

# MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

JULY 30, 2008

WELLS FARGO PLACE

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

**Trustees Present:** Duane Benson, Cheryl Dickson, Jacob Englund, Ruth Grendahl, Clarence Hightower, Allyson Lueneburg, Dan McElroy, Louise Sundin, Scott Thiss, Terri Thomas and James Van Houten

**Trustees Absent:** Chair David Olson, David Paskach, Thomas Renier and Christine Rice

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### 1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Ruth Grendahl called the special meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and reported that a quorum was present.

### 2. Appointment of President of Hennepin Technical College

Chancellor James McCormick reported that Marvin Patterson has served as interim president of Hennepin Technical College since March 2008. A nationwide presidential search began thereafter with the assistance of an executive search firm. Keith Stover, president of South Central College chaired the search committee. Chancellor McCormick, along with members of the Board of Trustees and Cabinet from the Office of the Chancellor, interviewed four candidates. As a result of this process, Chancellor McCormick is recommending Dr. Cecilia Y.M. Cervantes for the presidency of Hennepin Technical College.

Dr. Cervantes currently is president of the College of Alameda in Alameda, California. Previously, she served as associate vice president for lifelong learning and career-technical education at El Paso Community College District in Texas; provost of the Transmountain campus of El Paso Community College District; associate campus director for instruction and associate professor of reading at Doña Ana Community College in New Mexico; vice president of academic affairs at Western New Mexico University; dean of continuing education and dean of arts and humanities and director of federal projects at Community College of Denver; reading coordinator of the Right to Read project at the Denver Public Library; and an elementary teacher in the Ysleta Public Schools in Texas. She holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a master's degree in education from the University of Texas, El Paso, and a doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Colorado.

*Trustee Benson moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick, appoints Dr. Cecilia Y.M. Cervantes as president of Hennepin Technical College effective October 1, 2008, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The Board authorizes the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Board and Chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators. Trustee Hightower seconded and the motion carried.*

Dr. Cervantes expressed her appreciation to Chancellor McCormick and the Board of Trustees. She added that Hennepin Technical College will continue to deliver the highest services and develop and maintain a partnership within the communities of color.

**3. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Grendahl adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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Ingeborg K. Chapin  
Secretary to the Board