

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN  
MARYLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**August 19, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees held a special meeting on August 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom Board Chair Shawn Coates called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following trustees were present: Christy Lombardi, Sonja Cox, Kenneth Abell, Jose Gonzalez, and Cordelia Postell. Jay Webster was absent.

**Approval of August 19, 2022 Agenda**

Trustee Cox made a motion to approve the July 27, 2022. Trustee Abell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**COVID-19**

President Murphy updated the board on recent Center for Disease guidelines which erase the distinctions among people based on vaccination status, further stating that the vaccination rates in Southern Maryland are over 80%, and the substantial annual cost of a third-party tracking program is no longer able to be covered by stimulus funds. The president then requested that the board eliminate the current vaccination requirements for all students and employees, with the understanding that COVID-19 vaccinations may still be required for students and employees who work in health care facilities, as well as some student-athletes, competing in other locations that require vaccinations. College leadership will continue to monitor Southern Maryland's COVID-19 community risk levels, and may require indoor masking when risk levels are high.

Trustee Gonzalez made a motion to eliminate the current vaccination requirements for all students and employees, with the understanding that COVID-19 vaccinations may still be required for students and employees who work in health care facilities, as well as some student-athletes, competing in other locations that require vaccinations. Trustee Abell seconded the motion. The vote is as follows: Yea votes by Trustees Gonzalez, Abell, Cox, Lombardi, and Coates. Abstain from the vote by Trustee Postell. Absent from the vote was Trustee Webster.

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

Trustee Lombardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shawn Coates, Chair



Maureen Murphy, President



