



# Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Oakland Community College

11/19/2024 6:00 PMEST

@ The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:00 p.m., at the Auburn Hills Campus, Room G240, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan.

## November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting

This meeting will include a request for a closed session under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h), to discuss a written legal opinion from the College's General Counsel regarding an update on OCC Campus properties, and pursuant to MCL 15.268(a), to discuss Chancellor's Evaluation.

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

### 2. Attendance

Present: K. Bertolini, S. Bryant, E. Callaghan, S. Gibson, P. Jackson Absent: P. Davis, C. O'Sullivan

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Chair Jackson asked if there were any items to add or remove from the agenda.

#### **Motion:**

Move to approve agenda.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Kathleen Bertolini. Motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

#### 4.1. October 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

##### **Motion:**

Move to approve minutes from the October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by Edward Callaghan.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4.2. October 15, 2024 Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes

##### **Motion:**

Move to approve minutes from October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Closed Session.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Edward Callaghan.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Communications

### 5.1. Community Comments

Kristine Evans, OCC Counselor read a letter on behalf of Nahrein Atkinson, which addressed her concerns with the Southfield location future plans.

Thomas Fox, OR Campus student noting his concern with the A building and the construction site, the parking lot partially blocked off and the lab in A building having no heat.

Nancy Croitori, thanked the Board for providing the opportunity to utilize the southern portion for community recreation. The organization she is affiliated with is targeting the northern portion of HL campus to keep it undisturbed and keep the carbon out of the environment and asking if it is at all possible to preserve it.

Jacklyn Brown - OCC alumni resides in Waterford voiced her concern about the northern portion of the campus not being protected and asked for efforts to preserve the space.

Judy Einsly - OCC OR alumni addressed the group and shared a story of wildlife in her yard and noted how important it is to share the space with animals.

Steve Kline - Conservation of Waterford Lands spoke to the Board regarding land development and asked to consider any offer Oakland County Parks offers.

Tyler Manning- a tutor at OR Campus, expressed his frustration with the removal of a student lounge in A building, and lack of and location of vending machines. He asked to hear their plea and replace the student lounge.

An OCC student from OR campus brought up his concerns about the food pantry there and allow for fundraising to keep it sustainable.

Nicholas Marinelli, a life-long Waterford resident addressed the group regarding the land at the northern portion of the HL campus. He opposed the sale of this land for development and stated various reasons for this.

### 5.2. Academic Report

#### 5.2.1. Academic Senate Report

Senate Chair Robert Andersen provided his monthly update. He introduced Barbie Hoag from the Professional Learning Committee, whom provided an overview of the committee's activities and initiatives. The PLC focuses on quality relevant learning opportunities for faculty, some of which are improving timely feedback, and a culture of observation initiative.

Trustee Callaghan informed B. Hoag of a recent webinar hosted by Alliance for Excellence in Online Education and noted several highlights from the webinar. Trustee Callaghan also inquired with B. Andersen regarding the timeline for the Emeritus work. B. Andersen hoped to have something in place for next academic year.

#### 5.2.2. Provost Update

Provost Dr. Jennifer Berne provided her Academic update.

### 5.3. Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Provenzano offered his comments for this month's meeting.

#### 5.4. Clery Act & Public Safety Report

Chief Rick Leonard provided the annual Clery Act and Public Safety Report.

Trustee Callaghan congratulated Chief Leonard on a great report and suggested to share with neighboring agencies and police chiefs in Oakland County.

#### 5.5. Student Engagement Report

Dr. Kim Hurns, Vice Chancellor for Student Services introduced Athletic Director Jamie Corona. J. Corona spoke about the exciting things happening with athletics, mentioning Talon, the new website, and two new basketball coaches [Gjon Djokaj](#) for the men's team and Bob Belf for the Women's team. They both are dedicated to bringing the best student athletes to OCC. She also mentioned the housing opportunities at OU for our student athletes. Then she introduced several OCC athletes and coach Djokaj. The athletes were from a variety of sports: Hannah Maynard - Volleyball transferred from Sienna Heights and is so happy that she is at OCC. She is all conference and has been defensive player of the week numerous times; Makayla Lezotte - Softball - led team with hits last year and is transferring to Rochester College to continue playing softball while pursuing her bachelor degree in Elementary Education, Jordan Wright - Men's Basketball who lives at the OU dorms while attending OCC to make his commute much easier, and Michael Schultz - Men's Cross Country who is from Rochester and joined the team last year which helped him transition into the college life much easier.

John Jokaj, Men's Basketball coach who is a 2000 graduate from OCC, then attended CMU. After graduation he moved around with his coaching career. So pleased he took the opportunity at OCC to help the growth and help to share the importance of junior college athletics.

### 6. Action Items

#### 6.1. 2025-2026 Tuition Rates

Vice Chancellor Tina Kostiuk provided a presentation to precede the motion regarding next year's tuition rates.

Trustee Callaghan asked about the student service fee and it not being increased and what the rationale is for that. T. Kostiuk answered the question and stated that we didn't feel that we needed to increase that fee since we were increasing the tuition fees. Trustee Callaghan then asked if it was in line with other colleges, T. Kostiuk noted that it is hard to compare with others due to the different fee structures at each institution.

#### **Motion:**

Move to adopt the following 2026 Fiscal Year tuition rates beginning with the Fall 2025 semester: \$115.00 per contact hour for in-district and \$217.00 per contact hour for out-of-district.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by Susan Gibson.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## 7. Information Items

### CONSENT CALENDAR - INFORMATION ITEMS

Items 7.1 to 7.5 listed below on the Consent Calendar – Information Items are considered to be routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or the Chancellor so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and discussed separately.

Trustee Callaghan stated that he has questions about most of the reports, noted below at each report.

#### 7.1. Finance Quarterly Report

Trustee Callaghan stated comparing 2023 vs 2024 it appears we have less funds and he is most concerned about the property taxes. T. Kostiuk replied that it is in the timing, this was a quarterly report ending 9/30, and in October we received an additional four million to make it higher than 2023.

#### 7.2. College Facilities Quarterly Report

Trustee Callaghan inquired about the chiller project expense and the RO parking structure costs. R. Kelly explained the chiller project cost includes the entire scope of the project, and explained the facets of that. In regards to RO, he noted that every five years they do a maintenance review to provide all needed repairs to the structure.

#### 7.3. Information Technology Quarterly Report

Trustee Callaghan inquired about the Adding the OCC Chat BOT and no cost associated with it. R. Montgomery noted the cost is built into the basic software platform. We are only adding functionality to the support center to allow assistance for students working with the Chat BOT. These are current employees and ensues no additional cost.

#### 7.4. OCC Foundation Quarterly Report

Trustee Callaghan asked what the relationship with Strategic Insight Partners and MARCOMM are and what are they doing for Foundation. C. Ayar noted Strategic Insight is assisting the Foundation with strategic planning, and MARCOMM is working on various marketing initiatives with them. MARCOMM is an internal department that will continue to work with the Foundation. He also asked what is the last day to give to the Foundation for this year. C. Ayar replied the last day to give is postmarked December 31, 2024.

#### 7.5. Strategic Plan Update

##### **Motion:**

Move to receive and file information items 7.1 through 7.5 listed on the Consent Calendar.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by Susan Gibson.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## END OF CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

Request for closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(a) to discuss the Chancellor's Evaluation.

**Motion:**

Move to move into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(a) to discuss the Chancellor's evaluation?

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Kathleen Bertolini. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Bryant, Bertolini, Jackson, Gibson, Callaghan

Entered closed session at 8:00 p.m.

**Motion:**

Move to move back into open session.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Kathleen Bertolini. Motion passed unanimously.

Returned to open session at 8:44 p.m.

**Motion:**

Move the Board of Trustees confer as merit pay a sum equal to the bonus the Chancellor earned per his contract as a result of his evaluation.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Kathleen Bertolini. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:**

Move to authorize Treasurer Bryant to implement the Board's Chancellor evaluation determinations by execution of a new agreement upon the terms and the form as presented with counselor correcting any scrivener errors and adding a severance provision as follows:

- Simple majority for cause termination - two-year severance
- Super majority for cause termination - one-year severance
- No cause termination - three-year severance

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Kathleen Bertolini.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Request for closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h), to discuss a written legal opinion from the College's General Counsel regarding OCC's property status.

**Motion:**

Move to move into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h), to discuss a written legal opinion from the College's General Counsel regarding an update on OCC Campus properties.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Kathleen Bertolini. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Bryant, Bertolini, Jackson, Gibson, Callaghan

Entered closed session at 8:50 pm.

**Motion:**

Move to move back into open session

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by Susan Gibson.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Returned to open session at 9:50 pm.

8. Board Comments

Chair Jackson thanked Trustee O'Sullivan for her service on the Board since 2012. She also welcomed newly elected Trustee, Meg Lambert, who will begin her term in January 2025. She also acknowledged it is the season of giving and asked everyone to join her in making a gift when the ask is received from the OCC Foundation. Trustee Callaghan requested a report in the future from the Chancellor's office on senior offerings and continuing education opportunities at the College.

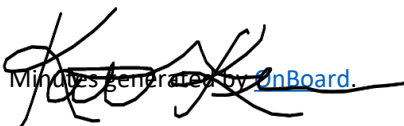
9. Adjournment

**Motion:**

Move to adjourn meeting.

Motion moved by Susan Gibson and motion seconded by Kathleen Bertolini. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Kathleen Kelly  
2025-01-22 18:28 UTC



Pamela Jackson  
2025-01-26 13:43 UTC



Susan Gibson  
2025-01-30 15:58 UTC