

**Name:** Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees Board Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Location:** Luzerne County Community College Educational Conference Center, Nanticoke PA  
**Recording:** <https://www.luzerne.edu/about/board.jsp>

| AGENDA ITEM  | NOTES   | <u>ACTION TAKEN</u>  |
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| <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>                        |   |  |
| <b>1.Roll Call</b>                                 | <p><b>Present:</b> Robert Bertoni, Vice Chair; Joseph Esposito; Holly Evanoski; Erin K. Keating, Ed.D.; Megan Kennedy, Esq.; Dr. William V. Lewis; Catherine R. O'Donnell, Esq., Board Chair; C. Daniel Rodgers, Anthony Seiwel; Robert Schnee; Susan E. Unvarsky; and Joseph Kluger, Esq., College Solicitor.</p> <p><b>Excused:</b> Mayor George Brown, Paul DeFabo, Joseph Long, August Piazza</p> |  |
|  | Catherine R. O'Donnell, Esq., Board Chair, reported prior to the start of the March 5, 2024, Board meeting an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel and litigation issues.  |  |
| <b>2.Public Comment</b>                            | 2. Catherine R. O'Donnell, Esq., Board Chair, opened the floor for public comment.  | 2.n/a  |
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| <b>3. Approval of March 5, 2024, Board Minutes</b> | 3. Board Chair O'Donnell recommended approval of the March 5, 2024, Board minutes.  | <p>3.Approved. Motion made by Robert Bertoni, Vice Chair; seconded by Holly Evanoski.</p> <p>Vote was all "yes". Motion carried.</p>     |
| <b>4. Approval of April 23, 2024, Board Agenda</b> | 4. Board Chair O'Donnell recommended approval of the April 23, 2024, Board agenda.  | <p>4. Approved. Motion made by Robert Bertoni, Vice Chair; seconded by Megan Kennedy, Esq</p> <p>Vote was all "yes." Motion carried.</p> |

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| <b>5. Executive Committee Report</b>                            | <b>5. Catherine R. O'Donnell, Esq., Board Chair, presented the Executive Committee report.</b>   | <b>ACTION TAKEN</b>  |
| 5A. Nomination Committee  | 5A. Catherine R. O'Donnell, Board Chair reported in accordance with the by-laws the nominating committee for the election of officers for the Board of Directors are to be a by May 7 <sup>th</sup> . Board Chair nominated Susan Unvasky to serve as Chair of the Nomination Committee; members include Joseph Esposito and Mayor George Brown. As the Board Secretary has not received any other standing committee chair nominations, if any board members would like to be a part of the committee, please let Board Chair O'Donnell know by May 7 <sup>th</sup> . The By-Laws provide that the Board Officers can serve two consecutive one-year terms. The current officers are Board Chair O'Donnell; Robert Bertoni, Vice Chair and Joseph Long, Board Secretary. All current officers have served one year and are eligible for consideration for a second year. Any Board member or sitting current officers must notify Joseph Long in writing no later than May 7 <sup>th</sup> if he or she would like to be considered for a board officer position. | 5A. No action required.  |
| 5B. Board of Trustees Distinguished Leadership Medal and Trophy | 5B. Recommend that in order to commemorate Thomas P. Leary, nearly 50 years of service to Luzerne County Community College including 16 years as College President the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees approve the first ever Board of Trustees Distinguished Leadership award be formally bestowed upon President Thomas P. Leary during the 56 <sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena.   | 5B. Approved. Motion made by Robert Bertoni, Vice Chair; seconded by Robert Schnee.<br><br>Vote was all "yes." Motion carried. |
| 5C. Naming of New Education Center, Founder's Hall Building 3   | 5C. Recommend the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees approve the naming of the new Educational Center to Founder's Hall-Building 3 as the <b>Luzerne County Community College Marcella Nagorski-Waldo Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning.</b>   | 5C. Approved. Motion made by Robert Schnee; seconded by Dr. William Lewis.<br><br>Vote was all "yes." Motion carried.          |





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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Student Recognition Ceremony</b></li> </ul> | <p>hundreds of donors who have made it possible for our students. Looking to the next academic year, the Foundation has already received over 600 scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 academic year. The deadline to apply is April 30<sup>th</sup> and shortly thereafter the Foundation will award over \$400,000 in scholarship funds. Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> the College will welcome over 60 guests for the annual Legislative Breakfast. The theme is the national and regional teacher shortage and discussion will center around the College's efforts to work for a solution to this shortfall. The day will also consist of a ribbon cutting and dedication of a new educational space on campus as well as a celebration of Arbor Day and a sneak peak of the College's new Yeager Arboretum.</p> <p>Upcoming events include: Communication Arts Student Exhibit, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Dental Health Alumni Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>; Alumni Association Golf Tournament, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Graduate Reception May 21<sup>st</sup>, and the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. And congratulations to our student honorees present this evening.</p> <p>On Tuesday, April 2, 2024, President Thomas P. Leary reported he along with Board Chair Catherine O'Donnell, and Luzerne County Community College's leadership team and had the opportunity to attend the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges Annual Meeting and All-PA Academic Team Awards Banquet to celebrate our outstanding students, whom we will be recognizing this evening.</p> <p>In celebration of April as Community College Month, it is my honor to recognize the following students for their leadership and academic achievements. For 30 years, the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges has joined Phi Theta Kappa to honor students the community colleges nominated to the All-PA Academic Team. The All-PA Academic Team Awards, built from the National All-USA Academic Team for two-year colleges, recognizes an exceptional group of community college students who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrated a commitment to their colleges and their communities. These students represent the great diversity of community colleges and confirm the community colleges' commitment to providing accessible and affordable higher education</p> |  |
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to our region in Northeastern Pennsylvanians and throughout the Commonwealth. Most of the All-PA Academic Team members will graduate intending to continue their education at baccalaureate degree-granting colleges and universities with scholarships.

President Leary invited Board Chair Catherine R. O'Donnell to join him in the presentation of certificates to our student honorees.

**Recipients of the 2024 Pennsylvania All-Academic Team Award:  
Emily Kaufman and Miguel Saldana**

The **Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship** program provides new Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in an associate degree program to develop leadership potential through participation in Phi Theta Kappa programs.

**The COCA-COLA LEADER OF PROMISE SCHOLAR recipients are  
Lalaj Johnson and Emily Kaufman.**

For their demonstrated leadership, service and dedication to Luzerne County Community College and Board Chair O'Donnell and I are honored to present the following **Certificates of Appreciation:**  
**SGA SHAMOKIN** -Katie Clark – President

- BASIC CLUB** -Kevin Lloyd - President
- LCCC BUSINESS CLUB** - Justin Fischer – President, Joseph Maffei, Vice President, Nadia Peimany – Secretary, Mackenzie Salmo – Treasurer
- GAMING CLUB**-Colton Miller – Leadership Team
- LCCC HISTORY CLUB**- Olivia Kishbaugh – President,Kaila Hartman – Vice President, Robert Carroll - Treasurer
- LATINO ALLIANCE**-Hilary Pujols – President, Juribeth Roman – Vice President,Sandy Ortiz – Secretary, Angelina Ramos – Treasurer
- MATH CLUB**-Aaron Anthony – President, Sage Buddock – Vice President, Emily Lewis – Secretary, Odesia Griffith – Treasurer
- NAACP**-Rose Daniels – President, Kasia Stewart – Vice President  
Wanda Walker – Secretary

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|  | <p><b>PEER MENTORS</b>-Catherine Hidalgo,Laura Lehrman,Joseph Maffei<br/>Stephanie McCauley,Deborah Meck,Colton Miller,Miriam Suzadail<br/>Christal Zermane</p> <p><b>PSYCHOLOGY CLUB</b>-Maximillian Dommès – Vice President, Raiden<br/>Vicchitto - Secretary</p> <p><b>TV LCCC</b>-Lalaj Johnson – President, Michael Apichella – Vice President<br/>Bobby Brenner - Secretary</p> <p><b>WSFX RADIO</b> -Elliot Williams – Program Director / President<br/>EJ Samuel – Assistant Program Director/Vice President<br/>John Sobocinski – Sports Director / Secretary<br/>Jarod Briggs – Music Director / Treasurer</p> <p>President Leary congratulated all of the recipients who have distinguished themselves in addition to the classroom and thank them for choosing Luzerne County Community College and acknowledged their families in attendance this evening.</p> |   |
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|  | <b><u>Informational Items</u></b>   |   |
| 1.Unfinished Business-Previous Meeting | 1.Robert Bertoni, Vice Chair, stated as Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, he would like to formally introduce our President-elect, John Yudichak, who joined us this evening in this great occasion of honoring our students.  | 1. No action required.  |
| 2. Communications                      | 2. Board Chair O'Donnell noted all communications were included in the Board packets under informational item.  | 2. No action required.  |
| 3.Adjournment                          | 3. Board Chair O'Donnell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.   | 3. Approved. Motion made by Robert Bertoni, Vice Chair; seconded by Joseph Esposito.<br>Vote was all yes. Motion carried. |