



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on February 11, 2026 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Tom Jerdon.

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

Members Absent: Dr. Elaine Foster

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the January 14, 2026 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Todd Obren moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to add Discussion Item 4C as "Initial list of topics for the 2026 Working Session" with that change to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2026 was received and placed on file.

Chief Financial Officer Michelle Kite presented the Quarterly Financial Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2025. Michelle Kite stated that the college budget is trending under budget to date.

Brent Brewer gave his Interim President's report. Brent Brewer shared that the semester is off to great start in spite of the many snow filled days. Faculty, staff, and students adapted quickly ensuring learning and services continued with minimal disruptions. As a member of the MCCAAs Board of Directors, Interim President Brewer shared the MCCAAs Legislative Priorities. Brent Brewer shared that college strategic planning has begun for 2027-2029 to develop proposed initiatives. Brent Brewer stated that 2026 spring enrollment is up 8.8% in headcount and 9.7% in contact hours over spring 2025 enrollment. The athletic teams are doing very well. These include a number of recent wins in both men's and women's basketball, a successful day for men's and women's track and field and the men's wrestling team competing at the MCCAAs championships and coming home champions with a four peat! Additionally, Coach Hesson was named Coach to the Year and Santana Ramon was named MCCAAs Wrestler of the Year.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with twenty-six individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$48,375.

Chairman Jerdon proposed topics of discussion for future Board Working Sessions.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to accept the second lowest contractor bid meeting specifications \$1,211, 943 with alternates for Phase I of the Dale A. Lyons Building Renovation. Motion passed unanimously.

Skip Dyes moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to accept the Resolution to Purchase Nursing Teaching Simulators as shown in attachment 5B. Motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to accept with gratitude the gifts to the College shown in attachment 5C, with two individual donations to the College in the amount of \$3,612.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Chairman Tom Jerdon moved, seconded by Beth Cripe, to enter into a closed session to Review Attorney-Client Privilege Communication Pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss Material that is Exempt from Discussion Disclosure Under State and Federal Law.

A Roll Call vote was taken to enter closed session at 8:58 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered into open session at 9:10 a.m., with a roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the proposed contract between Southwestern Michigan College and Dr. Klint Pleasant.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Skip Dyes, to approve the presidential contract between SMC and Dr. Klint Pleasant as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Todd Obren, to accept the motion to dissolve the ad hoc presidential search committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. Todd Obren seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Beth J. Cripe, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman