



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Room 2112, David C. Briegel

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on October 14, 2026 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, Dr. Elaine Foster

Members Absent: none

Minutes of the August 12, 2026, regular meeting, the September 14, 2026, special meeting and the October 8, 2026 working session required no changes and were placed on file.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to amend the agenda to include the minutes from the October 8, 2026 working session to item 1D. Motion passed unanimously.

Five individuals were recognized for their service at the College:

Melinda Kedik-Stockwell was recognized for her years of service and trustee Becky Moore presented her with a 5-year pin.

Mollie Grabemeyer was recognized for her years of service and trustee Tracy Hertsel presented her with a 10-year pin.

Daryl Harris was recognized for his years of service and trustee Beth Cripe presented him with a 10-year pin.

Cody Miller was recognized for his years of service and trustee Todd Obren presented him with a 10-year pin.

Hailey Sheets was recognized for her years of service and trustee Skip Dyes presented her with a 15-year pin.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

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

Dr. Clint Pleasant gave his President's report and shared a fall 2026 enrollment update with the Board. Fall 2026 has the largest fall enrollment in nine years with a total headcount of 2,321 students. It is the fifth straight fall to fall enrollment increase. As shared fall 2027 is also exhibiting potential for enrollment growth.

Dr. Pleasant also reminded the Board that the upcoming November Board Meeting will be held on the Niles Campus.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with eleven individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$29,300.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2028 Five Year Capital Outlay Master Plan shown in attachment 5A. Motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to accept with gratitude the gifts shown in attachment 5B, with two individual donations to the College in the amount of \$300. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 9:17 a.m. Beth Cripe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore, Acting Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman