



# Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Room 2112, David C. Briegel

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

## General Business

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Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on April 13, 2022 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Bill White, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel, Keith McKenzie

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the March 9, 2022 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

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

One individual was recognized for their service at the College:

Trustee Bill White was recognized for his years of service and was presented with his 30-year pin.

## Public Input

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One individual requested and was given an opportunity for public input: Ms. Robin Shipkosky

## Other

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The Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2022 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald's President's Report: Excellence at SMC Volume 7.

Jim Benak, Professor of Business and Instructional Specialist, presented data on the performance and success of online learning. The information included factor analysis of housing, high school, traditional and non-traditional students and student overall learning performance.

## Discussion Items

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Trustees followed-up on dates for Scholarship Award Nights for local high schools.

Chairman Jerdon updated the Board of Trustees on his meetings with the City of Dowagiac concerning long-term ownership and protection of the museum artifacts.

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with seven individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$97,225.

## Action Items

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None

## Closed Session

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Chairman Jerdon stipulated: The Board received an opinion letter from its' attorneys, which the Board wishes to review and consider. Jerdon asked for a motion to enter into a closed session to consider and review the college attorney's opinion letter, pursuant to the closed session provisions of the Open Meetings Act under MCL 15.268 (a). A motion was made by Beth Cripe. Support for the motion was made by Tracy Hertsel. There was no discussion. Secretary Cripe took individual roll call vote on the motion with Bill White, Tom Jerdon, Beth Cripe, Tracy Hertsel and Becky Moore, Dr. Elaine Foster and Keith McKenzie voting yes. Entered closed session at 8:53 a.m.

Board reviewed the opinion and letter discussion took place.

After closed session discussion, motion made by Bill White and seconded by Becky Moore to return to open session. There was no discussion on the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Return to open session at 9:35 a.m.

## Review of Follow-up Requests

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Administration will draft and send a letter to Mayor Lyons regarding long-term protection of the collection of museum artifacts on loan to the city and others that remain in college storage.

## Adjournment

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Tracy Hertsel moved to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. Becky Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Beth Cripe, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman