

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT #528**

August 20, 2024
Committee of the Whole



Catalyst Campus at MCC
222 E Church St.
Woodstock, IL 60098

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Morton announced that Trustee Speros would be attending via telephone due to personal illness. He asked Secretary Kueffner to call the roll for all Trustees physically present. Five Board Trustees were physically present, with the exception of Trustees Speros and Allen.

Vice Chair Morton asked Trustee Speros whether any closed session conversation will be kept confidential. Trustee Speros confirmed.

Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approve Trustee Speros to attend via phone. Chair Hoban motioned, seconded by Trustee Reinhard. Motion Approved.

Vice Chair Morton asked Secretary Kueffner to take a roll call to include all Trustees attending.

Trustees Present

Elizabeth Speros (via telephone)
Dale Morton
Suzanne Hoban
Alyssa Kueffner
Molly Walsh
Tess Reinhard

Also Present

Dr. Clinton Gabbard- College President
Ken Florey- Legal Counsel

Trustees Not Present

Tom Allen
Adonia Fulk

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as presented.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion: Move that the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from June 18, 2024, are approved as amended. Trustee Allen motioned; seconded by Trustee Reinhard. Motion approved.

5. OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No public comments.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DR. CLINTON GABBARD

Opening Days Recap

On Thursday, August 15, nearly 300 new students gathered at MCC to meet one another and create new connections, walk their schedule before the first day of classes, and talk with MCC staff and faculty. This event is a new student's first opportunity to experience MCC's sense of community and develop a connection with the College and future classmates before the semester begins. In addition to student engagement, faculty also experienced a Fall Faculty Development Day, which included connection sessions by pathway with new

students, breakout sessions with other faculty members, and a strategic planning workshop with Dr. Gabbard. On Friday, August 16, non-faculty employees shared in a morning of connection and inspiration to prepare for the new semester.

2024 Community Block Party Recap

Over 200 individuals celebrated MCC together for the College's second-annual block party. Students, alumni, friends, and employees shared in community, food, and music at Sew Hop'd Brewery in Huntley. The Center for Agrarian Learning (CAL) Student Farm showcased fresh produce, and the Community Enrichment Center's Kids & College program hosted an activity station. The event raised over \$7,000 toward student scholarships and support.

Enhanced MCC Café Hours and Services

The MCC Café has expanded its services for fall to ensure our on-campus community has regular access to nourishment. Effective Monday, August 19, the café extended its hours of operation to provide more availability to students and faculty who are on campus later in the day:

Monday–Thursday: 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

In addition to extended hours, 24-hour grab-and-go options are also available, offering nearly all food options that are available during operating hours. Over 160 food items are available for after-hours purchasing, including several daily entrée items. Microwaves are also available in the vicinity for (re)heating food. Finally, this fall, the MCC Café will be:

- Installing new kiosk with a self-service checkout option
- Adding campus vending in the Black Box Theatre Lobby, which will offer TV dinners, soups, and other options, including water service and a microwave

The College will continue to identify ways to expand food access on campus, including regularly asking for feedback. During the first few weeks of the semester, students will be asked to complete a short survey with their input via QR Code located on café signage.

University Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Recap

Over 150 guests attended the University Center at MCC's grand opening and ribbon cutting on August 1. The celebratory event featured public comments from Dr. Gabbard and friend of the College, Tom Liebman, as well as community conversation and self-guided tours throughout the College's new facility in Woodstock. Leadership from all four university partners were in attendance, as well as donors and city and county officials.

Upcoming MCC Events

Dr. Gabbard shared upcoming campus events with the Board of Trustees.

7. JUNE PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta provided a recap of the June financial statements. Questions and discussion followed.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Walsh appreciated the discussion had at the Board retreat in the prior meeting.

Trustee Kueffner also appreciated the discussion in the Board retreat and really liked the proposal of the event center. She thought it would be a great addition to the college and the community. She enjoyed the ribbon cutting ceremony of the University Center at MCC. She thought it was inspiring, emotional and a huge opportunity. This is something that could change the course of someone's life.

Trustee Reinhard thought a great conversation was had at the Board retreat. She was pleased on the proposal to bring equity to staff salaries and thought it would help a lot. She is looking forward to the FOGLIA CATI opening and welcoming students soon.

Chair Hoban was excited about the expanded Healthcare programs proposal.

Vice Chair Morton was happy to see the extended cafeteria hours and the more food options to accommodate our evening students.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Morton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m. Trustee Walsh moved, Chair Hoban seconded.

Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

Alyssa Kueffner, Board Secretary