MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES
# BOARD MEETING MINUTES
## October 21, 2026, 12:30 p.m.
## Room 2109E – Main Campus 2nd floor

Present: Chair Osborn, Trustee Portenga, Trustee Crandall, Trustee Scott, Trustee Moore, Trustee Cook

Absent: Trustee Frye

I. Chair Osborn called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Trustee Moore moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

II. Public Agenda – Related Comments

III. Presentation(s) overview

- FARM (Food, Agriculture, Research, and Manufacturing) –
  Todd Jacobs, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, provided an update on the FARM (Food, Agriculture, Research, and Manufacturing) facility. Established in 2018 with a $2 million state investment and constructed in 2020, the facility continues to support food-related business development in Muskegon County. Current tenants include a leading Michigan kombucha producer, Powdered Concepts, and a chocolatier, with additional short-term space being used for staging. Plans are underway to expand storage capacity through a Resilient Food Systems Grant; however, the project is awaiting federal approval and may require a grant extension to complete construction. No board action was requested, and the update was provided for informational purposes.

- Higher Education Fraud Threats – Dr. Steve Wilson
  Dr. Steve Wilson discussed the growing fraud risks facing colleges and universities, including ghost student fraud, account takeovers, financial scams, college impersonation, ransomware attacks, and data theft. Because institutions maintain sensitive personal and financial information in a public-facing environment, they are frequent targets for cybercriminals seeking to obtain financial aid refunds and other financial disbursements fraudulently. MCC's primary defense efforts currently focus on employee awareness and education.

IV. Trustee Moore moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

A. Minutes
   - Board Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2026
   - Board Meeting Minutes for Closed Session on September 16, 2026

B. Budget/Finance

1. Financial Reports

C. Required Approvals

D. Personnel Report

V. Administrative Reports

A. President's Report

President John Selmon highlighted several recent accomplishments and activities, including a memorial celebration for Daniel M. Meyers, strong participation in the MCCA Student Success Summit, and Lisa Gatti-Arnold's graduation from the MCCA Leadership Academy. Federal and state leaders continued to engage with MCC, including visits from Congresswoman Hillary Scholten and Representative Will Snyder, while additional congressional funding requests and appropriations were advanced for the proposed Student Success & Career Services Center and the Electronic Doors System Project.

The report also noted institutional achievements, including the arrival of MCC's new vehicle fleet, recognition for 100 Years of Business Excellence by the Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg Chamber of Commerce, and four national marketing awards. Additional highlights included April Shirey's appointment to a statewide transfer work group, successful fall athletic events attracting approximately 3,300 attendees, upcoming campus events, participation in the MCCA Presidents & Trustees Collaborative, distribution of the latest MCC Reflect, and the introduction of Hollie Benson as Faculty Association President.

President Selmon announced some important events and dates:

- Proposed 2027 MCCA Legislative Priorities surveys were disseminated to Board members during the meeting and need to be returned to President Selmon by Monday, November 9th.
- The Holiday lunch will be on Friday, December 4 at10:30.
- The Veterans Day Salute will be Wednesday, November 11 at 2:30.
- MCCA Presidents & Trustees Collaborative will meet Thursday, November 12 at Schoolcraft College. The Aspen Institute's Presidents & Trustees Collaborative survey will be sent electronically to all Board members and should be completed by Thursday, November 5, 2026.

B. Student Success Report

1. Enrollment – no report
2. Student Success Completion Agenda – as submitted in Board packet

VI. Business Non – Operational

A. Michigan Community College Association Report
Trustee Crandall reported that the budget and the MCCA Strategic Plan were approved during the September meeting.

During the MCCA presentation, the discussion focused on opposition to Proposition 1, which concerns whether to hold a state-wide Constitutional Convention. Historically, by law, every 16 years it comes up for a vote and has been defeated the last two times. Two alternatives for amending the state constitution have been in place for years, which include legislative action with a two-third vote and citizen petitions for constitutional amendments. The potential cost of holding a Constitutional Convention was also identified as a major concern. The presenter argued that a convention was unnecessary and expressed strong support for voting no on the constitutional convention question.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. MCCA Presidents and Trustees Collaborative Assessment

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

A. Policy Updates

B. Future Agenda Items

X. Public General Comments

Catering services at MCC have not started yet; Tuesday, December 1 is the targeted date. Beth Dick meets regularly with the Café team. Students are spending more time on campus now that food is available. Mobile ordering will be introduced soon.

Christine Robere attended the meeting and introduced herself as a candidate running in the November election for the MCC Board of Trustees. She expressed an interest in helping with MCC goals, the strategic planning process, facility planning, student success, and technology support.

XI. Board Comments/Announcements

Thank you for sending out the Daniel Meyers video.

The MCC Cross-Country Invitational event is well run, and the course is always in great shape.

Former MCC trustee Ken Walcott has passed away.

XII. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m. Minutes submitted by Chair Osborn. /ph