



MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Friday, April 24 2020  
11:00am

In accordance with Governor Charles Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20" and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office's March 12, 2020 Guidance, please note the following: Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design Board of Trustees will be held through remote participation via conference call number: +1 929 436 2866; Meeting ID: 928 9426 5299; Password: 529535.

**MINUTES**

**Trustees attending:** Jan Saragoni (Chair), Daren Bascome, Elisa Hamilton, John Intoppa, Karen Keane, Denise Korn, David Lee, Bill McQuillan, Peter Nessen, Pamela Parisi, Linda Snyder. David Nelson (Ex-Officio).

**Trustees absent:** none

Also participating: Kym Pinder, Gina Yarbrough, Susana Segat (Board Secretary).

Call to order

Chair Saragoni called the meeting to order at 11:08am. She welcomes trustees and members of the public. She noted that all votes would be recorded through roll call.

Approval of the minutes

Chair Saragoni presented the minutes for the recent board meetings.

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 11 in favor, none against, and none abstaining, it was

**VOTED: To approve the minutes of the following full board of trustee meetings:**

- **2/4/2020**
- **2/21/2020 retreat**
- **3/27/2020**
- **and 4/7/2020.**

Roll Call: Bascome, yes; Hamilton, yes; Intoppa, yes; Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Lee, yes; McQuillan, yes; Nessen, yes; Parisi, yes; Snyder, yes; Saragoni, yes.

Items requiring a vote: *Special Committee on the Presidential Vacancy*

Chair Saragoni said that having been advised that no vote needed to be taken, she would appoint a special committee of the board to make recommendations to the full board on the process for hiring a new president, including the search process, timeframe, search firm, search committee, and position description. She said that she would be appointing the trustees who expressed interest to serve on this special committee: Trustees Hamilton, Intoppa, Nessen, and Snyder. She asked that this special committee provide trustees with an update on their recommendations at the full board meeting in June. Chair Saragoni said that trustees would also be serving on the campus-wide search committee, once it is established.

Items requiring a vote: *Delegated authority*

Chair Saragoni asked General Counsel Yarbrough to read her recommended motion for delegating authority. Trustees then moved to approve said motion. President Nelson said that trustees delegate authority each summer to make decisions in a timely manner: instead of having that delegation from June through August, he said it would be more efficient to do this from April through August. Trustees lauded Provost Pinder for agreeing to take the interim president role, expressed their unwavering support and gratitude for her efforts, and asked that this support for Dr. Pinder be added as a friendly amendment to the motion.

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 11 in favor, none against, and none abstaining, it was

**VOTED Log 20-26: That the MassArt BOT approves the delegation of board powers to the president, including interim/acting president, effective April 2020 and through August 2020. Furthermore, that the BOT expresses their support and gratitude to Dr. Pinder for taking the interim/acting president position.**

Roll Call: Bascome, yes; Hamilton, yes; Intoppa, yes; Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Lee, yes; McQuillan, yes; Nessen, yes; Parisi, yes; Snyder, yes; Saragoni, yes.

Chair Saragoni led trustees through a round of applause for Dr. Pinder.

New business

President Nelson reported on the round of virtual forums he and Provost Pinder have been hosting. He noted that extraordinary work continues to be produced by all at MassArt.

President Nelson left the meeting at 11:21am.

VP O'Malley reminded trustees that the live auction would be taking place on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Trustee Keane for leading the virtual event, Trustee Hamilton for submitting her art as one of the 352 pieces to be sold, and Trustee McQuillan for being the first person to purchase a sponsorship. Trustees congratulated her and Executive Director Calnan for their extraordinary job in exceeding a million views and raising \$147k to date on the silent part of the auction. They requested flyers that they would be able to distribute.

Trustee Parisi asked for further information on the planning for the upcoming partnership plan renewal. Dr. Pinder said that the college would confirm the possibility of having a deadline extension. Trustees asked for more opportunities to discuss this agreement as it is being drafted.

Trustee Intoppa said that the Student Government Association vote for next year's trustee has been pushed back a bit due to a lack of participation. He asked to be considered for the presidential search committee, regardless of whether he is elected to return to the BOT.

Trustee Lee left the meeting at 11:35am.

Chair Saragoni thanked chief of staff Segat for her work keeping the trains running with skill and ease.

On a motion duly made and seconded at 11:38am, it was unanimously  
**VOTED: to adjourn.**