



Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Oakland Community College

4/15/2025 6:00 PM EDT

@ The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College will immediately follow the January 21, 2025 6:00 pm Special Meeting at 2900 Featherstone Road, G240, Auburn Hills, MI.

1. Call to Order

Chair Bertolini called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Attendance

Present: K. Bertolini, M. Burrus, E. Callaghan, P. Jackson, M. Lambert Absent: S. Bryant, P. Davis

Chair Bertolini recognized Susan Gibson for her service as Trustee, Pam Jackson for her service as Board Chair, and MiVida Burrus as the newly appointed Trustee, filling Susan Gibson's vacant seat.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion:

Move to approve agenda.

Motion moved by Edward Callaghan and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1. January 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

 [4.1 January 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

Move to approve minutes from the January 21, 2025 Regular meeting.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by Edward Callaghan. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2. January 21, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes

 [4.2 January 21, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

Move to approve minutes from the January 21, 2025 Special Meeting.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by Edward Callaghan.
Motion passed unanimously.

5. Communications

5.1. Community Comments

Nancy Croitori- addressed the Board once again in regards to the Highland Lakes Campus property sale. She noted they are appreciative of Waterford for purchasing the southern portion, and are now focused on the northern portion and saving this. She voiced her concern for the sale of this property.

Nahrien Atkinson - a counselor from the Royal Oak campus, welcomed both new Board members Meg Lambert and MiVidia Burrus. She expressed how she valued the Oakland Schools Board of Education during the process of filling our vacant Board seat, and how they work as a cohesive group.

Debra Helms - a resident who lives in the community of Highland Lakes since 1971, voiced her opinion about the northern portion of the property and what she thought it should become.

Ed McCarl - representing Southeast Michigan Sierra Club, noted they sent a letter advocating to save the Llewellyn Nature Preserve, and read portions of the letter.

Robin Gregor, a Waterford resident expressed her opinion about selling the northern portion of the Highland Lakes campus to Oakland County.

Jan Feldman - she expressed her concerned since Oakland County provided an offer and this Board's silence since that offer.

Rick Vespa - noted everyone else's comments are accurate. He has lived across the street for 2 years. He feels it is wrong to have the community pay for the property and now have it sold off for housing.

Peter Ogg - voiced his opinion and concern for the future of the land at Highland Lakes campus.

5.2. Academic Report

5.2.1. Academic Senate Report

Senate Chairperson Andersen provided his update. He introduced Ken Sigler, Chair of Curriculum Instruction Committee (CIC) who joined him today to provide an overview of their workings. K. Sigler welcomed the new board members and then told the group about the committee made up of administrators, teaching faculty, and amazing group of counselors who assist faculty in curriculum development.

Trustee Callaghan asked if the Pantry committee has reported information. Chair Andersen responded that the committee has not shared out to the Senate or others, but he will be happy to report back at the next meeting.

Trustee Callaghan inquired if deactivation is one the CIC responsibilities. K. Sigler noted, that group isn't in charge of that, although they play a role in this as they are aware and work with the Deans to finalize these decisions.

 [5.2.1 Senate Report.pdf](#)

5.2.2. Provost Update

Provost Berne provided her Academic update.

 [5.2.2 Provost Update.pdf](#)

5.3. Chancellor's Comments

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

5.4. Student Engagement Report

Dean Cindy Carbone introducing Jennifer Little, Theatre Faculty; and Krystiana Baker, Julie Kline, and Cooper Miller, theater students who performed in the recent production *39 Steps*. Each student shared their background, what brought them to the theater, and what it means to them.

6. Monitoring Report

6.1. Fall Monitoring Report

S. Simpson provided an overview of the Fall 2024 Monitoring report and introduced Kristin Carey Li to delve into the presentation and numbers.

 [6.1 Fall 2024 Monitoring Report.pdf](#)

 [6.1 Fall 2024 Monitoring Report Presentation 4.15.25.pptx](#)

Trustee Callaghan asked what we plan to do to address the mental health of our students next year from the Trellis results that we received. S. Simpson answered we will continue having our counselors and the MHDSS on-site and are dedicated to OCC students. We partnered with the county on the MHDSS, which helped us to have two dedicated case workers for our institution. Going forward we are planning a social service fair during welcome week, all school agencies that provide those services will be a part of this event. Most importantly we seek to optimize the counselor/advisor model and hope to get it in full effect.

Trustee Callaghan inquired about PDF forms conversions project, K. Carey Li noted it is 40% done. It is a huge in-depth endeavor with continued progress.

Trustee Callaghan requested to have Continuing Education offerings included in the next monitoring report.

Trustee Callaghan asked for the next report to compare the Fall 2024 to the Fall 2019 headcounts.

Trustee Jackson asked if we have to remove DEIJ from the Board Ends due to government directives. B. Rae noted that we are working on revising our policies and she explained the guidance from the government saying DEIJ is not illegal, but rather not treating all individuals equally is not allowed.

Chair Bertolini asked how we are doing with the Oakland 80 initiative. K. Carey Li noted we haven't seen a recent report from Oakland 80, but it currently is at 73%.

Motion:

Move to receive and file the Fall 2024 Monitoring report.

Motion moved by Meg Lambert and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Action Items

No action items.

8. Information Items

Consent Calendar - Information Items

Items 8.1 to 8.5 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 Jackson asked in reference to 8.2, is Highland Lakes included in CW for college-wide projects. B. Kelly responded that they are as we continue general maintenance and upkeep.

Trustee Callaghan asked in reference to 8.3 if we anticipate being within budget. B. Montgomery replied yes.

Trustee Callaghan asked in reference to 8.4 if we are going to exceed contributions this year from last. C. Ayar responded yes.

Motion:

Move to receive and file information items 8.1 through 8.5 listed on the Consent Calendar.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by Edward Callaghan. Motion passed unanimously.

8.1. Finance Quarterly Report

 [8.1 Finance Quarterly Report Dec2024.pdf](#)

8.2. College Facilities Quarterly Report

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8.3. Information Technologies Quarterly Report

 [8.3 IT Quarterly Report 12-31-24.pdf](#)

8.4. OCC Foundation Quarterly Report

 [8.4 OCC Foundation Quarterly Report .pdf](#)

8.5. Strategic Plan Update

9. Board Comments

Chair Bertolini attended the scholarship luncheon and she felt it was a beautiful event, the stories from students and donors, the culinary team outdid themselves. In addition, she offered a check for \$19.65 for the Talon Day of Giving and challenged everyone in the room to do the same. She thanked everyone in the room for their parts in the journey to obtain MiVida Burrus to fill our vacancy. She thought it was amazing to see the team come together in a quasi crisis. She noted we are more than a team, but a family.

Trustee Callaghan noted on April 4th the 23rd annual symposium held in this room and was a great event. He thanked those who helped to organize the event. Keith Purdy award was given to an OCC faculty member, Sharon Korth. On April 10th the Governor visited the AH Campus to sign an order to help recruit male students. He would like to see from the Chancellor what we will use to abate the erosion of male students going forward.

Trustee Jackson thanked everyone for the recognition. Trustee Jackson was honored to be a speaker at a Women's Skilled Trades events, also Susan Gibson is running the Boston Marathon on April 21st and Trustee Bryant is on her way home.

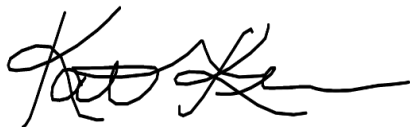
Trustee Lambert welcomed Trustee Burrus and noted she was no longer the new kid on the block.

10. Adjournment

Motion:

Move to adjourn meeting.

Motion moved by MiVida Burrus and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Kathleen Kelly
2025-05-22 14:12 UTC



Kathleen Bertolini
2025-05-22 19:14 UTC



Pamela Jackson
2025-05-23 03:03 UTC