

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Mark Stephens called the Board Retreat to order in the Boardroom at 7:28 p.m.
The following roll call was taken.

Present: Mr. Tracy Jennings, Mr. Glover Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter,
Mr. Rich Regan, Mr. Mark Stephens.

Absent: Ms. Naidelin Alvarez, Mr. Luke Casson, Ms. Diane Viverito.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

Highlights of the open discussion in response to the questions contained in the Board Evaluation Policy (policy language shown as *italicized text*) are reflected below.

Community Involvement

- A. *How involved is the Board in the community?*
- B. *Are there opportunities in the district that the Board could become involved in that would benefit the college?*
- C. *Are there events Board members could speak at that would raise the level of interest in the college?*

Mr. Stephens stated that all Trustees are involved and well respected in the community. Discussion around item C included that during enrollment strategy discussions, it has not been suggested that the Board speak to different groups. Board members feel they are good cheerleaders for the college, but can't get too involved because of HLC. Mr. Johnson commented that he doesn't hear Triton talked about as much as some other community colleges and asked if there's a plan for Trustee involvement. Mr. Jennings noted the importance of comparing the costs of different institutions.

Enrollment Strategies

- A. *Is Triton's enrollment plan working?*
- B. *Does the Board have a role in encouraging enrollment?*
- C. *Is the Board confident in Triton's on-going enrollment strategy?*

Mr. Stephens commented that enrollment is an issue everywhere. During the pandemic, Triton's enrollment was second in the state.

Public Image of Triton

- A. *What does the public think of Triton?*
- B. *Does the Board feel that the College is adequately articulating positive messages?*
- C. *What does the Board think is the most positive message Triton can convey to the district?*

The strategy of getting children and families on campus for sporting contests and other activities was discussed as a great way to send a positive message to the community about what Triton has to offer.

Financial Challenges

- A. *What financial challenges does Triton face this next year?*
- B. *Is the Board confident of an increase in state funding?*
- C. *What demands will collective bargaining have on the college?*

It was discussed that there are always challenges, and that solutions are found with everyone working together. As far as collective bargaining goes, the last contract negotiations were settled in one session. Legislation and lobbying efforts in Springfield were considered.

Triton's Future

- A. *What does the Board want Triton to look like in five years?*
- B. *What size student population is desirable?*
- C. *How large a faculty & staff would facilitate that population?*

Board member comments included that the college is in a position for growth, and that helping with student drop-outs is essential to this community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Retreat. Motion was made by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Potter. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by: Mark R. Stephens
Board Chairman

Tracy Jennings
Board Secretary

Susan Page
Susan Page, Recording Secretary