

**Town of Needham
Select Board
Minutes for Thursday October 17, 2024
Glavin Chapel
17 Babson College Drive
Wellesley, MA 02482**

8:00 a.m. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Select Board was convened by Chair Kevin Keane. Those present were Vice Chair Heidi Frail, Marianne Cooley, Cathy Dowd, Joshua Levy, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, Deputy Town Manager Katie King, Also present were President Stephen Spinelli and members of the Babson Senior Leadership Team.

- Stephen Spinelli Jr. President
- Erin Carcia, Executive Director, Campus Safety and Chief of Police
- Ed Chiu, Governor Craig R. Benson Endowed Executive Vice President of Advancement
- Kate Deeb, Strategic Initiatives and Operations Director
- Michael Layish, Vice President and General Counsel
- Donna Levin, CEO, Arthur M. Blank School Of Entrepreneurial Leadership
- Ruthanne Madsen, Vice President, Enrollment Management and Financial Aid
- Colleen Meader, Executive Assistant to the President
- Kerry Salerno, Vice President and CMO
- Donna Stoddard, Dean of the Faculty

President Spinelli provided the Board with a state of the college, discussed sustainability, AI, fundraising, the applicant pool, and the College's recent rank as the #2 college in the U.S. by the Wall Street Journal. He discussed recent and planned renovations at the college, and expressed a desire to further collaborate with the Town of Needham. Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Levy asked about the College's experience in attracting diverse candidates. Ms. Madsen discussed the College's recruitment efforts. Ms. Levin discussed various opportunities at the Blank Cetner for Entrepreneurship. Mr. Keane thanked President Spinelli and encouraged collaboration with community groups in Needham as well as the Town.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:30 a.m.

A list of all documents used at this Select Board meeting is available at:
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