

Meeting Minutes

Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees

July 8, 2025, Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairperson Kurt Peterson at the Candlestone Inn meeting room, in Belding, Michigan.

Trustees present: Dr. Esther Combs, Trustee
Joyce Kitchenmaster, Secretary
Robert Marston, Trustee
Kurt Peterson, Chairperson
Joshua Stump, Treasurer

Trustees absent: Carol Deuling-Ravell, Vice Chairperson

Others present: Dr. Bradley J. Barrick, MCC President
Celina Flegel, MCC Director of Admissions & Registrar
Lisa Herald, Executive Assistant, MCC Foundation
Sachiko Johnson, Jordan Manufacturing
Lisa Lund, Executive Director of the MCC Foundation
Rylee McGowan, MCC student
Ryder Nadeau, Belding High School Counselor and MCC Success Coach
Dawn Norton, Candlestone Catering
Brent Noskey, Belding Area Schools Superintendent
Francisco Ramirez, MCC Dean of Student & Enrollment Services
Amber Rood, General Manager of The Daily News
Shelly Springborn, MCC Director of Community and Board Relations
Carlie Willingham, MCC student
Emily Willingham, Belding resident
Ryan Wilson, Executive Director of the Ionia County Economic Alliance
Nikolai Zerkle, Legislative Aide for Rep. Pat Outman and Belding City Council member

The Trustees reviewed minutes from their June 10, 2025, meeting. Mr. Peterson said the minutes stand approved as read.

The Trustees reviewed financial reports.

The Belding community leaders discussed with the Trustees their area interests and initiatives.

Ms. Willingham and Ms. McGowan shared their student experiences at MCC.

Ms. Flegel and Mr. Nadeau shared with the Trustees their backgrounds and initiatives they are working on.

Dr. Barrick shared his president's report including the Centurion Awards Banquet, recognition of Karen Carbonelli, upcoming MCCA summer conference, Centurion Athletics Golf Outing, MCCF Ag program donation, appointment to the Rural Community College Alliance Board and to the Council to Advance Two-Year Colleges Board.

Mr. Peterson appointed Mr. Stump chairperson, Mrs. Deuling-Ravell and Dr. Combs to the Trustee Committee.

Mr. Peterson appointed Mr. Stump to the Audit Committee.

Mr. Peterson appointment Mrs. Springborn as Assistant Board Secretary.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Stump and supported by Mr. Marston, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the two business checking accounts, NIH Grants #40109 and MCCF Scholarship #88983, be transferred to “NOW Business” accounts in order to receive interest on the balances, utilizing the signatures as described in the memo above.

The Trustees set a special meeting for Monday, July 21, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Trebian Conference Room for the purpose of appointing a trustee to fill the seat vacated by Karen Carbonelli.

The Trustees reviewed the upcoming dates.

At 10:21 a.m., Dr. Combs moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Marston supported the motion, which carried unanimously.