



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building
8 a.m. Regular Meeting

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on April 9, 2025 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Board Vice Chairman Tracy Hertsel.

Members Present: Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Tracy Hertsel, Todd Obren, Skip Dyes

Members Absent: Tom Jerdon, Dr. Elaine Foster

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the March 12, 2025 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded Becky Moore, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

One individual was recognized for their service at the College:

Ms. Angie Evans was recognized for her years of service and Trustee Becky Moore presented her with a 25-year pin.

Public Input

No Individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2025 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report. Dr. Odenwald discussed the three-year plan to position the college for continued student enrollment growth. The "Room to Grow" Campaign is set to begin in August 2025 and continue thru 2028.

Discussion Items

Tony Leininger, CARMI Design Group, gave an update on the Lyons Building Renovation.

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with twelve individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$113,695.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Skip Dyes, to accept with gratitude the gift to the College shown in attachment 5A, with one individual donation to the College in the amount of \$1,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Vice Chairman, Tracy Hertsel, recognized and thanked Dr. Odenwald for his accomplishments and leadership during his time served at Southwestern Michigan College.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 8:40 a.m. Skip Dyes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Tracy Hertsel, Vice Chairman

Proposed - to be approved May 14, 2025