

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

Thursday, April 24, 2025  
Final Meeting of Retiring Board



MCC Board Room-A217  
8900 U.S. Highway 14  
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hoban called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Hoban asked Secretary Kueffner to take a roll call.

**Trustees Present**

Suzanne Hoban  
Dale Morton  
Tom Allen  
Molly Walsh  
Tess Reinhard  
Elizabeth Speros  
Alyssa Kueffner  
Adonia Fulk

**Also Present**

Dr. Clinton Gabbard- College President  
Kevin Noll– Legal Counsel

**3. COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT**

Student Trustee Fulk recited the College Mission Statement.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

**5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, March 27, 2025. Trustee Allen motioned; Trustee Morton seconded. Motion approved. Trustee Kueffner abstained.

**6. OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**7. PRESENTATION-MCC FORENSICS TEAM UPDATE**

Ms. Bonnie Gabel, Speech Instructor, updated the Board on the MCC Forensics team. Several students from the team had the chance to speak to the Board as well.

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DR. CLINTON GABBARD**

**Student Trustee Selection for 2025-2026**

Discussions are in progress to select MCC's next Student Trustee. This information is expected to come to the Board at the May regular Board of Trustees meeting.

**Special Budget and Planning Session on May 20**

Trustees were asked to reserve time prior to the May Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, May 20 for a special Board budget and planning discussion on the FY 2026 Budget.

**Progress on Campus Renovations**

- Learning Commons (Building A) – Door frames have been installed. Light fixtures and acoustic ceilings will be installed this week. Painting of rooms and offices is in progress.
- Health Science Renovations (Building E) – Demolition began last week, and new walls will be going up soon.
- New EMS Lab (Building D) – Door/window frames have been installed, and walls have been painted.

- All-Gender Restroom (Building D) – Wall installation is being finished. Drinking fountain/bottle filler will be installed soon.

### **Save the Date – 2025 Employee Awards**

MCC Trustees are invited to join us at the 2025 Employee Awards, when we will recognize employees who celebrate milestone years of service, most recent retirees, Employee “Values in Action” award recipients, and all individuals who have contributed to McHenry County College’s mission of student success.

### **MCC Earth Day Activities**

The College celebrated Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22. Various activities to celebrate the day took place, including:

- Spirit Wear Swap – Employees were invited to bring in old spirit wear to recycle/donate and find new ones to show Scot Pride.
- MCC Store – Special Earth Day and recycled items available.
- Sustainability Center Fill It Forward Kickoff – Students and employees were able to stop by the Sustainability table by CO/LAB B and learn about this new initiative to help provide clean water with just a scan of a sticker every time you fill up your water bottle.
- Book and Plant Swap – Sponsored by the Environmental Defenders, individuals could bring books and/or plants to swap at the Green Read Bookstore in Crystal Lake.

### **Remembering a Former MCC Trustee**

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of former trustee, George Lowe, Jr. He served on the MCC Board of Trustees for 18 years and was Board Chair for seven of those years. George was highly supportive of the College and dedicated to the success of our students. Please join in lifting him up in our thoughts.

### **Upcoming MCC Events**

Dr. Gabbard gave an overview of upcoming events of the College.

#### **9. ADJUNCT FACULTY REPORT**

Mr. Matt Hamater, President of MCC Adjunct Faculty Association updated the Board on Adjunct Faculty activities.

#### **10. STAFF COUNCIL REPORT**

Mr. David Behrens, President of MCC Staff Council updated the Board on MCC Staff Council activities.

#### **11. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Fulk gave an overview of her student trustee report that was submitted to the Board of Trustees.

#### **12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Move that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Speros motioned; Trustee Allen seconded. Questions and discussion followed. Motion approved.

#### **For Approval**

##### **A. Executive Summary and Financial Statements**

1. Executive Summary, Board Report #25-48
2. Treasurer’s Report, Board Report #25-49
3. Ratification for Accounts Payable March Check Register, Board Report #25-50

##### **B. Request to Approve/Implement/Lease/Purchase/Renew/Replace/Upgrade**

1. Mac Laptop Student Renter Program, Board Report #25-51
2. New AAS Program, Board Report #25-52
3. Barracuda Email Services, Board Report #25-53
4. Ellucian Annual Support Services, Board Report #25-54
5. Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment for Renovated Spaces on Main Campus, Board Report #25-55
6. College Website Design Refresh, Board Report #25-56

13. ACTION ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

14. ANNEXATION OF RADIO PROPERTY INTO CRYSTAL LAKE, Board Report #25-57

Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approves the request to allow the College to move to annex the Radio Property into Crystal Lake, IL. Trustee Walsh motioned; Trustee Allen seconded. Motion approved.

15. FY 2026 FLAT TUITION APPROVAL, Board Report #25-58

Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approves maintaining a flat per credit hour tuition and fee rate of \$138.25 for FY 2026. Trustee Speros motioned; Trustee Walsh seconded. Motion approved.

16. FOR INFORMATION REPORT

Chair Hoban reminded the Board that all information reports were included in the packet.

17. SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING TRUSTEES

Chair Hoban acknowledged that this is the last meeting for Trustee Molly Walsh. Trustee Walsh was presented with a special plaque and thanked by Chair Hoban and other Board members for her service to the College.

Chair Hoban also acknowledged Student Trustee Fulk as this is the last meeting for her. Student Trustee Fulk was presented with a special plaque and thanked by Chair Hoban and other Board members for her service to the College.

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Speros thanked the President of MCC Staff Council and President of Adjunct Faculty Association for attending the Board meetings and giving them an update every month. She congratulated the Forensics team on their accomplishments. Additionally, she was with University at MCC students and all of them graduated from MCC, it was a course of how much they've loved their experience at MCC. They were very complimentary of the support staff. They were happy with the transition to the university center.

Trustee Speros acknowledged Trustee Walsh, for her depth of knowledge at both institution and board level, deep community ties, for her record of advocacy and care for students, staff and stakeholders, including taxpayers, for over a decade of voting against tax levy increase. Also, for her strong support of ICCTA, her genuine care, approachability and warmth. At a personal level as a mentor, whose support, advice and guidance have been integral to Trustee Speros.

Trustee Allen thanked Trustee Walsh for her help. She was giving of her time and knowledge. She is very knowledgeable of the budget.

Trustee Reinhard stated that this has been a very special Board meeting. She appreciated the Forensics Team's presentation. She recognized Trustee Walsh and thanked her for her service.

Trustee Morton thanked Student Trustee Fulk for her service. He also thanked Trustee Walsh for her service and hard work over the years.

Trustee Kueffner appreciated the Forensics presentation. She remembers from her time at MCC and friendships that she has to this day. She thanked Adonia for the service and enthusiasm. She also thanked trustee Walsh for her service, and hopes to live up to the example that was set by her.

Student Trustee Fulk thanked trustee Walsh for her service, and she stated that trustee Walsh is an amazing advocate for the students and the college. She stated that everything the college is doing for the students is working. She thanked the Board for this opportunity and several staff members she had the pleasure of working with for supporting the students, following the mission and never giving up.

Trustee Walsh thanked Adonia for her voice this past year. It's a very important position and you gave it your all. She wished Adonia lots of luck. She noted that it has been her distinct privilege and honor to serve as trustee for 12 years. She thanked the voters of the district for giving her this opportunity. Community colleges are places for second chances and where dreams become a reality. This happens every day at MCC due to the leadership of Dr. Gabbard and

his team. As she reflected on her time as trustee, she was filled with optimism for MCC and its future. Even though there are challenges ahead, she believed the college will be able to do well. She thanked her husband for his support throughout these years as trustee.

19. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:03pm Chair Hoban asked for a motion to move into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act 120/2 (c), Exception # (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and Exception #21-Review of Closed Session Minutes. Trustee Allen motioned; Vice Chair Morton seconded. On a roll call all were in favor.

20. ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: March 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes. Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approve the closed session minutes from March 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Reinhard motioned; Trustee Allen seconded. Motion approved.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Allen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Walsh. All voiced aye and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

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Alyssa Kueffner, Board Secretary

