

APPROVED MINUTES OF INFORMATION SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

An open information session of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 125 of the University Center, Professional Development Center, Center Campus, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Michigan.

1.0 [CALL TO ORDER](#)

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Vitale at 6:00 p.m.

2.0 [ROLL CALL](#)

Present:

Shelley Vitale, Acting Chairperson

Kristi Dean, Secretary

Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer

Frank Cusumano, Trustee

Joan Flynn, Trustee

Absent:

Katherine Lorenzo, Chairperson

Vincent Viviano, Trustee

Also present:

Lori Gonko, President

Kevin Chandler, Vice President, College Advancement and Community Relations

Carrie Jeffers, Vice President, Student Services

Leslie Kellogg, Provost, Vice President of Academic and Workforce Education

William Leavens, Chief of College Police

Nicole McKee, Executive Director, Government and Institutional Relations

Kathleen Poindexter, Interim Vice President for Business

Jeffrey Steele, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

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

3.0 [APPROVAL OF AGENDA](#)

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

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Dean, Cusumano, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale

NAYS:

ABSENT: Lorenzo, Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 [AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION](#)

None.

5.0 [REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS AND MATERIALS](#)

None.

6.0 ISSUES AND UPDATES

6.1 President's Report

President Gonko shared that she is now six weeks into her role and that this was her first official Information Session and Board meeting. She expressed appreciation to the college community for its warm welcome and thanked the Board of Trustees for their support during her transition. President Gonko also welcomed Kathi Poindexter in her new role as Interim Vice President for Business. In addition to assuming the responsibilities of the CFO, Poindexter will continue overseeing the Facilities Department. President Gonko thanked her for her leadership and willingness to take on these expanded responsibilities.

Closed Session

We do need to have closed session with the BOT pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) - collective bargaining, MCL 15.268(1)(e) - pending litigation and MCL 15.268(h) - to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Enrollment Update

As of today, Fall 2026 credit hours are down 0.7% and headcount is down 2.1% compared to last year. Current enrollment is 15,766 students taking 148,925 credit hours. Winter enrollment is trending positive. Dual enrollment totals 1,900 students, including 1,300 Dual Enrollment students and 600 Early College students.

Personnel

- 9.1.A. Stephanie Aldrich, Full Time Faculty - Surgical Technology Program Faculty and Clinical Coordinator, MCCFO
- 9.1.B. Tamara DePottey, Program Coordinator/Full Time Faculty Radiologic Technology, MCCFO
- 9.1.C. Sara Case-Morris, Associate Dean of Dental, Rehabilitation and Wellness Programs, MCAAP
- 9.1.D. Louisa Krause, Associate Dean of Information Technology, MCAAP
- 9.1.E. Gary Minyard, Director, Cultural Affairs & Community Engagement, MCAAP
- 9.1.F. Sharon Nagel, Information Technologies Project Manager, MCAAP
- 9.1.G. Shawn Turner-Pewitt, Director of Career Services, MCAAP
- 9.1.H. Christian Bonett, Police Commander, NBU
- 9.1.I. Michelle Hamilton, Director of Compliance/Title IX, NBU
- 9.2. Tentative Agreement with Macomb Community College Faculty

Information Items

- 10.1. Strategic Project Management Services
- 10.2. Print Shop Production Equipment Replacement (insurance claim)
- 10.3. Bank Mobile Contract
- 10.4. UWill Contract Renewal Prepayment
- 10.5. Grand River Solutions Interim Title IX Services
- 10.6. TMR & Associates, Inc. Consulting Fee

Purchases

11.3.A Renewal of Document Imaging Software License Agreement

11.3.B Wireless Network Software License Renewal

11.3.C Adobe Enterprise Academic License Renewal

11.3.D Strategic Planning and Market Analysis Consulting Services for Cultural Affairs

President Gonko noted that the selected vendor was not the lowest bidder. While a lower-cost proposal was received, the vendor did not demonstrate the scope, capacity, or performing arts center experience needed to meet the College's requirements. The selected vendor was determined to be the best qualified to deliver the services and ensure responsible stewardship of the Foundation's funding.

11.3.E Annual Library Purchases and DALNET Maintenance Agreement

Administrative – Action Items

11.4 Center Campus Connect Drive Culvert & Roadway Replacement Bids and Proposed Budget

11.5 Architectural and Engineering Services for the 2027-2029 Multi-Year Renovation Program

11.6 Multi-Year Renovation Program Construction Management Services Contract Extension

State Budget

The FY27 state budget includes a 0.8% appropriations increase for the college. The Michigan Achievement Scholarship (Community College Guarantee) will continue, and the MI Reconnect program has been expanded to include students age 21 and older. The budget also includes \$40 million in dual enrollment funding.

Capital Outlay - Mobility & Sustainability Center (South Campus M-Building)

The College received construction authorization for the South Campus (SM Building) renovation as part of the Mobility & Sustainability Center project. The next step in the process is approval of a Capital Outlay Project Management Agreement, which is expected to be presented to the Board in September. With a total estimated cost of \$59.98 million, including \$26.35 million in state funding and \$33.63 million from the College, this is the largest capital outlay project in Macomb's history. To accommodate operations during construction, the College has worked with Plante Moran to identify temporary relocation space and has selected a 63,000-square-foot property in Roseville. A Letter of Intent is being developed for a 36-month lease, and if negotiations are successful, the lease will be brought to the Board for consideration in November. The lease is anticipated to begin in February 2027, with renovations to the temporary space occurring from February through June.

Workforce Pell

As previously shared at the June 2026 meeting, the College submitted the Dental Assisting program as a pilot for Workforce Pell authorization; however, the request was denied due to the length of time the program has operated under its current structure. The College continues to work with academic areas on Workforce Pell opportunities and plans to submit additional programs for approval in January and June, including Dental Assisting.

MCCA Summer Conference

President Gonko attended the MCCA Summer Conference with Trustee DiMaria. Conference sessions focused on president and board governance and relations, student success, and artificial intelligence (AI).

Adjunct Faculty Development Day and Faculty Development Day

Adjunct Faculty Development Day and Faculty Development Day were held in preparation for the fall semester. President Gonko attended both events, spoke with faculty, and thanked the faculty and staff who helped organize the professional development opportunities. She noted the significant effort required to make the events successful.

K-12 Relations – Career Academies

The College offered five Career Academies during the summer, serving a total of 148 students. Participation included 72 students in Camp Scrubs, 20 students in CSI and the PSI, 16 students in Makerspace, 20 students in Media & Communication Arts, and 20 students in Culinary & Pastry Arts.

University Relations

Kettering University has signed an agreement to become a new University Center partner. A signing ceremony is scheduled for September.

Culinary Skills USA

Two Culinary Arts students represented Macomb Community College at the national SkillsUSA competition this summer and both earned medals. One student received a gold medal and the other earned a bronze medal. President Gonko noted how proud the College is of the students' accomplishments and their strong representation of Macomb at the national level.

Health and Public Service Mobile Simulation Stroke Training

A Henry Ford stroke simulation training was successfully conducted in the Mobile Learning Unit. Approximately 30 healthcare professionals participated, including residents, rapid response team members, and nurse practitioners.

Reopening of the Athletics and Expo Center (South Campus P Building)

The Athletics and Expo Center (South Campus P Building) has reopened, and normal operations have resumed. The College is preparing for the start of the volleyball and cross-country seasons, which begin this month.

Veteran and Military Services

Veteran & Military Services is expanding its presence at Center Campus. Early results indicate that the Center Campus location is reaching a distinct student population rather than duplicating services

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available at South Campus. From May through July, 43% of all unique students served were assisted on Wednesdays at the Center Campus location.

Student Life and Leadership Food Pantry

Food pantry usage continued to increase during the Spring and Summer terms, with 75 students utilizing the service for a total of 123 visits. For the year, the food pantry recorded 610 total visits, representing a 74% increase in usage.

President Gonko thanked the College's service faculty and staff who remained on campus throughout the summer to support students. She recognized their efforts in serving students and assisting with Welcome Week activities, as well as the many volunteers and departments that worked together to support enrollment and student success leading into the fall semester.

President Gonko informed the Trustees that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Site Visit is scheduled for February 8-9. Additional information and participation details will be shared as the visit approaches.

September Board Meeting

Public Act 152

Purchases

- Identity Access Management implementation
- IT contractor renewals
- Cohesity Backup Software
- Document classification and records retention implementation Phase 2

Administrative Items

- Capital outlay approval for Mobility and Sustainability Education Center (South Campus M Building)

Trustee Vitale asked whether additional programs could be submitted for Workforce Pell approval in the future following the denial of the Dental Assisting program. President Gonko explained that the College is able to submit other programs and is working with academic areas to identify eligible programs for future submission cycles, with the next round anticipated in January. Dr. Kellogg added that the College is reviewing certificate and other qualifying programs across Health Sciences, Business, Information Technology, Engineering, and Advanced Technology to determine eligibility. While there is no limit on the number of programs that can be submitted, programs must meet specific federal Workforce Pell criteria for approval.

7.0 CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Dean, supported by Flynn, to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c) and to consult with legal counsel regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Dean, Flynn, Cusumano, DiMaria, Vitale

NAYS:

ABSENT: Lorenzo, Viviano

MOTION CARRIED.

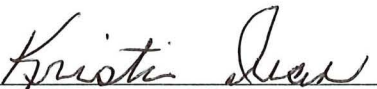
8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Secretary