



# Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

## General Business

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Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on January 8, 2025 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 1:27 p.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Becky Moore, Tracy Hertsel, Todd Obren, Skip Dyes

Members Absent: Dr. Elaine Foster, Beth Cripe

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tom Jerdon opened the meeting to nominations for election of Officers. Skip Dyes moved, to re-elect Tom Jerdon as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Tracy Hertsel as Vice Chairman, Becky Moore as Treasurer and Beth Cripe as Secretary. The motion of this slate of officers was supported by Todd Obren. At discussion of the motion, there were no motions to amend or other motions for nominations. The motion was then passed unanimously. Tom Jerdon thanked the trustees for their support of all officers.

Minutes of the December 11, 2024 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Skip Dyes, to approve the amended agenda, moving 5D to E, and adding 5D: Authorize administration to pursue bids for the Zollar expansion. Motion passed unanimously.

## Public Input

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No individual requested to speak.

## Other

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The Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2024 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report. He advised of receipt of a congratulatory letter from US Senator Gary Peters to SMC in celebration of the institution's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He also pointed out the proclamation from the Michigan Supreme Court now hanging in the boardroom in appreciation of SMC hosting their forum last fall.

## Discussion Items

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Trustees reviewed the listing of gifts given to the Foundation, with twenty-two individual donations for a grand total of \$47,785.

## Action Items

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Todd Obren moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to accept the 2026-2028 Tuition schedule presented with an increase of 4.5% subject to the state cap. Motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Skip Dyes, to approve the Radiography Technology Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to accept with gratitude the gift shown in attachment 5C, with one individual donation to the College in the amount of \$20,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to authorize administration to pursue bids for the Zollar expansion. Motion passed unanimously.

## Review of Follow-up Requests

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No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

## Adjournment

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Skip Dyes moved to adjourn at 1:46 p.m. Tracy Hertsel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore, Acting Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman

Proposed - to be approved February 12, 2025