

Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

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July 23, 2020

Resource: Dr. H. Neil Matkin
District President

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of Approval Granting Extension of Temporary Authority to the District President to Implement Measures as Needed for the Health, Safety, and Well-being of College Students and Employees, Secure the College's Academic Integrity, and Support the On-going Operations and Workforce of the College

DISCUSSION:

In coordination with all appropriate authorities, the College has taken significant measures to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the outbreak and spread of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19 disease, within the College's campuses. Measures implemented are consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and disaster and public health emergency declarations issued by the state and Collin County, as well as guidance from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The College has a valid public purpose to consider and take appropriate measures to ensure a stable workforce and to provide continued academic and workforce programming during this extraordinary period of time. Temporary authority was granted to the District President through June 30, 2020, at the emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 17, 2020.

To continue responding in a timely manner to meet the unexpected needs of the College during the COVID-19 pandemic and to prepare for any future state actions, the District President of Collin College requests an extension of this temporary authority through January 31, 2021, to take actions within the existing Board-approved budget to address business and academic continuity priorities while responding to the pandemic emergency, including to:

- In the event another shelter-in-place state order is issued, or similar government measures are implemented, examine and ensure continuity of pay on a temporary basis until the next regularly scheduled or emergency board meeting for all

College employees for regularly scheduled work hours at the normal rate of pay, when it is determined that employees should not be present on campus and when neither telecommuting nor working on campus are viable options, or similar personnel actions are warranted.

- Authorize the modification of class schedules, academic calendars, events such as graduations, pinnings, and other gatherings, and related matters as needed;
- Authorize the purchase of additional licenses, as required, for vendors such as Zoom, Proctor-U, Canvas, and other resources necessary;
- Authorize the implementation of other academic and administrative measures clearly related to continuing operations of the College and ensure that the College may expend necessary funds in connection with the implementation of those measures;
- To issue certain refunds of fees or other expenses, as deemed appropriate in response to emergency declarations within Collin County and the College's service area; and
- Authorize the purchase of additional Personal Protective Equipment and sanitization supplies, as needed to maintain the college facilities.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S
RECOMMENDATION:**

The District President recommends approval be granted to extend temporary authority to the District President through January 31, 2021, to implement measures as needed for the health, safety, and well-being of Collin College students and employees, secure the College's academic integrity, and support the on-going operations and the workforce of the College.

MOTION:

"Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves extending temporary authority to the District President through January 31, 2021, to implement measures needed for the health, safety, and well-being of Collin College students and employees, secure the College's academic integrity, and support on-going operations and the workforce of the College."