

Board of Trustees Audit and Finance Sub-Committee
via Zoom
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
4:30pm – 5:00pm

Attendees: Trustees Marianne Paley Nadel, William Cox, Jeffrey Linehan, Jennifer Borislow, Mark Foreman, President Lane Glenn, Michael McCarthy and Erin Ringuette

Due to the pandemic climate, the main order of this meeting is to review, discuss and make a motion to approve the Security Bid and to give an update on when the College Operating Budget will be reviewed. There will be no other business at this time. Meeting minutes from December 2019, February 2020 and April 2020 will be approved at the June meeting if possible.

The meeting came to order at 4:34pm. The following was discussed:

Trustee Marianne Paley Nadel asked about who has previously supplied NECC with these services and why we're doing the bidding process now. Michael McCarthy stated that Eagle Security Services has provided previous service. Knowing the contract was coming up to bid, the NECC Chief of Police has a proposal for a new structure for security, with public safety and police officers. The proposal reduces the need for as many public safety guards. Instead, smaller number of public safety guards with offset of armed police officers on each campus. The projected numbers showed NECC could put this new structure in place for the same amount being paid to Eagle. 7 bids were submitted. 4 were disqualified, moved forward with 3 final presentations. A few reasons NECC chose SecureAmerica - they provide reduced cost for services, provide their own uniforms, their own technology and their own training.

AFC-20-07: New Security Bid: SecureAmerica

With a motion presented by Trustee William Cox, and seconded by Trustee Jennifer Borislow, the Committee approved the security bid from SecureAmerica. It is a three (3) year contract from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 and is approximately 1.1 million dollars per year. The contract has two (2) optional one (1) year renewals through 2025.

The Committee discussed what COVID security provisions were being put in place. Michael McCarthy commented that Chief Crafts is heading the logistical planning and working with a Task Force to handle issues such as the return process. Several different departments are involved. The Committee was pleased that the issues were being addressed.

President Lane discussed the Re-opening State Task Force. NECC discussing what the Fall structure will look like, but also listening to what the state is saying. It would be wise to be put a similar plan in place. President Lane said his colleagues across the state are trying to keep each other informed.

In terms of the budget, President Lane said the state doesn't know when it'll have a budget. NECC will have to shift the timeline based on government expectations. May ask the board to reconvene around July 1st. This gives the state more time and hopefully NECC will have a better idea of what the budget looks like in June.

With no further business, Trustee William Cox motioned to end the meeting, Trustee Jeffrey Linehan seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 4:58pm.