

Bristol Community College  
Fall River, Massachusetts

Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2019

I. Call to Order

The three hundred and sixty-eighth regular meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 6, 2019, in the Community Room NH 25 at New Bedford Campus on 800 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Chair Joan Medeiros called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

Trustees present: Joan Medeiros, Chair; Frank Baptista; Samir Bhattacharyya; Valentina Videva Dufresne; Sara Hincapie; Keith Hovan; Lynn Malasi; Anthony Sapienza; Sandra Saunders, Esq., Secretary; Diane Silvia; and Steven Torres, Esq., Vice Chair.

Trustees absent: None.

II.

Chair Medeiros

### **CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CAREER PATHWAYS (CECP) GRANT**

The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) has awarded Bristol Community College a renewable three-year CECP grant in the amount of \$139,560 to address some of the challenges facing the Early Childhood Education field. These challenges include a severe shortage of diverse, qualified staff to fill certified educator positions, as well as the lack of a career pathway leading to increased credentialing, education and compensation.

This summer, with four community partners, Bristol is offering an intensive course for childcare workers to help them overcome common obstacles to progressing in the Early Childhood Education Program, passing our English 101 course. The course will promote competency-based engagement in integrated reading, writing, oral communication and technology literacy using Open Educational Resources (OER). The grant supports childcare, transportation and Spanish and Portuguese translators.

Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management Ed Cabellon presented the second Talking Point:

### **PORTUGUESE FAMILY NIGHT AND PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE DAY**

On April 18, 2019, Bristol held its first-ever Portuguese Family Night at the Fall River campus. In total, 68 people attended the event representing current students, faculty, staff, potential students, alumni and community partners. Of those in attendance, 28 set foot on campus for the first time. Ten were identified as new probable students to Bristol. The night featured music, a Portuguese meal, and a live broadcast by our own Frank Baptista, founder and host of Radio Voz do Emigrante. Bristol Community College students from the *Luso*



is requiring the college to relocate the entire Fall River ABE and Workforce programs to the Elsbree Street Campus.

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X. New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Medeiros declared the meeting adjourned. The time was 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Saunders, Esq.*

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Sandra Saunders, Esq., Secretary

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Date Approved

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