



Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Oakland Community College

5/20/2025 5:45 PM EDT

@ 2900 Featherstone Road, G-building, Room 240

A Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting for the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 5:45 p.m., at the Auburn Hills Campus, Building G, Room 240, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan.

This meeting is preceded by a public hearing for the proposed budget and financial forecast for fiscal years 2026-2030. The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will commence immediately following the public hearing. This meeting will include a request for a closed session under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c), to receive an update on labor negotiations.

1. Call to Order

Chair Bertolini called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.

2. Attendance

Present: K. Bertolini, M. Burrus, P. Jackson, Pam Davis, Remote Participation from ADA Accommodation: S. Bryant **Absent:** E. Callaghan **Other:** M. Lambert joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Trustee Bryant has submitted an ADA Accommodation to participate at the Board meeting via ZOOM. She joined the meeting this evening virtually from her home in Farmington Hills.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Trustee Davis asked for item 7.6 to be removed from the action items and placed in the Information items section, so nothing would be voted on in relation to this item.

Motion:

Move to amend agenda, moving Action Item 7.6 to Information Item 8.6

Motion moved by Pamala Davis and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Move to approve amended agenda.

Motion moved by Pamala Davis and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1. April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

 [4.1 April 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

Move to approve April 15, 2025 Regular meeting minutes.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus.

Motion passed unanimously with Trustee Davis abstaining from vote, as she was not present at the April meeting.

5. Communications

5.1. Community Comments

Jan Doth from Waterford provided a statement noting that the voters should have a say in what happens to the property, demanding to be informed.

Nancy Critori addressed the Board again and spoke about preserving the buildings for trade education.

Robin McGregor from Waterford noted that she asked for many of the groups to be a part of the agenda this evening and feels the residents are in the dark and have not been informed of anything going on.

Nick Valenti chair of OCCFA, welcomed Trustee Davis back and provided condolences. He then spoke asking what the rumors and plans are for the Orchard Ridge campus.

Nahreim Atkinson, OCC Counselor addressed the Board regarding Counselors, their history at the College and what they do at the college for the students. She believes that we should be adding Counseling jobs and backfilling vacant positions.

Scott Kokotovich, OCC Counselor talked to the board about career counselors and how they are important to our students.

Jacklyn Brown, Conservation of Waterford Lands read a letter from the Sierra Club, noting the importance of protecting natural areas and land, more specifically the Llewellyn Nature Center.

Laura Vogel, from White Lake, mentioned that she doesn't know why the college doesn't want to accept the proposal from the County.

Steve Cline from COWL, stated he would like an investigation if the land is sold. He also provided an email address for additional donations to help with supporting their stance.

Peter Ogg addressed the board and noted that the community is reaching out to the college to show their concern and support. He asked for the opportunity for the community to provide the Board with all the ideas they have, and have open reach to the community. They want to have time to get resources to develop and have the opportunity to be contributors to this.

Ashley Todaraski a Waterford resident who hits golf balls at Highland Lakes and visits Hess Hathaway park and doesn't want to see the land go and thinks it should be a public park.

5.2. Academic Report

5.2.1. Academic Senate Report

R. Andersen provided the Academic Senate report for the month.

5.2.2. Provost Update

Associate Provost Dr. Jolene Chapman provided the Provost report.

5.3. Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Provenzano presented his comments for this meeting, noting new and retiring staff, current achievements, happenings, and OCC in the news.

Chancellor Provenzano introduced three of our recent retirees who were in attendance at the meeting - Rob Kangas, Bob Montgomery, Sonja Phillips. Each of the retirees provided a brief statement about their time at OCC.

5.4. Student Engagement Report

Heidi Renton, PTK Advisor and Student Engagement Coordinator introduced Caroline Eagen 2024-25 President, and Lisa Bica Grodsky was part of the officer team for 2024-25 and will be for 2025-26. The students provided an overview of the year's activities, noting several of the awards that they received, and highlights of the annual Catalyst conference.

Trustee Davis noted in 2011-2012 she was made an honorary member of PTK and asked how long it lasts. The PTK students indicated it would last forever. Trustee Davis also inquired what the chapter name and number are. They responded the chapter name was Alpha Omicron Kappa.

6. Monitoring Report - None

No monitoring scheduled for this month.

7. Action Items

Vice Chancellor Tina Kostiuk made a brief statement about the Highland Lakes Campus to clear up any misconceptions about the sale.

7.1. Adoption of the 2025-26 Fiscal Year Operating Budgets

Vice Chancellor Tina Kostiuk, Director of Budget & Finance Renee Oszust, and Executive Director for Facilities Operations Bob Kelly presented to the group.

 [7.1 - Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Adoption.pdf](#)

 [7.1 - Resolution for 2025-26 Budgets.pdf](#)

 [Budget and Financial Forecast 2026-2030.pdf](#)

Motion:

Move to have the Board of Trustees approved the General Appropriations Act for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Motion moved by MiVida Burrus and motion seconded by Meg Lambert. Motion passed unanimously - roll call vote below.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bryant - AYE

Trustee Jackson - AYE

Trustee Bertolini - AYE

Trustee Lambert - AYE

Trustee Burrus - AYE

Trustee Davis - AYE

7.2. 2025 Operating Millage Rate for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year

 [7.2 - 2025 Tax Rate for FY26.pdf](#)

 [7.2 - Resolution for 2025 Operating Millage Rate \(FY26\).pdf](#)

Motion:

Move that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution to levy the maximum annual tax rate and authorize the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services to notify the proper assessing office of each municipality to effectuate compliance with this resolution.

Motion moved by Meg Lambert and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed unanimously - roll call vote below.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bryant - AYE
Trustee Jackson - AYE
Trustee Bertolini - AYE
Trustee Lambert - AYE
Trustee Burrus - AYE
Trustee Davis - AYE

7.3. Appointment of Audit Committee Member & Committee Chair

 [7.3 Audit Committee Appointment.pdf](#)

Motion:

Move to appoint Trustee Lambert to the Audit Committee.

Motion moved by Pamala Davis and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Davis nominated Trustee Lambert.

Motion:

Move to appoint Trustee Jackson to lead committee as chair.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Davis nominated Trustee Lambert, but she declined. Chair Bertolini nominated Trustee Jackson.

7.4. Appointment of Policy Committee Member Vacant Seat

 [7.4 Policy Committee Appointment.pdf](#)

Motion:

Move to appoint Trustee Davis to the Policy Committee, replacing resigned Trustee Gibson.

Motion moved by Meg Lambert and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion failed - 3 Ayes to 3 Nays.

Motion:

Move to appoint Trustee Burrus to the Policy Committee, replacing resigned Trustee Gibson.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson.
Motion passed with four Ayes.

Trustee Lambert nominated Trustee Davis, and Trustee Bertolini nominated Trustee Burrus.

7.5. Board of Trustees MCCA Representative and Alternate

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Motion:

Move to have Trustee Davis appointed as MCCA Board of Directors Representative to the MCCA Board of Directors for a term beginning July 15, 2025 and ending July 14, 2026. Due to Trustee Gibson's resignation and vacancy, the representative's term will commence immediately and continue through July 14, 2026.

Motion moved by Pamala Davis and motion seconded by Meg Lambert. Motion failed - 3 Ayes to 3 Nays.

Motion:

Move to have Trustee Jackson appointed as MCCA Board of Directors Representative to the MCCA Board of Directors for a term beginning July 15, 2025 and ending July 14, 2026. Due to Trustee Gibson's resignation and vacancy, the representative's term will commence immediately and continue through July 14, 2026.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by Kathleen Bertolini.
Motion passed with four Ayes.

Motion:

Move to have Trustee Davis appointed as the MCCA Board of Directors alternate representative to the MCCA Board of Directors for a term beginning July 15, 2025 and ending July 14, 2026. Due to Trustee Gibson's resignation and vacancy, the representative's term will commence immediately and continue through July 14, 2026.

Motion moved by Pamala Davis and motion seconded by Meg Lambert. Motion failed - 3 Ayes to 3 Nays.

Motion:

Move to have Trustee Bertolini appointed as the MCCA Board of Directors alternate representative a to the MCCA Board of Directors for a term beginning July 15, 2025 and ending July 14, 2026. Due to Trustee Gibson's resignation and vacancy, the representative's term will commence immediately and continue through July 14, 2026.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson.
Motion passed with four Ayes.

Trustee Davis and Trustee Jackson volunteered for the representative, Trustee Davis and Trustee Bertolini volunteered for the alternate representative.

7.6. Addendum to the May 21, 2024 Board Approved Purchase Agreement & Authorization for Chancellor

Motion:

Move to have the Board of Trustees approve an addendum to the May 21, 2024 authorized Purchase Agreement moving up the closing date, and further authorize the Chancellor to approve and sign a rent-free lease agreement through November 1, 2027 for Levinson Hall, as well as any easement rental and related agreements that support the sale and continued College use of the property, and any further addendums or amendments to the Purchase Agreement the Chancellor deems desirable in regards to the Highland Lakes Campus.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus.
Motion passed unanimously - roll call vote below.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bryant - AYE
Trustee Jackson - AYE
Trustee Bertolini - AYE
Trustee Lambert - AYE
Trustee Burrus - AYE
Trustee Davis - AYE

Trustee Davis asked for an overview of what the Addendum is for and what the original purchase agreement contained. Vice Chancellor Kostiuk provided an overview of what was included in the original Purchase Agreement and what the original timeline was for closing. Trustee Bertolini thanked Waterford

administration for working with OCC. Anthony Bartolotta, Waterford Township Supervisor addressed the Board and thanked OCC for working with them, explained what is planned for the land, and clarified they need a closing sooner to get on the winter tax bill.

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.

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 MiVida Burrus.

Motion passed unanimously.

8.1. Finance Quarterly Report

 [8.1 Finance Quarterly Report Mar2025.pdf](#)

8.2. College Facilities Quarterly Report

 [8.2 College Facilities Quarterly Report Mar2025.pdf](#)

8.3. Information Technology Quarterly Report

 [8.3 IT Quarterly Report Mar2025.pdf](#)

8.4. OCC Foundation Quarterly Report

 [8.4 OCCF Quarterly Report Mar 2025.pdf](#)

8.5. Strategic Plan Update

END OF CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

 [8.5 Strategic Plan Update.pdf](#)

8.6. Private Public Partnership Vision Presentation

Representatives from Reith Jones, Anthony Sikora and Spencer Jaskiewicz presented the public-private partnership vision for Orchard Ridge campus.

P. Davis noted she was very uncomfortable when she and the Chancellor spoke about this in December.

She thanked the Chancellor and Chair Jackson for their patience and understanding when she was out of town due to the passing of her brother. She is very grateful to her OCC family and for their support. She will never forget it, in particular OCCFA and Kathleen Kelly. She thanked the people of Waterford township. She moved that the College puts together a meeting or meetings for the residents of Waterford to hear their concerns.

9. CONSIDER MOVING INTO CLOSED SESSION

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(c), TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.

Motion:

Move to enter into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c), to receive an update on labor negotiations.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion passed unanimously - roll call vote below.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bryant - AYE
Trustee Jackson - AYE
Trustee Bertolini - AYE
Trustee Lambert - AYE
Trustee Burrus - AYE
Trustee Davis - AYE

Entered into closed session at 9:40 p.m.

Trustee Bryant left the meeting at 9:37, after the vote to move into closed session.

Motion:

Move to return to open session.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion passed unanimously.

Entered back into open session at 9:57 p.m.

10. Board Comments

Trustee Jackson appreciates community comments, glad that Trustee Bryant can attend via accommodations. Thankful that Trustee Davis was able to join us and is back in town.

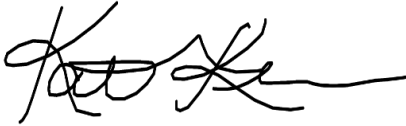
11. Adjournment

Motion:

Move to adjourn meeting.

Motion moved by Meg Lambert and motion seconded by Pamala Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

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