



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Room 2112, David C. Briegel

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

General Business

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

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

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

Members Absent: Dr. Elaine Foster

Minutes of the September 5, 2025, and September 29, 2025, special meetings and the September 10, 2025, regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

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

One individual was recognized for their service at the College:

Robin Shipkosky was recognized for her years of service and trustee Becky Moore presented her with a 15-year pin.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2025, was received and placed on file.

Interim President Brent Brewer gave his report. The Interim President shared college updates in Academics, the Arts and Athletics. Mr. Brewer reported that the college served as hosts to the fourth annual futures fair and the upcoming MichMATYC (Michigan Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges), a conference which provides professional development for two-year college mathematics educators. After a two-year hiatus, the college will be relaunching the Academic Speaker Series. Interim President Brewer shared that the instrumental music faculty recital, the fall choral concert will take place this month and next. Mr. Brewer reported that in Athletics, volleyball currently has a 19-5 overall record, while SMC had the honor of hosting the MCAA Western Conference Cross Country Championship last month. Basketball and Wrestling season are underway and set to officially begin this month.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with eight individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$4,267.

Action Items

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Todd Obren, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Five Year Capital Outlay Master Plan shown in attachment 5A. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Tracy Hertsel moved to adjourn at 8:27 a.m. Becky Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman

Proposed - to be approved November 12, 2025