CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chairman Mark Stephens called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Boardroom at 6:54 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

Present: Ms. Alexis Gonzalez, Ms. Vanessa Moritz, Ms. Donna Peluso, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Mr. Glenn Stam, Mr. Mark Stephens, Ms. Diane Viverito.

Absent: Mr. Glover Johnson.

Mr. Stephens noted that Trustee Johnson was unexpectedly called to work and cannot attend via phone because he is on a plane right now.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Mr. Stam made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moritz, to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Audit Committee of November 18, 2014, and the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2014. Voice vote carried the motion 6-0 with Trustee Viverito abstaining and the Student Trustee voting yes.

COMMENTS ON THIS AGENDA
None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
Ashley Knight from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators announced to the Board that Dr. Quincy Martin, AVP of Student Services, has been recognized by NASPA with their Region IV-East Outstanding Community College Professional Award. Dr. Knight remarked that Dr. Martin has shown demonstrated leadership and commitment in student affairs and been actively involved with the NASPA organization. In addition, Dr. Martin is a finalist for a national award.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Employee Groups
Faculty Association President Stu Sikora wished happy holidays to everyone.

Mid-Management Association President John Cadero wished the Board happy holidays.

Adjunct Faculty Association President Bill Justiz reported that adjunct Michael Kazanjian donated a TV he won back to the Foundation to raffle off. He wished everyone happy holidays.

STUDENT SENATE REPORT
Student Trustee Alexis Gonzalez reported that TCSA has concluded planning the Town Hall meeting logistics for next semester. In addition, students have selected their topic for outreach in February, which will be creating a greater awareness of mental illnesses among college students. Ms. Gonzalez wished Triton College and the Board of Trustees a happy holiday.
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs/Student Affairs
Ms. Viverito reported that the committee met earlier this month and is in support of the action exhibits on the Board agenda that pertain to academic and student areas.

Finance/Maintenance & Operations
Ms. Peluso reported that the committee met, discussed, and recommended all of the action items to the Board of Trustees for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chairman Stephens reviewed a history of the $53 million bond issue, including the community meetings, Board meetings, special meetings, and email gathering of campus-wide input into the projects to be accomplished with the bond revenue. He stressed the importance of hearing from all interested and impacted parties as plans were made, and then introduced the final presentation on the Bond Projects.

Vice President of Business Services Sean Sullivan also discussed the bond issue history, highlighting the second highest rating received from Moody’s for the college’s bond sale, the fact that no increase to local property taxes is anticipated in connection with the bond sale or projects, and that projects need to be completed over a three year time period.

Mr. Sullivan presented and discussed the following projects: A Building entrance with ADA ramp, A Building exterior, A Building second floor interior including Adult Ed, Auditorium, Bakery, Cafeteria, Bistro, Cernan Center, Cox Auditorium, Science labs, Child Care Center, Architecture department move, Athletic facilities, Engineering Technology program expansion, adult-friendly classroom furniture, enhanced student spaces, greenhouses, B Building first floor, B Building second floor including Veterans Resource Center, T Building soffit and façade, walking path, and window replacements at entrances.

Mr. Stephens emphasized the importance of communication with areas affected by projects, and encouraged employees to get involved and let the planners know of their needs. Ms. Gonzalez reiterated her continuing concern about decreased participation in Student Life if it is moved upstairs. Mr. Sullivan explained that there will still be a Student Affairs kiosk on the first floor to create engagement, and he stressed the need for Student Life to be on the second floor to bring it to life as the hub of student activity.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Patricia Granados read a statement about her experiences at Triton College, serving our students and community since 1984, and thanked the Board and everyone who supported her and believed in her. She reminded everyone that student success is priority one, and wished the best to Interim President Moore as she steps in.
CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
Chairman Mark Stephens commented on the success of both the President’s Reception and the Holiday party. He thanked everyone for their support while his mother was sick, and wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

Ms. Viverito read a resolution, sponsored by Pete Silvestri and endorsed by the entire Cook County Board and its President Toni Preckwinkle, praising Dr. Granados for her many years of service to the students and Triton College community. The entire room honored Dr. Granados with a standing ovation.

Mr. Stephens acknowledged the passing of a good friend of Triton College, Illinois State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION EXHIBITS
With leave of the Board, the Tax Levy Action Exhibit was moved to the front of the action exhibits.

15471 2014 Tax Levy
Mr. Stephens asked if the college has determined the estimated amount to be raised by taxation. Vice President of Business Services Sean Sullivan replied as follows. In accordance with the FY 2015 Budget approved by the Board of Trustees in September, the college has determined that the estimated amount of money to be raised by taxation, prior to the county extension and exclusive of election costs for tax year 2014, is $24,844,677. The proposed 2014 tax levy represents a 0% increase by the Board of Trustees over the 2013 extended aggregate tax levy. The proposed aggregate levy of $24,844,677 is $6,043 less than the 2013 final aggregate levy of $24,850,720. The proposed flat levy, plus the county extension, will provide the college with a portion of the financial resources necessary to support the educational plan for the current fiscal year as presented in the FY 2015 Budget as approved by the Board of Trustees in September of 2014. Chairman Stephens stated that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the proposed 2014 tax levy, subject to the Cook County extension and as presented without increase by the Board over the 2013 extended levy, subject to approval during this meeting.

Ms. Peluso made a motion to approve the 2014 Tax Levy, seconded by Mrs. Potter. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

With no objection from the Board, Mr. Stephens asked for the remaining Action Exhibits to be taken as a group, including:

15470 Budget Transfers
15472 Certification of Compliance with Truth in Taxation Act
15473 Ektron Website Software Maintenance Renewal
15474 Reinsurance for the College Health Plan
15475 PPO Health Insurance Plan Eligibility Provision Change
15476 Memorandum of Agreement with the Cook County Health and Hospital System
Ms. Peluso made a motion to approve the Action Exhibits, seconded by Ms. Moritz. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

PURCHASING SCHEDULES

B37.09 Leadership Monument Project

B37.10 Districtwide Schedule of Classes – Summer 2015

Ms. Peluso made a motion to approve the Purchasing Schedules, seconded by Mrs. Potter. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

BILLS AND INVOICES

Mr. Stam made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peluso, to pay the Bills and Invoices in the amount of $3,049,563.05.

Roll Call Vote:
  Affirmative:   Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Moritz, Ms. Peluso, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Stam,  
                 Mr. Stephens, Ms. Viverito.  
  Absent:       Mr. Johnson.

Motion carried 6-0 with the Student Trustee voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Peluso made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss and consider the hiring, discipline, performance, and compensation of certain personnel, matters of collective bargaining, acquisition of real property, and matters of pending, probable, or imminent litigation, seconded by Mrs. Potter.

Roll Call Vote:
  Affirmative:   Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Moritz, Ms. Peluso, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Stam,  
                 Mr. Stephens, Ms. Viverito.  
  Absent:       Mr. Johnson.

Motion carried 6-0 with the Student Trustee voting yes. Chairman Stephens wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and the Board went into Closed Session at 8:25 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Stam made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Ms. Peluso.

Roll Call Vote:
  Affirmative:   Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Moritz, Ms. Peluso, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Stam,  
                 Mr. Stephens, Ms. Viverito.  
  Absent:       Mr. Johnson.
Motion carried 6-0 with the Student Trustee voting yes. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:46 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

1.0 Faculty
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Ms. Viverito, to approve page 1 of the Human Resources Report, items 1.1.01 through 1.2.02. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

2.0 Adjunct Faculty
No action on page 2 of the Human Resources Report.

3.0 Administration
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Ms. Viverito, to approve page 3 of the Human Resources Report, items 3.1.01 through 3.1.04. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

4.0 Classified, Police & Engineers
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to approve pages 4 and 5 of the Human Resources Report, items 4.1.01 through 4.4.02. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

5.0 Mid-Management
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Ms. Viverito, to approve pages 6 and 7 of the Human Resources Report, items 5.1.01 through 5.3.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

6.0 Hourly Employees
Ms. Peluso made a motion, seconded by Ms. Viverito, to approve pages 8 through 10 of the Human Resources Report, items 6.1.01 through 6.4.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

7.0 Other
Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to approve page 11 of the Human Resources Report, item 7.1.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Mrs. Potter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Viverito. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by: Mark R. Stephens            Diane Viverito
            Board Chairman            Board Secretary

Susan Page, Recording Secretary