

Washtenaw Technical Middle College
Meeting Minutes – WMTC Board of Directors
May 8, 2022

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 8:41 a.m. Today's meeting was held in the WTMC Hoop House.

II. Roll Call: Chairman White, Director Gensheimer, Director Miller, Director Milshteyn, Director Muthig, and Director Richards-Schuster

III. Hoop House Presentation and Tour: Director of the Hoop House Lisa Babe gave the group a tour and explained what had been planted in each of the beds by the ninth graders. Each of the students had one square foot of space to plant seeds, which took place on February 21st. The students visited the Hoop House and took care of their plants, then harvested over 150 pounds of produce which was donated to Food Gatherers. Lisa also worked with environmental science teachers Michelle Vanhala and Katie Torkelson-Regan. Lisa is creating a great experience for students both educationally, socially and emotionally. She is teaching life skills, growing and cooking and working in the community. Drew Zemper, science instructor came by the meeting and talked about the aquaponics tanks on the top of the LA building, and what he has been teaching up there. We have a 300-gallon fish tank with goldfish, tilapia, and very soon we will have catfish. There are also eight 50 gallon grow bed in the hydroponics lab. Drew has done a great deal of work to get the space ready for classes.

IV. Public or Staff Communications: There were none at this meeting.

V. COVID19 Update: Dr. Covert – WCC has lifted the mask mandate on campus. We will continue to monitor the trends in the Washtenaw County. Most staff members are continuing to wear a mask while on campus.

VI. Updates and Announcements: The WTMC graduation ceremony will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the EMU Convocation Center starting at 2:00 p.m. Director Gensheimer and Director Milshteyn will be attending.

VII. Consent Agenda: The Meeting Agenda, April Meeting Minutes, and the March Financial Statements were all approved. Director Gensheimer moved and Director Richards-Schuster seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Oath of Office and Conflict of Interest: Board Members who were present completed the Oath of Office and Conflict of Interest paperwork and oath.

IX. Committee Reports: Finance Committee, Director Miller will be meeting with Dr. Covert and Director Milshteyn soon to go over the budget. Governance Committee, Chairman White reported that the committee has received another name to add to the list of potential new members. Policy Committee, nothing to report at this meeting.

X. Deans Report: Dr. Covert has been working on the new contract with WCC. Our classroom and office space have grown over the past 5 years. Our current contract expires on June 30, 2022. Our new 5-year contract must be authorized by the WCC Board of Trustees.

XX. Adjournment: Chairman White moved to adjourn and Director Gensheimer seconded; the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. Board members then toured the Aquaponics/hydroponics lab with Drew Zemper on the top of the LA building.