

Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on June 13, 2023 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Tracy Hertsel, Becky Moore, Skip Dyes, Dr. Elaine Foster, Todd Obren

Members Absent: Beth Cripe

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the May 10, 2023 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Skip Dyes, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel to open the Budget Hearing at 8:03 a.m. for public input.

Public Input

No Individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2023 was received and placed on file.

Vice-President Susan Coulston and Controller Michelle Kite presented the 2023-2024 balanced budget.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report. Dr. Odenwald reported on the National Community College Benchmarking study and the strong results for Southwestern Michigan College generally. He also shared that summer headcount is up 4.8% and contact hours are up 16.4%, the best since 2015.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with six individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$115,375.

Action Items

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Skip Dyes, to close the Budget Hearing at 8:25 a.m. No one from the public requested to speak. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to approve the All-Purpose Millage Resolution (attachment 5B). Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to approve the adoption of the 2023-2024 Budgets as detailed in attachment 3B, including an adjustment to the previously approved in-district tuition rate for FY '24 so as to comply with the currently proposed State tuition restraint percentage of 4.5%. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, that individuals to serve as SMC representatives on the MCCA Board of Directors be appointed. Tom Jerdon to serve as Trustee Director and Skip Dyes to serve as Trustee Alternate (attachment 5D). Motion passed unanimously.

Todd Obren moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to accept with gratitude the gifts shown in attachment 5E, with two individual donations in the amount of \$7,292.10. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

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 Dr. Elaine Foster and supported by Skip Dyes to move into closed session. There was no discussion. Becky Moore took an individual roll call vote on the motion with Tom Jerdon, Skip Dyes, Tracy Hertsel, Dr. Elaine Foster, Todd Obren and Becky Moore voting yes. Entered closed session at 8:36 a.m.

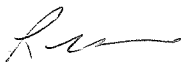
Following the end of discussion in closed session, Tracy Hertsel made the motion to reconvene in open session seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster. Becky Moore took an individual roll call vote on the motion with Skip Dyes, Tracy Hertsel, Dr. Elaine Foster, Todd Obren, Becky Moore, and Tom Jerdon voting yes. The Board returned to open session at 9:03 a.m.

Review of Follow-up Requests

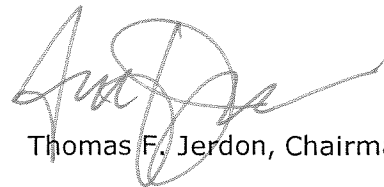
No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Tracy Hertsel moved to adjourn at 9:12 a.m. Dr. Elaine Foster seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Becky Moore, Acting Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman