

**SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 26, 2018**  
**Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on February 26, 2018 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Keith McKenzie, Bill White, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Todd Obren

Members Absent: Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the January 22, 2018 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Keith McKenzie moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Taras Lyssenko, Patty Patano, Tom Buszek, Dick Judd and Ron Gunn each requested the opportunity to, and then provided, public input.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Board Chair Jerdon said: "The Board is in receipt of an attorney opinion letter concerning the College's pending litigation against the Michigan Auditor General. Also, the College's President requests time to discuss strategy connected with coming negotiations with the newly formed Michigan Education Association bargaining group for faculty employees."

Becky Moore moved to enter into a closed session to review pending litigation and the attorney's opinion letter with the attorney, pursuant to the closed session provisions of the Open Meetings Act under MCL 15.268 (e) and (h) and to discuss collective bargaining strategy under the Open Meetings Act closed session provision of MCL 15.268(c). Todd Obren seconded.

Motion passed unanimously: Keith McKenzie – Yes, Todd Obren – Yes, Bill White – Yes, Beth Cripe – Yes, Becky Moore – Yes, Tom Jerdon – Yes. Closed Session began at 7:13 p.m.

Becky Moore moved to end the Closed Session at 9:25 p.m. and to continue with the Public Session. Beth Cripe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2018 was received and placed on file.

## President's Report

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Trustees discussed each of the items listed in this section. Of special interest was the recent unsolicited email from SMC nursing graduate, Kate Healey. She described what a positive and life-changing experience her education at SMC had been.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Beth Cripe moved to approve the Tuition and Fees for the 2018-2019 Academic year (attachment 6a). Passed unanimously.

Keith McKenzie moved to approve the Construction and Completion Assurance Agreement, A conveyance of Property Agreement, a Lease and an Easement Agreement for the Nursing and Health Education Building Renovation and Expansion Resolution (attachment 6b). Beth Cripe seconded. Passed unanimously.

Todd Obren moved to have the March 26, 2018 Board Meeting be an all day Long Range Planning Meeting, to be held in the Fred L. Mathews Library Conference Center West (MCCW) beginning at 8:00 a.m. . Passed unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS**

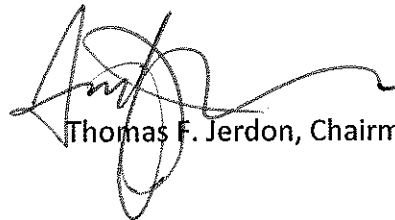
No follow-up requests were made.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Todd Obren moved to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Passed Unanimously.



Bill White, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman