CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chairman Mark Stephens called the Retreat of the Board of Trustees to order in the Boardroom at 10:05 p.m. The following roll call was taken.

Present: Mr. Luke Casson, Mr. Gustavo Muñoz, Ms. Donna Peluso, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Mr. Jay Reyes, Mr. Mark Stephens, Ms. Diane Viverito.

Absent: Mr. Glover Johnson.

COMMENTS ON THIS AGENDA
Chairman Stephens commented that the agenda items will be flipped, with the Community Demographics item coming after the Board Self-Evaluation item.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
None.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION
Consultants Mike Monaghan, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, and Dr. Patricia Granados were present for the Board Retreat. There was a brief discussion about the best way to conduct a retreat, and whether it should be in open or closed session. This topic was deferred to a later time.

Board Policies were discussed, with Dr. Granados stating that regarding the Travel Policy, the HLC feels that approval of travel is within a president’s purview. A draft of a new policy will be brought to an Agenda Planning meeting for discussion prior to a recommendation coming to the Board.

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS
Consultant Nancy McNerney provided data to the Board to define the Triton District Profile, the Triton Student Profile, and a comparison to other Illinois community colleges. Included were statistics on the population and the job market in the area. Also presented was data broken down by district high school that included student characteristics and retention rates.

Dr. McNerney highlighted the good news: tuition is low, costs are low, the in-district market share is higher than most Illinois community colleges, the out-of-district enrollment is the second highest in the state, and the current student population reflects the district population in terms of race/ethnic origin. She also highlighted the bad news: district high school population is declining, nearly 40 percent of district high school students are low income, Triton students have the sixth lowest ACT score in the state, the number of jobs in the district has declined by 22 percent over the past thirteen years, and enrollment continues to decline.

Lastly, Dr. McNerney provided facts that Triton can use to boost enrollment, including reasons that high school graduates might want to consider Triton College, and some Triton programs with high starting salaries.
Chairman Stephens directed that this presentation be sent to all Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Ms. Peluso to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Viverito. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Mark R. Stephens  
Board Chairman

Diane Viverito  
Board Secretary

Susan Page  
Susan Page, Recording Secretary