



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on August 12, 2026 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

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

Members Absent: Beth Cripe, Todd Obren

Minutes of the June 10, 2026 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Six individuals were recognized for their service at the College:

Rodell Davis was recognized for his years of service and trustee Dr. Elaine Foster presented him with a 5-year pin.

Kyra DeLoach was recognized for her years of service and trustee Tracy Hertsel presented her with a 5-year pin.

Jennifer Wolf was recognized for her years of service and trustee Skip Dyes presented her with a 10-year pin.

Blake Bundy was recognized for his years of service and trustee Becky Moore presented him with a 10-year pin.

Manoj Khot was recognized for his years of service and trustee Skip Dyes presented him with a 10-year pin.

Mike O'Brien was recognized for his years of service and trustee Dr. Elaine Foster presented him with a 10-year pin.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the months ending June 30, 2026, and July 31, 2026 were received and placed on file.

Dr. Klint Pleasant gave his President's Report, sharing that enrollment was trending 5.6% ahead at this time. This included both head count as well as contact hours. But cautioned this continues to be an ever-changing number.

Michigan Community College Association, Brandy Johnson provided an update on recent legislative

changes and the continued work in progress on a number of initiatives affecting community colleges in Michigan.

Discussion Items

Trustees were presented with the 2026-2027 full-time faculty list.

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with twenty-four individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$42,469.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to accept with gratitude the gifts shown in attachment 5A, with twelve individual donations in the amount of \$20,810. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Tom Jerdon stipulated: The Board of Trustees is scheduled to consider the purchase or lease of real property that is Exempt from Discussion Disclosure Under State and Federal Law which is covered by Section 8(1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act that necessitates closed session. A motion made by Tracy Hertsel and supported by Dr. Elaine Foster to move into closed session. There was no discussion. Becky Moore took an individual roll call vote on the motion with Tom Jerdon, Tracy Hertsel, Dr. Elaine Foster, Becky Moore, and Skip Dyes voting yes. Entered closed session at 9:30 a.m.

Following the end of discussion in closed session Dr. Elaine Foster made the motion to reconvene in open session seconded by Tracy Hertsel. Becky Moore took an individual roll call vote on the motion with Tom Jerdon, Tracy Hertsel, Dr. Elaine Foster, Becky Moore, and Skip Dyes voting yes. The Board returned to open session at 9:54 a.m.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Dr. Elaine Foster moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Skip Dyes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore, Acting Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman