

221 S. Quarterline Rd. Muskegon, MI 49442

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 19, 2025, 12:30 p.m.

Room 1300 – Stevenson Center

Present: Chair Osborn, Vice Chair Portenga, Trustee Frye, Trustee Moore, Trustee Cook, Trustee Crandall

I. Chair Osborn called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Trustee Crandall moved approval with the addition of Agenda Item 8.E. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

II. Public Agenda – Related Comments

Kathy Evans from Egelston Township expressed concerns with the Dear Colleague Executive Order. She thanked the Board for the letter to the students.

III. Presentation(s)

- Lightcast/Economic Impact Study Presentation - Jacob Henne, Economic Analyst and Chandler Allen

Jacob provided a summary of the draft economic impact study for Muskegon Community College. He discussed the economic impact analysis and the investment analysis findings and methodology of the study. The economic impact analysis examines the direct and indirect multiplier effects that occur as MCC and their employees, students, and visitors spend money in the region, as well as the economic benefits generated by past students who live and work within the regional economy. The economic impact analysis can be conducted on the state, a defined region, or a combination of both.

The investment analysis indicates the strength of MCC as an investment from the perspectives of students, taxpayers, and society as a whole. This analysis projects various benefits into the future, discounts them to current dollars, and compares the present values with the costs of generating the benefits.

The study will be printed and published after the Board approves it at the April meeting.

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

A. Minutes

- Board Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2025
- Closed Session Minutes for February 19, 2025

B. Budget/Finance –

1. Financial Reports
2. Project(s) at a Glance

C. Required Approvals – *Chair Osborn*

D. Personnel Report

V. Administrative Reports

- A. President John Selmon reported that our new Provost & Chief Student Services Officer, Dr. Tucker Brown will start his new role on June 2, 2025.

MCC received an \$8,000 Reconnect Now Grant from the Michigan College Access Network to attract and retain adult students.

MiCareerCompass, a product of Talent First/Education to Employment Partnership, is a new platform designed to help regional employers attract and retain talent, connect with job seekers and strengthen the regional workforce. GRCC and MCC are the only colleges partnering in this region.

Mental Health training for staff started with TimelyCare, HealthWest and Corewell Health's Blue Envelope Program. Over 30 MCC employees have been trained to date.

April Community College Month is to increase awareness and understanding of the value of community colleges. We have drafted a resolution for MCC to declare April Community College month for MCC.

Dear Colleague Letter update – memos were sent to all employees and students. On Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> President Selmon presented at a college wide meeting for employees with details about the recent Dear Colleague Letter and answered questions.

Jason Cooper, MCC's Head Women's Basketball Coach, was named the Northern Conference Coach of the Year by the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

- B. Student Success Report
  - 1. Enrollment
  - 2. Student Success Completion Agenda

VI. Business Non – Operational

- A. Michigan Community College Association Report
  - Trustee Crandall reported that the MCCA staff is working on future agenda items and how the federal government Executive Orders are impacting us. The Office of Sixty by 30 was designed to increase enrollment for adult learners to 60% by 2030. We started at 40% and are now over 55% this past year.

The next MCCA Board meeting will be in the Detroit area in May.

- B. Foundation Update

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- A. It is the recommendation of the President that permission be granted to Academic Affairs to issue an RFP for Hydraulic/Pneumatic trainers. Trustee Portenga moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.
- B. It is the recommendation of the President that the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Brickley DeLong, P.C. for independent audit services for fiscal

years ending June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2029. Trustee Moore moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

- C. It is the recommendation of the President for the Board to accept this estimate of taxes and appropriations for FY2025-2026 of \$26,820,000. Trustee Moore moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.
- D. It is the recommendation of the President that the Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees declare April Community College month through an approved resolution. Trustee Scott moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.
- E. It is the recommendation of the President that the Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees adopt the changes to the vision, mission, and strategic plan and related revisions resulting from the Executive Order and the Dear Colleague Letter. Trustee Moore moved approval. Second. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

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

- A. Policy Updates
- B. Future Agenda Items
- C. Summer Retreat Dates

We will look at summer retreat dates.

X. Public General Comments

Kwame Kamau James expressed his disappointment with the college for changing the name on the Dr. Craig Brown Diversity Wall. Dr. Brown was his uncle who passed away many years ago. The wall was named in honor of Dr. Craig Brown who contributed a lot to MCC and its students.

XI. Board Comments/Announcements

Trustees Portenga, Scott and Cook shared their concerns and thoughts on the recent DCL and EO implications and the impact on MCC Administration and the Board of Trustees' decision-making, loss of federal funds and related risk associated with not complying with at this point. We don't want to put our students' money at risk. The commitment MCC has made to students has remained the same. Commitment is not impacted. Every student will always receive the same commitment from this institution. We are strongly devoted to students, staff and community.

XII. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Nancy Frye.

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