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, September 16, 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 7:37 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present:
Katherine Lorenzo, Chairperson
Shelley Vitale, Vice Chairperson
Kristi Dean, Secretary
Roseanne DiMaria, Treasurer
Joan Flynn, Trustee

Absent:
Frank Cusumano, Trustee
Vincent Viviano, Trustee

Also present:
Lori Gonko, President
Jeffrey Steele, General Counsel
Patsy Tannahill, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Dean, to approve the agenda as presented.
ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: DiMaria, Dean, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Information Session Minutes, August 19, 2026

4.2 Closed Session Minutes, August 19, 2026

4.3 Regular Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2026

MOTION by Dean, supported by DiMaria, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026, information session, closed session and regular meeting, as read.
ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Dean, DiMaria, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS (verbal)

5.1 Board of Trustees Reports

Chairperson Lorenzo thanked Trustee Vitale for acting as chairperson at the August 19, 2026 meeting.

6.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT (verbal)

None.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 Financial Statement – August 31,2026

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Dean, to receive and file the financial statements for the two months ended August 31, 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: DiMaria, Dean, Flynn, Vitale, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

7.2 Investment Report – August 31, 2026

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the investment report of securities held as of August 31, 2026.
ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (verbal)

Gary Flemming, professor, asked the administration to consider reviewing credit for prior learning for students who hold credentials earned in other countries, as well as exploring the possibility of offering general education courses in a cohort format.

9.0 PERSONNEL REPORTS

9.1 New Hires (none)

9.2 Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Flynn, that the Board of Trustees vote to elect to comply with Section 3 of Act No. 152 of the Public Acts of 2011.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: DiMaria, Flynn, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

10.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Macomb Community College and University of Detroit Mercy ADN to BSN Completion Grant Allocation Amendment

MOTION by Dean, supported by Vitale, to receive and file the information report.
ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Dean, Vitale, DiMaria, Flynn, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

11.0 REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION – ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Donations – August 31, 2026

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Vitale, to accept the donations as presented and acknowledged by the College, with thanks.
ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: DiMaria, Vitale, Dean, Flynn, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

11.2 Change Orders (none)

11.3 Authorization for Purchases

11.3A Supplemental Contract Programming Resources

MOTION by Vitale, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to extend the current contracts with Execu-Sys and 22nd Century Technologies for supplemental contract programming resources, upon the review and approval of General Counsel, in an amount not to exceed $288,640 at the previously approved hourly rates.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Vitale, DiMaria, Dean, Flynn, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

11.4 Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget Project Management Agreement and Project Budget for the Mobility and Sustainability Education Center

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Vitale, that the Board of Trustees authorize the total project budget of $59,980,000 and authorize the Administration to enter into a Project Management Agreement with the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget for the Mobility and Sustainability Education Center Capital Outlay Renovation Project.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: DiMaria, Vitale, Dean, Flynn, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

11.5 Board Resolution – Local Strategic Value Best Practices

MOTION by Flynn, supported by Dean, that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution regarding best practices.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Flynn, Dean, DiMaria, Vitale, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

11.6 Board Resolution - President Sawyer's Compensation and Retirement Benefits

MOTION by Flynn, supported by DiMaria, that the Board of Trustees adopt and approve the resolution confirming that President James O. Sawyer IV's compensation was not paid or structured for the purposes of spiking his pension benefits.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Flynn, DiMaria, Dean, Vitale, Lorenzo
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cusumano, Viviano
MOTION CARRIED.

12.0 POLICY ACTIONS

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by DiMaria, supported by Dean, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kristi Dean
Secretary