

The 273rd meeting of the Board of Trustees
Mount Wachusett Community College
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
North Cafe
Meeting Minutes

A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Freda called the meeting to order at 3:38 PM

B. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Claire Freda, Patti Bergstrom, Rick Walton, Tricia Pistone, Doug Petersen, Sheila Murphy, and Justina Johnson

Unable to attend: Denise Gosselin and Irene Hernandez

Also, present from the College: President Vander Hooven, newly elected student trustee, Oren Cohen, a few members of the Leadership team and Executive Assistant Laurie Snoonian

C. **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- a. **AD – 1314 – Authority to Confer Degrees** – Acting Chair Freda asked for a motion to approve the president to confer degrees to our students. A motion was made by Ms. Bergstrom and seconded by Mr. Petersen. All approved. Motion carried.

President Vander Hooven thanked Justina Johnson for her service to the board. The amount of time she has given of herself to the college community has been admirable, as not only has she served on the board, but has done this while juggling student activities, family, and friends. Jim also welcomed Oren Cohen our new student trustee who was just sworn in right before the start of this meeting. Oren told the board about himself and how his journey has led him to Mount Wachusett.

D. **ADJOURNMENT** – Acting Chair Freda asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Bergstrom and seconded by Ms. Pistone. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Snoonian