

APPROVED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., in Room K324, John Lewis Conference Center, South Campus, 14500 E. Twelve Mile Road, Warren, Michigan.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lorenzo at 8:21 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present:

Katherine Lorenzo, Chairperson

Shelley Vitale, Vice Chairperson

Kristi Dean, Secretary

Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer

Frank Cusumano, Trustee

Joan Flynn, Trustee

Absent:

Vincent Viviano, Trustee

Also present:

James Sawyer, President

Jeffrey Steele, General Counsel

Patsy Tannahill, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean, to approve the agenda as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Information Session Minutes, April 15, 2026

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026, information session, as read.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

4.2 Closed Session Minutes, April 15, 2026

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026, closed session, as read.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

4.3 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2026

MOTION by Cusumano, supported by Dean, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026, regular meeting, as read.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS (verbal)

5.1 Board of Trustees Reports

None.

5.2. Presidential Employment Contract

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Cusumano, that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed employment contract of Dr. Lori M. Gonko be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Dean asked whether the residency requirement mandates that the president maintain a home in Macomb County. General Counsel Steele clarified that the contract language states the president agrees to maintain a residence in Macomb County. Trustee Dean acknowledged the clarification, noting her expectation that "preferred" would have been included in the final wording.

Trustee Flynn stated that the president should have a residence in Macomb County in order to become more familiar with and connected to the community.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

Lori Gonko "I recall that the last time I had the opportunity to sit in front of you during my final interview, I spoke about what a great honor it would be to carry the college forward on the path that has been so wonderfully laid through the dedication of this board, President Sawyer, the presidents before him, and the leadership team. I can say this evening that it is not only an honor, but also a privilege. My roots are here at Macomb—this is where both my education and my professional career began, and that is something I have never forgotten. I am very excited for this homecoming and for the opportunity to work with all of you, and I thank you for your support."

5.3 Cancellation of July 15, 2026 Meetings of the Board of Trustees

MOTION by Dean, supported by Cusumano, to approve the cancellation of the July 15, 2026, Information Session and Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Dean, Cusumano, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

6.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT (verbal)

President Sawyer "I just want to extend my congratulations to you, Lori. As you said, it is an honor and a privilege to serve as president of Macomb. It is a wonderful organization with exceptional colleagues, and you have had the good fortune of working with us in the past. The board has been very supportive over my nine years, and I truly believe the brightest days for the college are still ahead. I wish you all the best in your new role."

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Statement – April 30, 2026

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the financial statements for the ten months ended April 30, 2026.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Dean, Cusumano, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

7.2 Investment Report – April 30, 2026

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the investment report of securities held as of April 30, 2026.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS: Cusumano

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

7.3A Property Tax Analysis and Resolution

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Cusumano, that the attached resolution for the levy of 2026-2027 property taxes for operating purposes be adopted as presented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB STATE OF MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION FOR LEVY OF 1.3760 MILL TAX 2026

AT A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb, Michigan, held on the 20th day of May 2026 at South Campus, 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, Michigan at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cusumano, Dean, DiMaria, Flynn, Lorenzo, Vitale

ABSENT: Viviano

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee DiMaria and seconded by Trustee Cusumano.

WHEREAS, Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1966, as amended, requires the Board of Trustees to determine the total taxes required for the operation of the Community College for any year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously adopted a proposed additional millage rate as required by Public Act 5 of 1982 and has held a public hearing as required by the same act, and

WHEREAS, the qualified electors of the College District have heretofore authorized the Board of Trustees to levy a tax on real property within the District at the maximum annual rate of 1.3760 mills on each thousand dollars (\$1.3760 per \$1,000) of the State equalized assessed valuation of the property within the District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the total taxes required for operation by the Community College District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, amount to be at least \$57,390,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby declared and certified that the approved tax to be levied on the real property with the College District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 shall be at the rate of 1.3760 mills on each thousand dollars (\$1.3760 per \$1,000) of the taxable State equalized assessed valuation of the property within the District which will be reduced as required by the provisions of Act No. 35 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1979, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and it is hereby declared and certified, that the total amount of taxes to be raised throughout the College District for the operation of the College for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, shall amount to at least \$57,390,000 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary is hereby authorized to certify the approved tax rate and the amount of taxes to be raised and the College Treasurer shall notify the proper assessing office of each appropriate city and township within the College District and do whatever else may be necessary and proper in the premises to effectuate compliance with this resolution.

AYES: DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

7.3B. Open Hearing on Proposed 2026-2027 Budget (verbal)

None.

7.3C. Initial 2025-2026 General Fund Budget

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Cusumano, that the Board of Trustees adopt the general appropriations resolution for 2026-2027 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB  
(Macomb Community College)

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the general consolidated appropriations of Macomb Community College for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. A resolution to make appropriations; to provide for expenditures of appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by Macomb Community College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenues estimated to be available for appropriations in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 are \$173,149,531.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$173,100,077 of the total available to appropriate in the General Fund is hereby appropriated for expenditures and, if necessary, fund balance to be used to ensure that the 2026-2027 budget is balanced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Board of Trustees member or employee of the College shall expend any General Funds or obligate the expenditure of any General Funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the Board shall require approval by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President for Administration is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Board and shall hold the department heads responsible for the performance of their responsibilities within the amount appropriated by the Board of Trustees. This appropriation resolution is to take effect on July 1, 2026.

8.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (verbal)

Lori Chapman, president of the Macomb Community College Faculty Organization (MCCFO). "Faculty are proud to work for this college and the community alongside our colleagues across the college. And our Senate is here also to show our support. So, if you want to stand up. And also, members of our negotiating team and other colleagues. Since February, MCCFO has been negotiating a new contract showing diligence and cooperation with administration, and we only see fairness and equity with our other colleagues across the college in this contract. So, we just wanted to come here to show our support for the college, and we look forward to continue work with you and supporting the college and community."

9.0 PERSONNEL REPORTS

9.1 New Hires

9.1A. Amanda Keller, Full Time Faculty – Chemistry, MCCFO

MOTION by Dean, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Amanda Keller, Full Time Faculty – Chemistry, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Dean, DiMaria, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

9.1B. Emily Zielke, Instructor of Emergency Medical Services, MCCFO

MOTION by Dean, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Emily Zielke, Instructor of Emergency Medical Services, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Dean, DiMaria, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

9.1C. Meagan Hummon, Instructor of Nursing-Medical-Surgical Nursing/Adult Health, MCCFO

MOTION by Dean, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Meagan Hummon, Instructor of Nursing-Medical-Surgical Nursing/Adult Health, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Dean, DiMaria, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

9.1D. Jennifer Simpao, Instructor of Nursing-Medical-Surgical Nursing/Adult Health, MCCFO

MOTION by Dean, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Jennifer Simpao, Instructor of Nursing-Medical-Surgical Nursing/Adult Health, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Dean, DiMaria, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

9.1E. Nicole Durkin, Instructor of Nursing-Medical-Surgical Nursing/Adult Health, MCCFO

MOTION by Dean, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Nicole Durkin, Instructor of Nursing-Medical-Surgical Nursing/Adult Health, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Dean, DiMaria, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

9.1F. Stephanie Lica, Instructor of Dental Hygiene, MCCFO

MOTION by Dean, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel action for Stephanie Lica, Instructor of Dental Hygiene, MCCFO.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Dean, DiMaria, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

9.2. Employment Contracts for Exempt Administrators

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Vitale, that the Board of Trustees approve the contracts for the exempt administrators for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, as presented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DiMaria, Vitale, Dean, Flynn, Lorenzo

NAYS: Cusumano

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

9.3 Salary Schedules for Non-Bargaining Unit (NBU) and Non-Affiliate Special Funded (NASF) Employees

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees approve the salary schedules for non-bargaining unit and non-affiliate special funded employees as presented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

10.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Update on Media Buying and Placement Services - Grant Funded

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Vitale, to receive and file the information report.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: DiMaria, Vitale, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

10.2 ABM Optional Extension - Year 5 - Extension and Consumable Supplies Allowance Increase

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the information report.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

10.3 Custom Game Software for Engagement Kiosks – Fueling IT Grant Fund

MOTION by Vitale, supported by DiMaria, to receive and file the information report.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Vitale, DiMaria, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Donations – April 30, 2026

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to accept the donations as presented and acknowledged by the College, with thanks.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS: Cusumano

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.2 Change Orders (none)

11.3 Authorization for Purchases

11.3A Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor Software

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Vitale, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to enter into a 3-year contract, upon the approval of General Counsel, with Respondus Inc. for a Lockdown Browser and Monitor Software commencing on August 1, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$78,125.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Vitale, Cusumano, Dean, Flynn, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.3B. Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to enter into a Gasoline and Diesel Fuel agreement, upon review and approval of General Counsel, for a three-year term with Spencer Oil, the lowest bidder meeting college specifications, in the amount of \$298,860.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.3C. HVAC Inspection and Service Maintenance Contract Extension

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to extend the HVAC Service and Maintenance Contract with Miller-Boldt Inc. upon the review of General Counsel, in the amount of \$205,332.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.3D. External Advertising

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to purchase various external advertising through SMZ, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 for fiscal year 2026-2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS: Dean

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.3E. Workforce and Continuing Education Registration System(renewal)

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Dean, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to enter into a five (5) year renewal contract, upon review and approval of General Counsel, with Modern Campus to provide the College with a Workforce & Continuing Education registration system in an amount not to exceed a total of \$577,642.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Dean, Cusumano, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.3F. Michigan Community College Risk Management Authority Self-Insured Property and Casualty Insurance

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees approve the contribution rate of \$922,267 to the Michigan Community College Risk Management Authority for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.4 South Campus Quad Canopy Roof Replacement

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed budget for the replacement of the South Campus Quad Canopy Roof and authorize the award of contracts subject to the review and approval of General Counsel.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

11.5 College-Wide Fire-Alarm System Modernization and Communication Upgrades

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed budget for the college-wide fire-alarm system modernization and communication upgrades and authorize the award of contracts for network equipment to National Time and Signal Corporation, subject to review and approval by General Counsel.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Cusumano, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo

NAYS:

ABSENT: Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

12.0 POLICY ACTIONS (none)

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB BOARD OF TRUSTEES

  
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Secretary