CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Stephens called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Boardroom at 7:12 p.m. The following roll call was taken.

Present: Mr. Jarrell David, Mr. Tracy Jennings, Mr. Glover Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter,

Mr. Rich Regan, Ms. Diane Viverito, Mr. Mark Stephens.

Absent: Mr. Luke Casson.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mrs. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2025. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

COMMENTS ON THIS AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Employee Groups

Faculty Association President Leslie Wester reported that Triton College placed 7th in the Northeast Regional Ethics Bowl competition held last weekend, outperforming several four-year institutions, including the University of Chicago and the University of Pittsburgh. She also noted that Harper College will host the Two-Year Regional Ethics Bowl this coming weekend, November 22, as part of the APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl regional competitions.

Dr. Wester recognized the outstanding work of the Culinary Department, highlighting Chef Manuel "Manny" Uribe and Chef Christopher Clem for leading the Thanksgiving meal initiative, which will provide 1,000 free Thanksgiving meals to individuals in need, including Triton College students and community members. She expressed appreciation for their efforts in creating the menu, securing funding, and collaborating with students to execute the project.

Finally, Dr. Wester reported that both the online and paper versions of the faculty agreement approved in June are now available. She thanked the faculty and administrators who dedicated many hours to reviewing and editing the contract to ensure all details are accurate and up to date.

STUDENT SENATE REPORT

TCSA President Dmytriy Havrylyak shared several highlights from this month. PTK hosted Brew 4 You event last week to raise awareness of homelessness during National Homeless Awareness Month. Approximately 300 cups of coffee were distributed to students, faculty, and attendees. Several clubs and organizations participated, highlighting their roles within the college.

TCSA is collaborating with students to establish the GED Alumni Club, aimed at supporting individuals who completed the GED program at Triton and are now pursuing credit courses.

The Triton Computing Society Club participated in the Department of Energy's CyberForce competition, a nationwide cybersecurity contest involving over 80 schools. Triton performed strongly, outscoring the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC) and DePaul University.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs/Student Affairs

Ms. Viverito reported that the committee met earlier this month. They reviewed items related to academic and student affairs and approved them unanimously.

Finance/Maintenance & Operations

Mrs. Potter reported that the committee met on November 5 and reviewed twelve new business items and two purchasing schedules that were unanimously approved and sent to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Mary-Rita Moore announced that Triton College has been named one of the 200 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's leading recognition of achievement and performance among two-year colleges. Selection was based on student outcomes data, including retention, completion, transfer, and bachelor's attainment rates. President Moore noted that Triton remains truly rooted in its mission by supporting learners through accessible, affordable, and quality education, as they pursue pathways to careers, further education, and personal advancement. "This recognition highlights years of intentional, college-wide efforts to improve access, completion, transfer, and workforce outcomes for every student," she said. This marks only the beginning of a much longer process. The nation's top community college will be announced in the spring of 2027, following a 20-month investigation by the selection panel. Semifinalists will be revealed in April, with finalists announced next summer.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Stephens reported that the 29th Annual Triton College Foundation President's Reception will be held tomorrow, November 19, at Elmcrest Banquets in Elmwood Park. He noted that his best teacher ever, Russell Anderson, will be recognized posthumously at the event for his tireless work and dedication to student success. Next year, the Chairman noted the event will honor retired Board Secretary Susan Page for her exemplary work and extraordinary commitment to Triton's mission, with a scholarship being established in her name.

The Chairman emphasized the importance of celebrating our families, describing them as the driving force and purpose of our lives. Grateful for his three children and two grandchildren, he wished all attendees a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION EXHIBITS

A. <u>Board Policy</u> – First Reading

3519, 3519.1, 3519.6 Campus Safety Board Policy Updates

B. Action Exhibits

The following action exhibits were taken as a group.

- 17294 Budget Transfers
- 17295 Morton Salt, Inc. Vendor Limit Approval
- 17296 US Bank Prepaid Expense Card Program
- 17297 A & T Building Corridor Flooring Installation Project Consolidated Flooring
- 17298 2026 Inspira Financial FSA Administrative Services Fees
- 17299 2026 Delta Dental PPO Premium Rates
- 17300 2026 Delta Dental Voluntary Plan Premium Rates
- 17301 2026 Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Premium Rates
- 17302 2026 Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO Premium Rates
- 17303 American Digital Aruba Wireless Access Points Refresh
- 17304 College Curriculum Committee Recommendations
- 17305 Agreement with Rosemont Theatre
- 17306 Student Community Employment Experience with Wonder Works Children's Museum

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve the Action Exhibits. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

PURCHASING SCHEDULES

- B48.07 Triton College Continuing Education Guide
- B48.08 FY26 Admissions Welcome Packet

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

BILLS AND INVOICES

Mr. Stephens made a motion, seconded by Ms. Viverito, to pay the Bills and Invoices in the amount of \$6,455.277.97.

Roll Call Vote:

Affirmative: Mr. David, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Regan,

Ms. Viverito, Mr. Stephens.

Absent: Mr. Casson.

Motion carried 6-0 with Student Trustee voting yes.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

1.0 Faculty

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter to approve page 1 of the Human Resources Report, item 1.1.01 through 1.1.02. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

2.0 Adjunct Faculty

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve pages 2-4 of the Human Resources Report, items 2.1.01 through 2.7.03. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

3.0 Administration

Mrs. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan to approve page 5 of the Human Resources Report, items 3.1.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

4.0 Classified, Police & Engineers

Mr. Jennings made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve pages 6-7 of the Human Resources Report, items 4.1.01 through 4.4.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

5.0 Mid-Management

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jennings to approve pages 8-9 of the Human Resources Report, items 5.1.01 through 5.5.02. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

6.0 Hourly Employees

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve pages 10-11 of the Human Resources Report, items 6.1.01 through 6.4.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

7.0 Other

Mr. Jennings made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to approve pages 12-14 of the Human Resources Report, items 7.1.01 through 7.7.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Ms. Viverito to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board, seconded by Mrs. Potter. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Mark R. Stephens Tracy Jennings Board Chair **Board Secretary**

<u>Margaret Kluza</u> Margaret Kluza, Recording Secretary