



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on January 14, 2026 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

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

Members Absent: Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the December 9, 2025 and December 29, 2025 special meetings and the December 10, 2025 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

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

One individual was recognized for their service at the College:

Rona Goodrich was recognized for her years of service and trustee Todd Obren presented her with a 10-year pin.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

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

Brent Brewer gave his Interim President's Report. Interim President Brewer reported that as of this week, spring registration is up from last year by 151 students, which is 8.5% up in headcount and 7.6% in contact hours. Housing for the spring semester is at 94% capacity, which was 89% last year at this time. Interim President Brewer attributes this to high-quality online courses designed by our faculty, athletics, growing dual enrollment participation, improved retention, technology that supports learning and a caring, committed staff along with sharp strategic marketing. Interim President Brewer added that senior leadership will begin work on the next strategic plan this week.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the listing of gifts given to the Foundation, with twenty-four individual donations for a grand total of \$18,845.94.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Skip Dyes, to approve the Tuition Rates for Fiscal Year 2027 and Fiscal Year 2028. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Skip Dyes, to approve the Certificate in Criminal Justice, the AAS in Respiratory Therapy, the Certificate in Dental Assisting, the Credential in Child Development Associate, and the Certificate in Licensed Practical Nursing programs. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd Obren moved, seconded by Tom Jerdon, to accept with gratitude the gifts shown in attachment 50 with five individual donations to the College in the amount of \$5,516. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 8:37 a.m. Todd Obren seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman

Proposed - to be approved February 11, 2026