June 17, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular



Meeting Minutes

Oakland Community College 6/17/2025 6:00 PMEDT

@ The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College will take place on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 6:00 pm at 2900 Featherstone Road, G240, Auburn Hills, MI.

June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair Bertolini called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Attendance

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

ABSENT: None

Trustee Bryant continues to participate virtually per her physician approved ADA accommodation request.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Trustee Callaghan asked to move to amend the agenda to include a closed session prior to agenda item 6.1. Support was given by Trustee Davis. He mentioned that he received the answers to questions yesterday from RJA and feels that the entire Board should have the opportunity to meet in closed session.

Motion:

Move to amend agenda to add closed session to the agenda to discuss item 6.1.

Motion moved by Trustee Callaghan and motion seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion failed - Roll Call Vote: AYES: E. Callaghan, P. Davis, M. Lambert NAYES: K. Bertolini, S. Bryant, M. Burrus, P. Jackson

Motion:

Move to approve agenda.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion Passed - Roll Call Vote: AYES: K. Bertolini, S. Bryant, M. Burrus, P. Jackson NAYES: E. Callaghan, P. Davis, M. Lambert

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1. May 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

4.1 May 20, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf

Motion:

Move to approve the May 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Callaghan abstained as he was not in attendance for May 20, 2025 meeting

Trustee Davis made a suggestion for 7.6 after the first sentence adding *regarding* the Highland Lakes Campus to that sentence.

4.2. May 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes

Motion:

Move to approve the May 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by Pamala Davis. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Callaghan abstained as he was not in attendance for May 20, 2025 meeting.

5. Communications

5.1. Community Comments

Mayor Teresa Rich addressed the Board with her support for the Orchard Ridge proposed project, noting many reasons why and how it would enrich the area and OCC. Stacy Charlesbois-Nordan, faculty member and Farmington Hills resident addressed the group on bout the Orchard Ridge project would be positive to a proposed project would be positive.

on how the Orchard Ridge project would benefit the community. She personally supports it and would like to push it forward with campus groups.

Michelle McLane, ACCESS Coordinator at OCC told the audience that she came from Ohio State University and Western Michigan University. She noted her experiences at both and the benefit of Athletics at both, echoing how health and wellness would benefit OCC at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

Dan Frezza, a long-time OCC employee told the Board how he has seen OCC making a difference in the lives of students throughout his career here. Tonight he spoke from the perspective of a parent of a student athlete, his daughter currently plays softball for OCC. He

noted what commitment the student athletes put forward for their sport, and academics and how a new facility would benefit and support their efforts.

Julie Seiler addressed the Board asking to postpone the vote until the faculty and Farmington residents get an opportunity to hear more and noted her concerns.

Nancy Critori, a Waterford resident, addressed the board about the Highland Lakes campus and her concerns the future of the campus. She wants to promote keeping a north satellite campus and the possibilities of offerings.

Steve Ogg, proud retiree of over 40 years at OCC addressed the group and provided an overview of his roles while at OCC, noting his favorite role was a coach at OCC. He also attended OCC as a student, which helped him grow as an individual. He spoke in support of the Orchard Ridge project, explaining the excitement produced from the Oakland University's sports complex project and construction.

Jacquelyn Brown, president of COWL addressed the Board and noted they still are interested in provided a presentation on their views about the Highland Lakes campus. They look forward to an opportunity to do so at an upcoming Board meeting or public forum.

Sara Bowman, OCC Paralegal Program Coordinator, Farmington resident and former Mayor of Farmington addressed the Board expressing her support of the initiative at Orchard Ridge, noting it is a sound decision supported by informed documentation.

Robin McGregor addressed the group once again voicing her concern about land at Highland Lakes campus. She urges OCC to help the residents and be considerate by giving them a town hall meeting to hear what they have to say.

Peter Ogg a Waterford Township resident thinks the Orchard Ridge proposal is a wonderful idea for the community and our students. He also spoke about his wishes for the Highland Lakes Campus property.

5.2. Academic Report

5.2.1. Academic Senate Report

5.2.1 Academic Senate Report.pdf

R. Andersen provided the Academic Senate report for the end of the academic year. He introduced Belle Kimmel, chair of Technology Innovation Committee, OCC Math faculty. She shared the mission of the committee and some of the goals that the committee is working on including: Al technology information they are gathering and providing to the faculty, and moving towards Microsoft Teams from Zoom.

5.2.2. Provost Update

J. Berne provided her final Provost report before departing OCC to start a new position in Wisconsin.

5.3. Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor Provenzano presented his comments for this meeting.

5.4. Student Engagement Report - None

6. Information Items

6.1. Athletics and Public-Private Partnership Vision for Orchard Ridge Campus

Chair Bertolini introduced Chancellor Provenzano and his administrative team to provide a presentation. Chancellor Provenzano provided a history of the current space for Athletics, the proposed area for the development, noting the various potential possibilities for that area. Associate Provost Dr. Chapman offered remarks about the potential for academic possibilities associated with this project. Athletic Director Jamie Corona addressed the Board about the benefits to athletes in a new facility and the pitfalls of the current facilities. Madison Newton, OCC student and the new president of Phi Theta Kappa presented to the group how this will help to promote student engagement and a complete positive experience for students. Representatives from RJA and Dickinson Wright then explained and provided answers to the questions received by the Board members. Discussion ensued regarding this agenda item.

Motion:

Move to recess for a facilities break.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by Pamala Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Recessed at 9:22 pm for 8 minutes. Returned to open session at 9:30 pm.

7. Action Items

7.1. Approval of Public-Private Partnership Term Sheet Between OCC and LCAH

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Motion:

Move to approve the vision for the College's Orchard Ridge campus to create a centralized site concentrating on academic health sciences, fitness and student athletes, as detailed in the non-binding fundamental terms presented previously to the Trustees.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion Passed - Roll Call Vote: AYES: K. Bertolini, S. Bryant, M. Burrus, P. Jackson NAYES: E. Callaghan, P. Davis, M. Lambert

7.2. Approval to Change October Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Date

7.2 Approval to Change October Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Date.pdf

Motion:

Move to approve changing of the scheduled date for the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees from Tuesday, October 21, 2025 to Monday, October 20, 2025. The meeting time and location will remain the same.

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

Trustee Bryant left the meeting at 10:05 pm, after the vote to change the date of the October meeting.

8. Monitoring Report

A motion passed to remove this item from the agenda and add to the next meeting.

Motion:

Move to remove this item from agenda, and add to next meeting's agenda.

Motion moved by Pamala Davis and motion seconded by Edward Callaghan. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments

Trustee Callaghan asked for an email to be added to the minutes, this request was denied due to a violation of the Open Meetings Act. He also commented that he accepts the Orchard Ridge vote this evening, but also noted his objections to it.

Trustee Jackson thanked Dr. Berne for all she has done and good luck in her future. She also appreciated all the community comments this evening.

Trustee Callaghan noted that last December he requested a report on what OCC is doing for seniors through community education. He noted he also wants this for Trustee Bryant as she is interested as well. He renewed his request for receiving a document from the College on what we do for seniors in community education and what vision do we have going forward for in this area.

Trustee Lambert noted that she is supportive of athletics and health, but not with a partnership.

Trustee Davis thanked Tina Kostiuk for the budget last month and asked her to remind her of the individual that lead the budget project. T. Kostiuk noted it was Renee Oszust that she mentioned. Trustee Davis also said that when Chair Bertolini sent her a letter requesting she turn in her phone, she was never provided a copy of the attorney opinion

regarding that matter, and is requesting a copy. She also stated that if no one is supposed to have devices, all Trustees should turn in their iPads, and would like an opinion regarding devices. It was agreed to have the previously sent opinion resent to all Trustees.

Trustee Burrus thanked everyone who came out for public opinion. She stated that we need to find out details and negotiate, protecting ourselves and doing due diligence as Trustees.

Trustee Burrus finally stated they were asked to put their phones away during the meeting. We all need to be respectful, and please adhere to the Open Meetings Act regulations. She witnessed Trustees still using their phones during the meeting.

10. Adjournment

Motion:

Move to adjourn meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 pm.

Kathleen Kelly 2025-07-16 17:47 UTC

Kathleen Bertolini 2025-07-17 19:21 UTC

Pamela Jackson 2025-07-17 01:19 UTC