



MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MCC ISSUES UPDATE & CAMPUS TOUR with State Representative Will Snyder MINUTES

Friday, August 29, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Room 2109E – Main Campus 2nd floor

Present: Chair Osborn, Vice Chair Portenga, Secretary Frye, Trustee Scott, Trustee Moore

Absent: Trustee Cook, Trustee Crandall

Guest(s): State Representative Will Snyder, Bill Lievense – Capitol Group Consultant

Chair Osborn called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. and welcomed State Representative Will Snyder.

Chair Osborn shared some historical context about Muskegon Community College, noting the upcoming Centennial Celebration in 2026. She emphasized the importance of recognizing MCC's impact on the community over the past century and the opportunities to highlight its continued contributions moving forward.

President Selmon shared the MCC Economic Impact Analysis, past and future Capital Outlay Projects, Adult Learner Initiative Grants, certificates and degrees earned over the past 12 years, and enrollment trends at MCC. Specific issues identified for MCC include the Facilities Plan, the Health and Wellness Center, Uniform Capital Outlay Match, Going-Pro Fund, and the Salary Expenses Cap.

MCC remains grateful to the State of Michigan for awarding previous Capital Outlay Projects. Enrollment is beginning to tick back up after recent declines, especially during COVID. Over the past 12 years, MCC has celebrated more than 7,000 graduates in the region.

Representative Will Snyder was a former MCC student, now in his 2nd term and currently serving as the ranking Democrat in the Michigan Legislature. He has worked on Michigan Reconnect, Michigan Reconnect Expansion and other MiLEAP Programs including funding for wraparound services. There is potential for new revenue streams for road funding. He noted that the legislature has been the most unproductive since 1940, but he expressed hope the stalemate may end.

Rep Snyder stated, transitioning from majority to minority party presents new difficulties. Term limits create a constant learning curve with many new representatives.

MCC Health and Wellness Center was initially ineligible to hold competition in the building. Recently, with the assistance from Senator Bumstead, MCC received a waiver for up to five years.

Trustee Portenga asked what is holding up the road updates. Michigan is historically focused on building autos, not public transit. More investment in the roads should be at the local level. The sales tax on fuel revenues is directed to the School Aid Fund and local revenue sharing, not road repair.

Trustee Moore asked about lottery funding. Snyder responded that lottery proceeds reach schools only by transfer and are not additional funds.

Trustee Frye expressed appreciation for the new VA Center in Muskegon.

Trustee Scott commended Rep. Will Snyder for his work in Muskegon Heights.

President Selmon and attendees toured campus starting with the Science Center wing, Large Ensemble Room, Theater, Health and Wellness Center, the parking lot and the Bartels Rode Gymnasium.

With no further business the meeting was adjournment at 10:48 a.m.
Respectfully submitted by Secretary Nancy Frye.

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