MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2026, 12:30 p.m.

Room 2109E – Main Campus 2nd floor

Present: Chair Osborn, Trustee Portenga, Trustee Moore, Trustee Frye, Trustee Crandall, Trustee Scott, and President Selmon

Absent: Trustee Cook

I. Chair Osborn called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Agenda item B. for the approval of security services will be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Trustee Frye moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

II. Public Agenda – Related Comments

III. Presentation(s)

IV. Consent Agenda (Board Action Required – Vote) Trustee Crandall moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

A. Minutes
- Board Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2026

B. Budget/Finance

1. Financial Reports

C. Required Approvals

D. Personnel Report

V. Administrative Reports

A. President's Report

President Selmon reported on the Millage restoration election results. While disappointed by the outcome, he emphasized that the setback will not define the college. However, how we respond to it will define the college. The measure fell short by approximately 3.2%, which represents the difference between the "yes" and "no" votes. Our consultants have advised that when the margin is 5% or less, organizations often consider returning to voters. A task force will be established to review the election results and new steps. The millage restoration anticipated dollars are not included in the college's current budget. President Selmon acknowledged the effort and hard work of all those involved in the campaign.

Trustee Portenga attended a session on millage campaigns at the MCCA Summer Conference. The speaker emphasized the importance of highlighting the many ways the college benefits and contributes to the community when communicating with voters. The speaker suggested that focusing on Headlee-related issues can be less effective, and that pursuing an additional millage may be another approach. Concerns were expressed that the community didn't hear much about the millage beforehand and only received one mailing. Trustee Crandall expressed some concerns about a "quiet campaign" approach and thoughts about what needs to happen when considering a future millage campaign. There were comments from other board members present about the pros and cons of the recent millage campaign.

We have signed a transfer agreement with Cornerstone University, and we are working with Western Governors University, Ferris State University and Central Michigan University to establish transfer pathways that prioritize students' best interests and help ensure they do not lose academic credits when transferring.

At the MCCA Summer Conference, Trustee Cook received a 5-year service award.

On July 21, 2026, the Governor signed the state budget. The final budget includes a 1% increase in operations funding. It also provides $40 million for dual enrollment reimbursement to K-12 districts. Funding for Michigan Promise Zones statewide increased by $5 million, with Muskegon Area Promise receiving the lions' share, $1M. The state budget does not include any ITEMS funding. President Selmon is concerned about the nine legislative bills previously vetoed by Governor Whitmer gaining traction in Lansing. The bills are being reintroduced by the Democrat-led Senate and the one related to employee benefits remains an issue for community colleges. MCC would be negatively impacted by approximately $500,000. More to come.

Food service will be back on campus, starting September 9th. President Selmon shared some renderings of the new Jayhawk Cafe, including a menu and hours of operation.

Current discussions in Washington indicate that Pell Grant funding will remain flat, with no increase. Workforce Pell has been turned over to states to select their programs. Ongoing work continues around Apprenticeship Programs and pending Congressional grant funding opportunities. There is bipartisan support for the College Transparency Act which removes a federal ban on student-level data collection. Community college presidents are hopeful because collecting data differently could show better outcomes for community college students.

Important Dates
MCCA Trustees Virtual Talks will be held on August 26th.

The Student Success Summit will be October 1st and 2nd in Muskegon.
December 3rd and 4th is the Governance Leadership institute,
Capitol day is April 22, 2027.
July 28 and 30, 2027 the Summer Conference will be in Kalamazoo.

Dr. Brown reported on the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Surgical Technology (Surg Tech) complaint inquiry regarding the accurate representation of academic program accreditation. During the initial implementation of the Surg Tech program, a decision was made to change the program's accreditor. The desired change resulted in some inconsistent information for students. Upon notification, MCC immediately addressed the issue including updates to the website and academic catalog for enhanced clarity and consistency as well as the reissuance of degrees through MCC's credit for prior learning process. To date, all MCC Surg Tech graduates have received degrees from MCC's accredited Surg Tech program with no additional time, expense or hardship. Additionally, we have consulted with our assigned HLC accreditation liaison to vet our response to the issue prior to implementation, and it was endorsed. A formal report with relevant documentation of our response is in the draft stage and will be submitted to HLC well in advance of the June 2027 deadline.

Overall enrollment is up approximately 1.5% in headcount compared to Fall 2025. Contact hours remain flat. Enrollment trends show an increase in part-time students and a decline in full-time students. Total enrollment is approximately 3,600 students, including about 900 high school students.

Reconnect 21-24 went live on August 12th. We have interest from 79 prospective students and is available for current students also.

B. Student Success Report
1. Enrollment - reported above
2. Student Success Completion Agenda - stands as submitted

VI. Business Non – Operational

A. Michigan Community College Association Report – *Trustee Crandall*
The Legislative Committee continues to express positive feedback regarding the Presidents and Board of Directors meeting hosted in Muskegon.

The MCCA Summer Conference has now been finalized through 2031. The 2027 meeting will be held in Kalamazoo.

The Legislative Committee is finalizing its agenda and preparing recommendations for upcoming votes on legislative priorities and key issues.

The Trustee Leadership Institute is scheduled to meet in December.

MCCA is seeking presenters and speakers for an artificial intelligence (AI) session to be featured at a future summer conference.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. It is the recommendation of the President that the Board approve the construction costs of $2,297,296 to be paid to Clark Construction for the Chiller Consolidation Project.

Trustee Moore moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

B. It is the recommendation of the President that permission be granted to contract with Secure Environment Consultants – SHIELD for a hybrid of unarmed and armed security officers for two years with two optional one-year renewals at an estimated cost of Year 1: $490,080, Year 2: $504,793, Year 3: $519,978, Year 4: $535,525.

Trustee Scott moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

C. It is the recommendation of the President that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to enter into a 36-month municipal lease agreement through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative (RFP #082923) with Kubota Credit Corporation and Pell's Farm Service, Inc. for the lease of three (3) Kubota RTV utility vehicles and associated equipment at an estimated cost of $96,345 and further authorize the sale/disposal of the equipment being replaced.

Trustee Scott moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

D. It is the recommendation of the President that the Board authorize administration to enter into a three-year contract with Hyland for the renewal of Perceptive Content software in the amount of $289,800.19.

Trustee Portenga moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

IX. Board of Trustees Policy Governance – *Chair Osborn*

A. Policy Updates

B. Future Agenda Items

X. Public General Comments

XI. Board Comments/Announcements

XII. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m. Minutes submitted by Secretary Nancy Frye. /ph