



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 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 March 11, 2026 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

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

Members Absent: Tom Jerdon

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the February 11, 2026 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.

One individual was recognized for their service at the College:

Ms. Andrea Swartz was recognized for her years of service and Trustee Becky Moore presented her with a 10-year pin.

Public Input

No individual requested public input.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2026 was received and placed on file.

Brent Brewer gave his Interim President's Report. Stating that this would be his last meeting as Interim President, Brent thanked the Board of Trustees, Senior Leadership, faculty and staff for their trust, dedication and professionalism. While serving as the Interim President, Brent noted major strides in growth and opportunity in both enrollment and campus facilities which include the Lyons building project and the new wrestling facility. Additionally, work has begun on the 2026-2029 strategic plan.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with sixteen individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$34,651.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Todd Obren, to accept with gratitude the gifts to the College shown in attachment 5A, with one individual donation to the College in the amount of \$5,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Beth Cripe moved to adjourn at 8:10 a.m. Becky Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Tracy Hertsel, Vice Chairman

Proposed - to be approved April 8, 2026