

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 13, 2018**

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Use of Fed Ex Discontinued.

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018 a 19 year old man walked into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida armed with an AR-15 rifle, where he opened fire on students and faculty, killing at least seventeen; and

WHEREAS, this incident marks the latest in a series of mass shootings in the United States in the 19 years since the infamous shooting at Columbine High School; and

WHEREAS, in that wake of these shootings, many major U.S. retailers have cut or restricted their ties to the National Rifle Association (NRA), specifically United and Delta Airlines have discontinued their discount for NRA members, and Hertz, Avis, Budget, LifeLock and MetLife have similarly discontinued certain benefits offered to NRA members; and

WHEREAS, major sporting goods retailers have re-evaluated the way they do business with regard to firearm sales: Dick's Sporting Goods ended its sales of military-style semi-automatic rifles and is requiring all customers to be older than 21 to buy a firearm at its stores, and it will no longer sell high-capacity magazines; Walmart similarly has raised the minimum gun buying age to 21; and

WHEREAS, while both the United States Postal Service (USPS) and UPS ship firearms or ammunition under very strict regulations and guidelines, FedEx continues to offer accommodations to eighty six (86) firearms manufacturers and the NRA (according to a company document obtained by ThinkProgress.org); and

WHEREAS, FedEx has publicly refused to sever its ties with, or discontinue its discounts for, members of the NRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Hudson County Community College believe that common-sense firearm regulations are necessary to promote a safe learning environment for the College's students; and

WHEREAS, the NRA continues to resist common-sense firearm regulations by lobbying legislators, and opposing any Federal and State legislation that would affect gun ownership and use; and

WHEREAS, while realizing that responsible firearm ownership and mass shootings do not go hand in hand, the Hudson County Community College believes it is in the College's best interests to stand with those willing to take a stand in the name of more common-sense firearm regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Hudson County Community College that:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein as if fully set forth at length.

2. The use of FedEx by any College employees or personnel for any College business is discontinued until FedEx commits to discontinue offering any benefits to the NRA.

INTRODUCED BY: Board as a Whole

SECONDED BY: Board as a Whole

DATE: March 13, 2018

Callahan, Kevin	<u>AYE</u>
Fahrenholz, Karen	<u>AYE</u>
Gardner, Pamela	<u>ABSENT</u>
Kenny, Roberta	<u>AYE</u>
Kosakowski, Joanne	<u>AYE</u>
Lee, Bakari	<u>AYE</u>
Peña, Jeanette	<u>AYE</u>
Sires, Adrienne	<u>ABSENT</u>
Stahl, Harold	<u>ABSENT</u>
Netchert, William, Chair	<u>AYE</u>

7 Ayes..... 0 Nay

*****RESOLUTION ADOPTED*****