Public Policy

- AAC 12-04 University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering and Applied Science
and the Master of Science in Engineering and Applied
Science
- AAC 12-05 University of Massachusetts Lowell
Master of Science in Autism Studies
- AAC 12-07 Western New England University
LL.M in Closely-Held Businesses

Authority: Article III, Section 6, By-Laws

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and
P-16 Policy

AAC 12-01 **APPLICATION OF MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS TO AWARD THE BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the
application of **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts** to
award the **Bachelor of Science in Chemistry**.

One year after graduating the program's first class, the
institution shall submit to the Board a status report
addressing its success in reaching program goals as
stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment,
curriculum, faculty, resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact: Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic
and P-16 Policy

AAC 12-02 **APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST TO AWARD THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
LINGUISTICS AND SPANISH AND THE BACHELOR OF
ARTS IN LINGUISTICS AND PORTUGUESE**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the
application of **University of Massachusetts Amherst** to
award the **Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Spanish
and the Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and
Portuguese**.

Upon graduating the first class for these programs, the
University shall submit to the Board a status report
addressing its success in reaching program goals as
stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment,
curriculum, faculty resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 12-03 **APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST TO AWARD THE MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the application of **University of Massachusetts Amherst** to award the **Master of Public Policy**.

Upon graduating the first class for this program, the University shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic Policy

AAC 12-04 **APPLICATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH TO AWARD THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE AND THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the application of the **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth** to award the **Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering and Applied Science** and the **Master of Science in Engineering and Applied Science**.

Upon graduating the first class of this program, the University shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in this report and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty, resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 12-05 **APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL TO AWARD THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AUTISM STUDIES**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the application of **University of Massachusetts Lowell** to

award the **Master of Science in Autism Studies**.

Upon graduating the first class for this program, the University shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 12-07 **APPLICATION OF WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY TO AWARD THE LL.M IN CLOSELY-HELD BUSINESSES**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the Articles of Amendment of **Western New England University** to award the **LL.M in Closely-Held Businesses**.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.

Contact: Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

Dr. Harrington indicated that a motion for a doctoral program in business administration at UMass Lowell was currently on hold pending further discussion of possibilities that the program presents for collaboration with the state universities, especially Salem. Dr. Harrington has requested that UMass brief the BHE on their strategic plan for doctoral education given that several doctoral programs are in development.

Board member Henry Thomas expressed his concern with the decision to delay a viable and needed program and indicated that each UMass campus has strategic plans in place and can share those plans with the BHE. He also requested that the meeting minutes note that his comments reflect his opinion and that of the University of Massachusetts.

Secretary Paul Reville indicated that the discussion of this particular matter would continue at a meeting later in the week.

Dr. Harrington brought forth the following motions on a consent agenda. The motions were seconded and then approved unanimously by all board members present.

AAC 12-12 **APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MOTIONS 12-09 THROUGH 12-11 ON A CONSENT AGENDA**

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

AAC 12-09 Board Revocation of the Degree Granting Authority of Aquinas College, Inc in the Commonwealth of

- AAC 12-10 Massachusetts
Board Revocation of the Degree Granting Authority of Chamberlayne Junior College in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- AAC 12-11 Board Revocation of the Degree Granting Authority of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Authority: Article III, Section 6, By-Laws

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 12-09 **BOARD REVOCATION OF THE DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY OF AQUINAS COLLEGE, INC**

MOVED The Board hereby revokes the legal authority of **Aquinas College, Inc** to operate and grant degrees in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Sections 30-31B

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 12-10 **BOARD REVOCATION OF THE DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY OF CHAMBERLAYNE JUNIOR COLLEGE**

MOVED The Board hereby revokes the legal authority of **Chamberlayne Junior College** to operate and grant degrees in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30-31B

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 12-11 **BOARD REVOCATION OF THE DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY OF RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**

MOVED The Board hereby revokes the legal authority of **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** to operate and grant degrees in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30-31B

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

B. Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy

BHE Chair Desmond, having chaired the October 11, 2011, FAAP Committee meeting, provided a review of the events of that meeting's agenda. He then brought forth the following motions on a consent agenda. The motions were seconded and then approved by all board members present.

FAAP 12-09 **APPROVAL OF FISCAL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS 12-01 THROUGH 12-08 ON A CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- FAAP 12-01 MSCBA Construction of New Residence Hall, Bridgewater State University
- FAAP 12-02 MSCBA Construction of New Residence Hall, Westfield State University
- FAAP 12-03 MSCBA Renovation of Hammond Campus Center, Fitchburg State University
- FAAP 12-04 MSCBA Construction of Fitness and Recreation Center, Salem State University
- FAAP 12-05 MSCBA Renovation of Ely Campus Center, Westfield State University
- FAAP 12-06 MSCBA Renovation of Center for Design and Media, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- FAAP 12-07 MSCBA Residence Hall System-Wide Renewal and Adaption

FAAP 12-08 Approval of MSCBA Revenue Bond Refunding

Authority: Article III, Section 6, By-Laws

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner of Administration and Finance
Fiscal and Administrative Policy

FAAP 12-01 **APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY NEW RESIDENCE HALL PROJECT**

MOVED MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RESIDENCE HALL AT BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

1. The Commissioner of the System of Public Higher Education (the "Commissioner") is authorized and directed

in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the projects described in EXHIBIT A attached hereto.

2. Bonds issued by the Authority to finance the projects for which a request is hereby authorized may be issued together with or separately from bonds issued to carry out other projects of the Authority for which the Board authorizes a request.

3. The Commissioner and all other officers of the Board, each acting singly, are authorized to request the Commissioner of Administration to approve in writing the initiation by the Authority of the projects for which a request is hereby authorized, and to do such other things and to take such other action as the officer so acting shall, as conclusively evidenced by the taking of such action, deem necessary or desirable to be done or taken to carry into effect the matters hereby authorized.

4. The Board and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board, declare their official intent under §1.150-2(d)(1) and (e) of the Treasury Regulations as follows:

The Board reasonably expects that there shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority, expenditures (including expenditures made within the last 60 days) temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including within such term the Board and the State Universities) for the projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds expected to be issued, all or a portion of the proceeds of which are reasonably expected to be used for such reimbursement purposes, being \$74,340,000.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner of
Administration & Finance Fiscal and Administrative Policy

FAAP 12-02 **APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE
BUILDING AUTHORITY
NEW RESIDENCE HALL PROJECT**

MOVED MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING
AUTHORITY CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RESIDENCE
HALL AT WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY

1. The Commissioner of the System of Public Higher Education (the "Commissioner") is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the projects described in EXHIBIT A attached hereto.

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Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner of
Administration & Finance Fiscal and Administrative Policy

FAAP 12-03 **APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE
BUILDING AUTHORITY
STUDENT ACTIVITY PROJECT**

MOVED MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING
AUTHORITY

RENOVATION OF HAMMOND CAMPUS CENTER
FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

1. The Commissioner of the System of Public Higher Education (the "Commissioner") is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the project described in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto.

2. Bonds issued by the Authority to finance the projects for which a request is hereby authorized may be issued together with or separately from bonds issued to carry out other projects of the Authority for which the Board authorizes a request.

3. The Commissioner and all other officers of the Board, each acting singly, are authorized to request the Commissioner of Administration to approve in writing the initiation by the Authority of the projects for which a request is hereby authorized, and to do such other things and to take such other action as the officer so acting shall, as conclusively evidenced by the taking of such action, deem necessary or desirable to be done or taken to carry into effect the matters hereby authorized.

4. The Board and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board, declare their official intent under §1.150-2(d)(1) and (e) of the Treasury Regulations as follows:

The Board reasonably expects that there shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority, expenditures (including expenditures made within the last 60 days) temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including within such term the Board and the State Universities) for the projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds expected to be issued, all or a portion of the proceeds of which are reasonably expected to be used for such reimbursement purposes, being \$7,630,000.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner of
Administration and Finance Fiscal and Administrative
Policy

FAAP 12-04 **APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE
BUILDING AUTHORITY**

STUDENT ACTIVITY FACILITY PROJECT

MOVED

MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING
AUTHORITY
CONSTRUCTION OF FITNESS AND RECREATION
CENTER
SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

1. The Commissioner of the System of Public Higher Education (the "Commissioner") is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the project described in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto.

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4. The Board and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board, declare their official intent under §1.150-2(d)(1) and (e) of the Treasury Regulations as follows:

The Board reasonably expects that there shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority, expenditures (including expenditures made within the last 60 days) temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including within such term the Board and the State Universities) for the projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds expected to be issued, all or a portion of the proceeds of which are reasonably expected to be used for such reimbursement purposes, being \$16,350,000.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner of

FAAP 12-05

APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY STUDENT ACTIVITY PROJECT

MOVED

MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY RENOVATION OF ELY CAMPUS CENTER WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY

1. The Commissioner of the System of Public Higher Education (the "Commissioner") is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the project described in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto.

2. Bonds issued by the Authority to finance the projects for which a request is hereby authorized may be issued together with or separately from bonds issued to carry out other projects of the Authority for which the Board authorizes a request.

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4. The Board and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board, declare their official intent under §1.150-2(d)(1) and (e) of the Treasury Regulations as follows:

The Board reasonably expects that there shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority, expenditures (including expenditures made within the last 60 days) temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including within such term the Board and the State Universities) for the projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds expected to be issued, all or a portion of the proceeds of which are reasonably expected to be used for such reimbursement purposes, being \$10,900,000.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner of
Administration and Finance
Fiscal and Administrative Policy

FAAP 12-06 **APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE
BUILDING AUTHORITY
ACADEMIC FACILITY PROJECT**

MOVED MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING
AUTHORITY RENOVATION OF CENTER FOR DESIGN
AND MEDIA MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART
AND DESIGN

1. The Commissioner of the System of Public Higher Education (the "Commissioner") is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the project described in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto.

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The Board reasonably expects that there shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority, expenditures (including expenditures made within the last 60 days) temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including within such term the Board and the State Universities) for the projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds expected to be issued, all or a

portion of the proceeds of which are reasonably expected to be used for such reimbursement purposes, being \$3,270,000.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner of
Administration and Finance
Fiscal and Administrative Policy

FAAP 12-07 **APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE
BUILDING AUTHORITY
RESIDENCE HALL REPAIR PROJECTS**

MOVED MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING
AUTHORITY RESIDENCE HALL RENEWAL AND
ADAPTION SYSTEM-WIDE

1. The Commissioner of the System of Public Higher Education (the "Commissioner") is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the projects described in EXHIBIT A attached hereto.

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The Board reasonably expects that there shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority, expenditures (including expenditures made within the last 60 days) temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including within such term the Board and

the State Universities) for the projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds expected to be issued, all or a portion of the proceeds of which are reasonably expected to be used for such reimbursement purposes, being \$12,540,000.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner of
Administration and Finance
Fiscal and Administrative Policy

FAAP 12-08 **APPROVAL OF MASSACHUETTS STATE COLLEGE
BUILDING AUTHORITY
REVENUE BOND REFUNDING**
MOVED MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING
AUTHORITY

1. The Massachusetts State College Building Authority is hereby authorized to issue refunding bonds to refund certain of its outstanding bonds, as described on the attachment, provided the aggregate net present value savings achieved from the refunding is no less than four percent (4%) of the par amount of refunded bonds, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education, to approve in writing the issuance by said Authority of bonds for such refunding purpose.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6
St. 1963, c. 703 s. 5, 7, 18A

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner of
Administration and Finance Fiscal and Administrative
Policy

C. *Board of Higher Education*

Commissioner Freeland provided background on the following motion. Chair Desmond then brought forth the motion which was seconded. Board member Thomas inquired whether this motion affects the Berkshire Community College Board of Trustees' authority to recommend an interim president. Commissioner Freeland indicated that it does not. The motion was approved unanimously by all board members present.

**BHE 12-01 BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTERIM PRESIDENTIAL
APPOINTMENT**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby delegates to the Commissioner its authority to take such action as is deemed necessary in the appointment of an Interim President at Berkshire Community College and to approve and

fix the compensation of the interim president after consultation with and upon the advice of the members of the Executive Committee of the Board. Action on this appointment should take place expeditiously.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Dena Papanikolaou, General Counsel

X. PRESENTATIONS

A. Fall 2011 Early Enrollment Report

Dr. Jonathan Keller, Associate Commissioner for Research, Planning, and Information Systems

Dr. Keller presented highlights of 2011 early enrollment estimates.

B. Community College Department of Labor Grant Update

Mr. William Hart, Executive Officer, Massachusetts Community Colleges
President Wayne Burton, North Shore Community College
President Gail Carberry, Quinsigamond Community College
Mr. Dale Allen, Quinsigamond Community College

Mr. Hart and his colleagues provided an overview of the Department of Labor Grant that Massachusetts community colleges received to support workforce development activities.

C. Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Presentation

Aundrea Kelley, Deputy Commissioner for P-16 Policy and Collaborative Initiatives

Deputy Commissioner Kelley provided an overview of PARCC and its goals including the creation of assessments, expected outcomes, the PARCC national assessment timeline, and key challenges.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests from the public to participate.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.