



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Room 2112, David C. Briegel

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on May 13, 2026 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Tracy Hertsel, Becky Moore, Skip Dyes, Dr. Elaine Foster, Beth Cripe

Members Absent: Todd Obren

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the April 8, 2026 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2026, was received and placed on file.

Michelle Kite, Chief Financial Officer, presented the March 31, 2026, Interim Financial Statements.

Dr. Klint Pleasant gave his President's Report. Dr. Pleasant shared updates on past and upcoming attendance at campus and community activities which included but is not limited to, Assessment Day, introductions to area Community College presidents, Senior Leadership retreat and many speaking events including graduation. Dr. Pleasant reported that 2026 summer enrollment was at 99.4% of the headcount goal with 625 students and 103.5% of the contact hour goal of 3,670 contact hours. He shared that fall 2026 enrollment goals numbers are trending strong as well. Dr. Pleasant reported that the Zollar project has been successfully completed the choir room is under renovation. The band room renovation is progressing through the schematic design phase. The dental assisting project is moving forward, and the facility layout information has been shared with the contractor. The goal is to have the program ready to run in the fall.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with nineteen individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$10,325.

Action Items

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Beth Cripe, to adopt the recommendation to hold the Public Budget Hearing at the next Regular meeting scheduled for June 10, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and to proceed with the noted items on the Notice of Budget Hearing attachment at 5A. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel that Financial Aid for Student Scholarships be designated as approved projects for the SMC Foundation for the 2026-2027 fiscal year as shown in attachment 5B which totals \$670,000 (\$590,000 from the General Scholarship and \$80,000 from the Edward Guse Scholarships). Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Jerdon moved, seconded by Beth Cripe, to approve the change of MCCA Trustee Alternate Delegate representation such that Dr. Elaine Foster shall replace Tracy Hertsel. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to accept with gratitude the gift to the College shown in attachment 5E, with one individual donation to the College in the amount of \$250. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Tom Jerdon stipulated: The Board of Trustees is scheduled to consider and review items in connection with the negotiation of Collective Bargaining Agreement which is covered by Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act that necessitates closed session. A motion made by Beth Cripe and supported by Becky Moore to move into closed session. There was no discussion. Beth Cripe took an individual rollcall vote on the motion with Tom Jerdon, Becky Moore, Dr. Elaine Foster, Skip Dyes, Tracy Hertsel voting yes. Entered closed session at 8:35 a.m.

Following the end of discussion in closed session, Tracy Hertsel made the motion to reconvene in open session seconded by Becky Moore. Beth Cripe took an individual rollcall vote on the motion with Tom Jerdon, Becky Moore, Dr. Elaine Foster, Skip Dyes, Tracy Hertsel voting yes. The Board returned to open session at 9:05 a.m.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Dr. Elaine Foster moved to adjourn at 9:06 a.m. Tracy Hertsel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman