



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on June 11, 2025 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, Skip Dyes, Dr. Elaine Foster, Todd Obren, Beth Cripe

Members Absent: Tracy Hertsel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the May 14, 2025 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Skip Dyes, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster to open the Budget Hearing at 8:01 a.m. for public input.

Public Input

Two individuals requested and were given an opportunity for public input: Gail Shirey, Naomi Ludman.

Other

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

Michelle Kite, Chief Financial Officer and Stephanie Lyons, Controller presented the 2025-2026 balanced budget.

Brent Brewer gave his Interim President's Report. Interim President, Brent Brewer, shared that summer enrollment goal was exceeded in both headcount and contact hours which marks the highest summer enrollment since 2017. Additionally, Mr. Brewer reported that 68% of the summer enrollment contact hours are online and 60% of the students are taking online courses. He shared that the deans have been asked to prepare an enrollment growth plan for summer 2026 to address some population or populations of students to a finish line during the summer of 2026-graduation with the AA/AS/AAs or a certificate or industry credential.

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 \$18,589.89.

Action Items

Skip Dyes moved, seconded by Todd Obren, to close the Budget Hearing at 8:35 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the All-Purpose Millage Resolution (attachment 5B). Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to approve the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budgets as detailed in attachment 3B. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, that individuals to serve as SMC representatives on the MCCA Board of Directors be appointed. Tom Jerdon to serve as Trustee Director and Tracy Hertsel to serve as Trustee Alternate (attachment 5D). Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to accept with gratitude the gifts shown in attachment 5E, with five individual donations in the amount of \$8,350. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

Follow up requests included Interim President, Brent Brewer, to write to both Michigan U.S. Senators, regarding legislation impacting federal student financial aid.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 8:40 a.m. Todd Obren seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman