



# Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Room 2112, David C. Briegel

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

## General Business

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Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on May 10, 2023 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Todd Obren

Members Absent: Tracy Hertsel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officer: Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to elect Tracy Hertsel as Vice Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the April 12, 2023 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to add Action Item 5E, review and possibly approve the: "Donation of Collection Agreement by and Between the City of Dowagiac, MI and Southwestern Michigan College and the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation", to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

One individual was recognized for their service at the College:

Mr. Dave Dilno was recognized for his years of service and Becky Moore presented him with a 20-year pin.

## Public Input

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No Individual requested to speak.

## Other

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The Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2023 was received and placed on file.

Michelle Kite, Controller, presented the Quarterly Financial Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2023.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report. Dr. Odenwald reported that summer and fall enrollments are up in both headcount and contact hours.

## **Discussion Items**

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Dr. David Fleming, Provost, gave an on-line update. Dr. Fleming reported that because success rates for on-line courses have been excellent, the college will offer two degrees of on-line study only study this fall semester.

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with twenty-four individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$7,670.99.

## **Action Items**

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Tom Jerdon moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to appoint Dwight "Skip" Dyes to the vacant Board of Trustee position vacated by the retirement of Keith McKenzie. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Beth Cripe, to adopt the recommendation to hold the Public Budget Hearing at the next Regular meeting scheduled for June 13, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. and to proceed with the noted items on the Notice of Budget Hearing attachment at 5B. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, that Financial Aid for Student Scholarships be designated as approved projects for the SMC Foundation for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as shown in attachment 5C which totals \$560,000 (\$480,000 from the General Scholarship and \$80,000 from the Edward Guse Scholarships). Motion passed unanimously.

Todd Obren moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to adopt and instruct execution of the "Donation of the Collection Agreement by and Between the City of Dowagiac, MI and Southwestern Michigan College and the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation". Motion passed unanimously.

## **Closed Session**

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Tom Jerdon stipulated: The Board of Trustees is scheduled to consider and review items in connection with the negotiation of Collective Bargaining Agreement which is covered by Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act that necessitates closed session. A motion made by Beth Cripe and supported by Becky Moore to move into closed session. There was no discussion. Beth Cripe took an individual roll call vote on the motion with Tom Jerdon, Todd Obren, Becky Moore, Dr. Elaine Foster voting yes. Entered closed session at 9:01 a.m.

Following the end of discussion in closed session, Becky Moore made the motion to reconvene in open session seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster. Beth Cripe took an individual roll call vote on the motion with Tom Jerdon, Todd Obren, Becky Moore, Dr. Elaine Foster voting yes. The Board returned to open session at 10:16 a.m.

## **Review of Follow-up Requests**

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No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

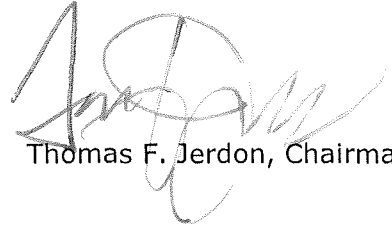
## **Adjournment**

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Dr. Elaine Foster moved to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Todd Obren seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Beth Cripe, Secretary

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Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman