

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Johnson County Community College was called to order by the Chair on January 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hugh W. Speer Room, GEB 137, on the JCCC campus, 12345 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas. Six Trustees were present in person, and Trustee Cross joined via telephone.

Trustees Laura Smith-Everett
 Dawn Rattan
 Greg Mitchell
 Valerie Jennings
 Lee Cross, left the meeting at 6:21 p.m.
 Chad Carroll
 Geoff Holton

Staff Tony Miksa, President

Kate Allen, VP College Advancement & Government Affairs
Shelli Allen, VP Student Success & Engagement
Malinda Bryan-Smith, Executive Director, Grants Leadership & Development
Rob Caffey, VP Information Services, CIO
Megan Casey, VP Financial Services, CFO
John Clayton, Executive Director, Institutional Effectiveness
Tom Hall, Associate Vice President, Campus Services/Facility Planning
Jeff Hoyer, Executive Director, Support Services & Spaces
Dixie Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinator
Jeffrey Johnson, Executive Director, Audit and Advisory Services
Kaitlin Krumsick, Director Academic Achievement Center
Jim Lane, Dean of Arts, Design, Humanities and Social Sciences
Mya Lawrence, Manager, Student Life & Leadership
Rachel Lierz, EVP Finance and Administrative Services
Liz Loomis, Sr. Executive Assistant, President's Office
Shelia Mauppin, AVP Instruction
Mickey McCloud, EVP/Provost
Christina McGee, VP Human Resources
Misty Miller, Manager, Benefits and Wellness
Caitlin Murphy, Special Assistant to the President
Kelsey Nazar, Vice President & General Counsel
Irene Olivarez, Associate Professor History

Gurbhushan Singh, VP Academic Affairs, CAO
Anne Turney, Director Student Life & Leadership
Elisa Waldman, VP Workforce Development and Continuing Education
Cindy Wickstrom, Director, Mission Continuity & Risk Management

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Trustee Smith-Everett led the Board of Trustees and other meeting participants in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS	Trustee Smith-Everett led the swearing in of elected board members: Chad Carroll and Geoff Holton.
QUORUM	Trustee Smith-Everett announced a quorum, with six trustees present in-person and Trustee Cross joined via telephone.
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS	Trustee Smith-Everett introduced Dr. Mya Lawrence, Manager, Student Life & Leadership Development as the January Campus Spotlight speaker.
OPEN FORUM	Trustee Smith-Everett announced there were no registered speakers.
BOARD REPORTS	
College Lobbyist	Mr. Dick Carter shared information from the monthly legislative update report with the Board of Trustees.
Shared Governance	Kaitlin Krumsick presented the Shared Governance update. She reported on a successful day for Shared Governance, highlighting the campuswide pause that allowed employees to attend Dr. Miksa's remarks, the Campus Update Meeting, and connect with colleagues at the Employee Breakfast. Ms. Krumsick expressed appreciation for Cabinet's support, and the strong employee participation. She said this week ABC held a productive faculty meeting with active discussion. Ms. Krumsick shared spring events include a Staff Council open meeting on April 14, Coffee with Staff Council events, rollout of updated staff sabbatical procedures, an ABC survey on Shared Governance effectiveness, and upcoming elections for Council leadership and membership.

Faculty Association Irene Olivares provided an update on the Faculty Association. She started by welcoming the new trustees and provided an overview of faculty activities and Professional Learning Days. She recognized Dr. Tai Edwards' Veterans Oral History Project, the Faculty Association's December Luncheon where funds and items were donated in support of the Student Basic Needs Center. Ms. Olivares shared that Fine Arts Professor Mark Cowardin received the award for Exceptional Artistic Achievement as Artist and Educator. She highlighted recent sabbatical presentations, specifically research on AI powered writing tools for teachers and students, and faculty creation of a guidebook for students to manage stress and anxiety. She expressed the value of sabbaticals in reenergizing faculty, to regain enthusiasm for their discipline which benefits students. Ms. Oliveres concluded by congratulating the ten faculty members approved for upcoming sabbaticals.

Johnson County Education Research Triangle Trustee Rattan provided an update on JCERT. She noted the sales taxes distributed to the three university entities.

Kansas Association of Community Colleges Trustee Cross reported that there were not updates from KACC.

Foundation Trustee Mitchell provided an update on the JCCC Foundation. He reported Foundation highlights for 2025, noting 6,457 donations totaling \$3.6 million, (including of in-kind gifts); *Some Enchanted Evening* income increased 40% over the prior year, and nine new scholarship funds were established. Trustee Mitchell also reported employee payroll giving raised \$34,000 for basic student needs. He announced the 40th Some Enchanted Evening is Saturday, November 14, 2026 with Dr. Tony and Deb Miksa as co-chairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Employee Engagement & Development Trustee Rattan reviewed items from the January 7, 2026 Employee Engagement & Development Committee Meeting.

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Rattan, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell, which motion carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees accepted the 2026 Employee Engagement & Development Committee working agenda, as shown in the board packet.

Management and
Finance

Trustee Mitchell reviewed items from the January 7, 2026 Management and Finance Committee meeting.

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Jennings, which motion carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees accepted the 2026 Management and Finance Committee working agenda, as shown in the board packet.

The Facilities Naming Committee reviewed four nominations in compliance with the Naming College Facilities Policy 217.05. The committee proposed the following nominations:

- 1) Open Petal Farm to ***Stu Shafer's Open Petal Farm***; and
- 2) Veteran & Military Student Resource Center Lounge to ***SPC Spencer Duncan Student Lounge***; and
- 3) FADS 123 to ***Kopperman Ceramics Studio***; and
- 4) JCCC Historical Fashion Collection to ***Joan's Closet***

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Cross, which motion carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees approved the proposal from the Facilities Naming Committee to rename the spaces.

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Carroll, which motion carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees accepted the proposal from Combes Construction in the amount of \$897,000 with an additional 20% contingency of \$179,400, for a total amount of \$1,076,400.

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Jennings, which motion carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees accepted the proposal from Two West for an

estimated base year of \$88,500 and a total estimated expenditure of \$442,500 throughout the renewal options.

Student Success

Trustee Jennings provided an update on the January 7, 2025 Student Success Committee.

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Jennings, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell, which motion carried 6-0 with Trustee Cross absent during the voting, the Board of Trustees accepted the 2026 Student Success Committee working agenda, as shown in the board packet.

PRESIDENT'S
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR ACTION

Treasurer's Report

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Rattan, which motion carried 6-0, with Trustee Cross absent during the voting, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the college administration to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2025, subject to audit.

President's Monthly
Report to the Board

Dr. Miksa provided his monthly update to the Board. He started by congratulating the new and re-elected Trustees and the new chair, Trustee Smith-Everett. He also highlighted the following:

- Positive enrollment trends for credit hours and head count up approximately 2-2.5%
- WDCE is on track to meet the AY26 goals
- WDCE participating in a grant through Rutgers University
- The HLC reaffirmation process is ahead of schedule and the site visit is planned for February 2028
- 78% of students are satisfied or very satisfied with their experience at JCCCC
- 88% of students, when they finish at JCCC would re-enroll
- The importance and impact of International students on campus, because of the great services provided by IISS

- Outlined goals: 40% graduation rate, 40,000 in credit and WDCE classes, \$40 million fundraising campaign connected to the 40th anniversary of Some Enchanted Evening.

NEW BUSINESS	Trustee Smith-Everett announced there was no new business
OLD BUSINESS	Trustee Smith-Everett announced that there was no old business.
CONSENT AGENDA	Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell seconded by Trustee Carroll, which motion carried 6-0 with Trustee Cross absent during the voting, the Board of Trustees approved the consent agenda, as shown in the Board Packet. The consent agenda items included the following:
Minutes of Previous Meetings	Minutes from the December 18, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting.
Affiliation, Articulation and Reverse Transfer, Cooperative and Other Agreements	Authorized the college to enter into agreements with the agencies/institutions, as shown in the Board Packet.
Cash Disbursement Report	Ratified the total cash disbursements, as shown in the Board Packet, for the total amount of \$5,629,716.28.
Curriculum	Changes to the curriculum, as shown in the Board Packet.
Human Resources	The acceptance of employee separations, as shown in the Board Packet.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	At 6:40 p.m. upon motion by Trustee Rattan, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, which motion passed 6 – 0 with Trustee Cross absent during the voting, the Board of Trustee agreed to recess into executive session at 6:45 p.m. until 7:05 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel regarding a pending personnel matter, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Dr. Tony

Miksa, Rachel Lierz, and Kelsey Nazar were invited to attend.

The meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m. and Trustee Smith-Everett announced that no action had taken place during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Holton, which motion carried 6-0, with Trustee Cross absent during the voting, the Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Laura Smith-Everett
Chair

Dawn Rattan
Vice Chair